



Welcome to Reception!



# Our Aims for this Meeting

- Meet the staff
  - Starting school
  - General Information
  
  - We hope to provide you with all the information you will need for September, however, please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any other questions.
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# Reception Profile

- Prior to your child starting school you will be asked to complete a variety of forms, designed to give us as much information as possible. It is vital that we know about any additional needs or allergies in order to make transition into Reception Class as easy as possible.
- We will also ask who will usually collect your child from school. We know that there is often a selection of people involved but it's not long before we know all of them very well.
- However, if someone different is collecting please let us know by phoning the office or emailing us. We will never let a child go with someone we are not expecting and have been known to ring up to check on grandparents and other relatives!
- Please get this back to us by **Friday 3rd July**.

# Starting School

- We have a short phased start during our first week.
- Group 1: Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September and Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September AM  
8.45am – 11.45am
- Group 2: Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September and Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September PM  
12.15pm – 3.15pm
- Both groups Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 8.45am – 3.15pm Full Day, including lunch.

# Coming to School

- When you arrive at school, please line up in the allocated class spot.
- Doors open to welcome you at **8.45am**.
- School finishes at **3.15pm** and children will leave via the external classroom doors.



# My First Day

- Reception staff will come onto the yard to meet the children and bring them inside.
- Please say goodbye and give kisses and cuddles and then your child will come into class by themselves.
- Children can hang up their coat on their peg, put their water bottle on the shelf and book bag in the box which are all clearly identified.
- Our Reception staff will be there to help and support your child.
- If your child is upset, please know we will reassure, comfort and settle them.
- If your child is upset, you are more than welcome to join them in the corridor to help them put their belongings in their peg, but we ask that you don't accompany them into the classroom.
- Once all the children are settled, we will gather the children together on the carpet and begin our first school day!

# What do I need?

- Full uniform – all labelled with full names!
- A named water bottle filled with water
- A named or identifiable book bag



# Milk, Water and Snack

- Please ensure your child brings a water bottle with them to school everyday, the more easily identified the better. Your child will bring this home with them everyday to be washed and refilled.
- Milk is available for all children, please sign up via the COOL MILK website (more info in pack).
- All children under the age of 5 receive this milk for free.
- Children over the age of 5 – you will need to pay for your child's milk.
- Each child gets a healthy snack everyday (fruit or vegetable), there is a section in your pack about allergies, please add any information we need to know.

# Lunchtime

- Children in years Reception to Year 2 receive a 'Universal Free School Meal.
- Your child's lunch will need to be preordered via the School Grid app. We really recommend choosing your child's lunch alongside your child, so they can choose a meal they will enjoy.
- If your child does not want a school dinner, they may bring a named packed lunch to school.
- We are a nut free school, so please don't send any nut products in your child's lunchbox.

# PE

- Once they are settled into Reception all children will take part in two structured PE sessions per week, where they will be given the opportunity to try a range of large and small equipment and take part in dance sessions. We also love to use our outdoor area when the weather permits.
- PE kits will be worn instead of uniform on our specified PE days, we will let you know these days once children have settled.

# Breakfast and After School Clubs

- We provide both a Breakfast Club and After School Club (Kids Club) on site.
- Breakfast Club is open from 8.00am
- Kids Club runs until 6.00pm



# Questions...

- If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us:
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