



Welcome to Oak class!



Guide for adults



Transition and start dates

Children will have a home visit. This is a fantastic chance to meet the key adults involved in your child's journey in Reception, and an opportunity for us to meet your child and learn more about their interests. The home visit will last about 20 minutes.

We will host a stay and play session for new children and parents. Current Nursery children will have some moving up sessions to get them familiar with the environment.

In September, there will be a short transition period where children will attend in small groups prior to the start of all children. On occasion, children might need a slightly longer transition, and we will discuss this directly with families if relevant. We will share start dates in the next few weeks.



Timings of day and Attendance

Reception day starts at 8.50 and ends at 3.10. Drop off and pick up is via the Nursery gate. The gate is opened at 8.45am.

Children should be in school every day to ensure that no learning is lost. If your child is unable to attend school for any reason, please contact the front office.

If you are late, you will need to go in via the front office.



What to bring in every day



The
Kingfisher
School

You will need to purchase a book bag for your child. If you would like a Kingfisher book bag, you can access [The Kingfisher School – My Clothing](#) (link will be sent out electronically).

You will also be given a reading record in the first few weeks. Your child will need to bring in a book bag and **reading record every day.**

A named water bottle. Children should not bring in squash or juice.

A coat (preferably waterproof) or sun hat as appropriate. We go outside every day so please ensure children have weather appropriate clothing.



Interactive Learning Diary



In Nursery and Reception, we use an Interactive Learning Diary (ILD) to share snapshots of your child's learning.

Parents have individual log in where they can share photos and videos of their child doing some fantastic learning at home, along with seeing 'wow' moments from school.

Please register on ILD as soon as you receive the registration form (emailed). Any issues, please see the front office.

As a whole school we use Class Dojo for messages and updates.



Home learning



We expect adults to read with children at home at least 3 times a week, ideally every day – little and often is best! Children at first will take home a story book to share together, and then they will also take home a reading book matched to their phonics level. Please sign the reading record.

We will also add lots more suggestions and activities for supporting learning at home, including our poem of the week, current story and story map as well as topic word mats.



Uniform



A uniform policy letter is sent out with the admission pack. Please read this for further information or check website (under 'Key Information').

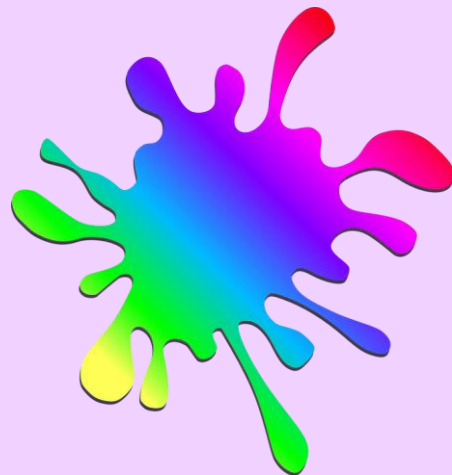
As well as a uniform, children will also need a PE kit. This will not be needed in the first few weeks. PE kit information can also be found on the uniform policy.

PLEASE NAME EVERYTHING!



Making a mess

We do our best with protective clothing and footwear for children, such as aprons and wellies, but please be aware that getting messy is part of our learning process! The next slide explains a little more.



Learning Can Be Messy

Playing outside is so important. I run and jump and get lots of fresh air. Sometimes I might get grass or mud on my clothes.



Using a knife and fork at lunchtime is tricky! Sometimes I get food on my clothes!

I sometimes get pen and paint on my clothes! This is because I am developing creative skills and exploring lots of different ways of making amazing art!



Our mud kitchen is so much fun! I use all my senses, which is so important for my development. It also helps me use my imagination and practise playing with my friends nicely!

Exploring in the water tray is giving me lots of maths and scientific skills! I love pouring, filling and emptying! I usually wear an apron but sometimes my clothes get wet!



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Exploring with playdough and other messy play resources like foam or food, helps me to develop fine motor control and build up muscles and coordination in my hands and fingers. I will need these when I learn to write.



When I get messy, I have been showing curiosity, determination, persistence, imagination and confidence!



Lunches

All children (currently up to Year 2) are entitled to a free lunch in school. We have a wide range of delicious healthy lunches and the children all enjoy eating together.

Please ensure you fill in any dietary requirements and allergies on the admission forms and keep the office informed of any changes.



Paperwork and forms

Admission packs will be sent out to families, or you can pick one up from the school office.

Medicines

If your child needs to take any medicines during the school day or to leave any medicine in school (e.g. inhalers), please visit the front office to fill out a form. Please keep us informed of any medical needs. Do NOT put medicines in your child's book bag.



How can I help my child get ready for school?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/4-to-5-year-old-child-development-activities>



If you would like to discuss your child's time in Reception further, or have any specific questions please contact the school office. They may be able to answer your questions, or you can arrange to meet to discuss more.