



Class Information Booklet for 2023-2024



Welcome to Reception class

**Reception class teachers are Mrs Berryman and Mrs Watson.
We are really looking forward to meeting children new to our classes.**



Mrs Berryman



Mrs Watson

We will also have support from teaching assistants in school each day.

Starting Reception Class in September

School starts for children on **Tuesday 5th September**.

Regardless of what hours your child has done in their current setting, we will have a phased start for all children which will build up their time over their first week with us. Timing will be as follows :

Tuesday 5th September – 8.50am – 1pm.

Wednesday 6th September - 8.50am – 2pm

Thursday 7th September – 8.50am – 2pm

Fri 8th September – 8.50am – 3.10pm

Monday 11th September onwards – 8.50am – 3.10pm

We understand that children will have a range of Nursery experiences and feel that these timings give the children the chance to build up to a full day at school. If your child is not managing at any stage of this process, we will come to arrangements on an individual basis with you.

The School Day

Reception classes are on the left hand side of the school through the tall wooden gates. The gates will be open each morning at 8.50am and a member of staff will be at the canopy gates to greet your child. Please do try to be on time. Gates and doors will be locked promptly at 9am so that we can start our day in the classroom. If you arrive after the gates are locked, please bring your child to the main entrance of school.

At the end of the school day please collect your child from the Reception classroom canopy doors at 3.10pm prompt before collecting older children in school. Staff will pass children over to parents one at a time so please be kind and give us a wave so we can make the whole process quick and easy for everyone. Thank you. Staff will learn parents faces over the first couple of weeks but we will need your help initially. Please ensure you tell us when a different person will be collecting your child as we cannot allow children to leave school with adults staff don't recognise.

Your child's attendance at school becomes statutory once they are in Reception. We do ask that you make every effort to bring your child to school on time every day. If your child is poorly, please ring school before 8.55am to let the staff know of their absence. Holidays are not permitted during term time.

Your new classrooms

We have 2 Reception classrooms full of wonderful resources for your children. There are many areas to play and explore such as the reading areas, construction areas, make and do, writing and mark making, maths zone, fiddling fingers zone, puzzle zone. We also have a fabulous canopy area which runs along the whole Early Years side of the building. Reception and Nursery classrooms have access doors into this area which gives children opportunities to play on a larger scale than indoors no matter what the weather.

Lunchtimes

All children in Reception are entitled to a free school lunch. The children have a choice of meals each day and this is a good way of encouraging even the fussiest of eaters to try a range of foods. We will give you copies of the school menu. Children in Reception will have a choice of 3 lunches each day.

1. A hot meal
2. A vegetarian hot meal
3. A sandwich

Children will self select the dinner they would like each morning when they come through the doors. Staff will be there to help them with this. Please speak to a member of staff if your child has a specific dietary requirement.

If you choose for your child to have packed lunches, this must be for a whole week at a time. Children can not alternate days of packed lunches and school lunches.

The Curriculum

The EYFS curriculum is your child's first steps into learning beginning at birth and finishing at the end of their Reception year. There are 7 areas of learning. These are :-

Personal, social and emotional Development

Communication and language

Physical Development

Literacy

Maths

Understanding the World

Expressive arts and Design

Everything your child will do whilst in Reception is planned using the objectives from the statutory framework for EYFS. The expectation is that children will have achieved the Early Learning Goals by the end of their Reception year. Please see a copy of this in your pack.

Reception Topic Themes:

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
New Beginnings / Me and my family	Lets celebrate!	Amazing Animals – We're off to the Arctic and Africa!	Amazing Animals – Precious pets.	Once upon a time / How does your garden grow?	The world around me – Home and Away

Phonics

In school we use a scheme called 'Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised' to teach children how to read and spell across the school.

The majority of the Autumn term will be based on learning the sounds that individual letters make and each letter sound has a picture associated with it to help the children remember. We will be sharing this with you so that you can help to support your child at home. We ask that you use lower case

letters and stick to the sounds they make not the names of the letters at this stage. Please see your pack for more information.

Homework

Once children are settled into their new class, they will be given a homework book which will have either Maths or Literacy based homework for your child to complete. This will be to consolidate learning from that week in school. Your child will need support from an adult to complete their homework. We do ask that the homework book is kept in a safe place whilst at home and children are not allowed to draw freely in it. Reading books and decodable/tricky words books will follow later in the year.

We will also send home a list of websites and on line programmes with passwords for your child. These will support learning in the classroom. Each week we will share on our class story dojo page what the children have been learning so that you can support them further at home.

To encourage a love of reading and sharing stories, your child will also bring home a library book of their choosing to share each week.

The homework will be given out on a **Friday** and needs to be returned by the following **Wednesday**. Your child will need a book bag to bring homework home.

What should my child wear?

The school uniform can be purchased from:

**Tots to Teams
Unit 10b,
Airport industrial Estate,
Kingston Park,
Newcastle Upon Tyne.
Tel : 0191 2715454.**

We do ask that children are dressed in school uniform every day. Please do not let your child wear necklaces, bracelets or hooped earrings for school as these can be dangerous if they get caught on something.

Easy Shoes

All children should wear black shoes for school. When buying shoes please consider whether your child will be able to get them on and off by themselves. Many shoes now have velcro fastenings. Shoes that are flat and rubber soled, make it safer for your child to climb.

Names in clothing

Please write your child's name in **ALL** clothing they have at school including coats and shoes. Many shops now sell fabric pens that don't wash out or iron on labels that you can put inside clothes.

Absence from School

If your child is absent from school, parents must telephone the school office by 8.55am.

- ❖ Contact school as soon as possible to let us know the reason why your child is absent and how long they are likely to be off for.
- ❖ Without an explanation the absence will be marked as **UNAUTHORISED**.
- ❖ Children should not return to school for 48 hours after the last occurrence of sickness.
- ❖ Please arrange to take family holidays during school holidays. Permission will not be given for holidays during term time.
- ❖ Please try to organise all Dentist and non-urgent Doctors' appointments outside of school time. If you need to take your child out of school before 3.15pm, you will be required to fill in a form at the school office explaining the reason for the early collection.

P.E.

Children in early years spend a significant amount of curriculum time outdoors engaged in physical activity. They have access to a range of equipment and play resources which develop gross motor skills of jumping, balancing, skipping, throwing, catching, kicking, riding a bike etc.

Once the children are settled into school, we will be having PE sessions in the hall. We will ask children to come to school already dressed in jogging bottoms, school PE t shirt, school jumper and trainers on these days. We will let you know nearer the time which day of the week this will be.

Important days for this academic year

Wednesday

- Homework to be returned.

Friday

- Homework given out.

PE day will be confirmed in Autumn term.

Class Dojo and school website

We will be signing all parents up to class dojo in the coming days. Please make sure we have your current email addresss in school. Teachers use class dojo every day in the classroom to reward the children with dojo points. Dojo winners will be announced each Friday. We will also share on class story what the children have been up to each week and often share lots of photos of the children. We will also post important messages and updates on class dojo so please watch out for these. You can also message the teachers between 8am and 4.30pm weekdays if you have a query regarding school and haven't been able to talk to us at the start or end of the school day. Please do not send messages outside of these hours. Thank you.

Please see the school website for all dates for school events, holidays and training days.

