



RECEPTION STARTERS

A very big Weeton welcome to you from the Reception Team! We are excited to meet the children and ensure they have the best start to life at school. This letter contains some key information to help you get prepared and familiarise yourself with our routines. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch. We can't wait to get started!

Mrs Short and the Reception Team

Staff

Headteacher: Mr Goth.

Assistant Headteachers: Mrs Holding and Mrs Stannard

Reception class teacher: Mrs Short supported by teaching assistants: Mrs Redman, Mrs S and Mrs Walters. PPA cover: Mrs Williamson.

Family Learning Mentor: Mrs Pridmore.

Induction Visits

- Tuesday 16th June from 1.30pm to 3pm
- Wednesday 24th June from 1.30pm to 3pm
- Thursday 2nd July from 1.30pm to 3pm
- Please let us know if your child won't be attending.
- Please bring your child to the main school entrance between 1.15 and 1.30pm where we will come and collect them. Please collect your child from there at 3pm.
- During these visits, children are welcome to bring a favourite soft toy or book.

Starting School

- On **Tuesday 1st September**, school will be open for parents to visit our uniform shop, to have a look around school and say hello to staff from **10am until 2pm**.
- On **Wednesday 2nd September** please bring your child to the Reception classroom for **8.40am and collect your child at 12pm**.
- On **Thursday 3rd September** the children will have lunch in school. **Please collect your child at 1.15pm**.
- **From Friday 4th September** your child will be in for **full days**.
- On the Friday, and for the first full week, children will be allowed to leave from 3pm onwards when parents or designated 'collectors' are present. This will enable us to have a chance to talk to parents and to familiarise ourselves with all of the new faces!
- From **Monday 14th September**, children will finish at the **usual end of day time, 3.15pm**.

Wraparound care

- Breakfast Club runs from Monday to Friday from 7.45-8.45 and costs £4 per session.
- After-School Club runs from Monday to Friday from 3.15-5.30 and costs £8 per session.
- Please ensure that you book places in advance. Information on this will be sent out separately.

The School Day

- School starts at 8.45am. You can drop off from 8.40am. Please wait with your child on the playground next to the yellow gate outside the Reception classroom. A member of the Reception team will come to the gate to greet the children.
- Lunch Time for Reception Class is 12pm - 1.15pm. Information about school lunches will be sent out separately.
- The school day finishes at 3.15pm. Please wait at the yellow gates outside Reception class.
- Not you collecting? Please tell us!

What does my child need in school?

- Full uniform with each item named.
- PE kit: black pumps (preferably slip-on or velcro), black shorts and a white T-shirt in a bag which is clearly labelled.
- Named drink bottle, containing water.
- Named book bag. Please buy book bags instead of large rucksacks – we don't have much storage space!
- Named hat and gloves on cold days and sunhat and suncream on warm days.
- Named Forest School Kit on the designated day (old clothes which can get mucky!)
- Please do not bring any toys/books from home during the school day. We would hate for them to be left behind, damaged or lost.

What can you do to help your child be school ready?

- Dress and undress themselves.
- Put on their own coat.
- Manage their own personal hygiene, toileting and hand washing.
- Use cutlery for hot dinners.
- Put their socks and shoes on and fasten them.
- Develop scissor skills.
- Hold a pencil.
- Fasten zips and buttons – we will help as we know this is tricky but it would be great if you can start practising!
- Encouraging the children to carry their own belongings, bags, bottles and coats.

Staying informed

- The office is open during the school day from 8.30am to 3.30pm on most days to help with any school enquiries. The office needs to be contacted to let us know if your child is going to be absent. Please try to phone the office by 8.45am.
- Messages are now sent out on Tapestry (our online learning platform) or Parentmail so please make sure we always have an up to date phone number! If you have older children in school, please register your reception children separately to ensure you don't miss anything!
- Please ask if you need help or have questions! We are always here for you!
- Monthly Newsletters are also sent out via Parentmail to keep you up to date with upcoming events.
- We will send a weekly update on Tapestry so you can see what we have been learning in school.

