



St John's Catholic Primary School

New to reception parent information

Welcome to Early Years, this information pack includes initial information which we hope you will find useful. Should you have any further questions our early years staff will be happy to discuss these with you.

Activities in Early Years are carefully planned and organised in order to provide a range of learning experiences. Individual records and online learning journals are kept by staff to record the activities your child participates in and undertakes, as well as their progress in specific skills.

Planning for each week is carried out following the children's interests and responding to specific events.

There are 7 Areas of Learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), which activities are planned around:

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Physical Development

Communication and Language

Literacy

Mathematics

Understanding the World

Expressive Arts and Design

Throughout the EYFS, children will be working towards the Early Learning Goals. These describe the level of attainment expected at the end of your child's Reception year in school.

Early Years Lead Teacher- Miss J Bond

Reception Class Teachers

Funnybones Class- Miss J Bond

Gruffalos Class- Miss C Barker

Reception timetable

Start date- Thursday 2nd September

Reception children enter school and leave school from the reception playground. Each class has a door to the classroom which opens at **8.45-9.00am** for the children to begin their school day and again at **2.55-3.15pm** for home time. The flexible timings are to support current guidelines and may change during the year.

The children will begin the school day in their own classroom for register and carpet time. Once carpet time is finished the internal door separating the classrooms will open and the children can choose where they want to play.

Password system

Please provide your child with a **password** (to be written on the 'All about me' form). If anybody other than a parent/guardian is collecting your child from school e.g. Nan, Grandad, Big Brother/Sister, family friend please provide them with your child's password and inform the school who is collecting your child that day. If school does not know who is collecting your child and they do not have the password your child **WILL NOT** be sent home.

Lunch

All reception children are currently entitled to free school meals, 3 different options are available each day. However, if you do not wish for your child to have a school dinner you can provide a packed lunch.

Menus available to view weekly on school website.

Snack time

Snack is available at any point during the morning for the children to help themselves. Snack consists of a variety of fruit, milk and water.

Water is available throughout the day for the children to help themselves. Children do not need to bring a water bottle into school.

Breakfast Club

St John's runs a breakfast club from 7.45am. If you require a place in breakfast club please phone the school office in advance to book. Breakfast club costs £2 per day or £1 if more than one sibling attends.

After School Club

Contact details for the After School Club held Within St John's are below

After School Club manager- Janine 077968 34146

info@communityfamilyservices.co.uk

For more details please see attached leaflet.

Uniform

Uniform in reception is compulsory.

Uniform consists of:

Winter

Boys

Grey Trousers / Shorts or blue sweatpants

White polo shirt

Blue Cardigan / Jumper / Tank Top with School Logo

Black Shoes

Girls

School Tartan Kilt/Tartan Pinafore or blue sweatpants

White polo shirt

Blue Cardigan / Jumper / Tank Top with School Logo

Black Shoes

Summer

During the summer term boys are encouraged to wear grey shorts particularly when it's very warm, while the girls may wear a yellow gingham summer dress.

White socks may be worn with the summer dress.

Uniform is available from John Lewis and local uniform shops

We spend a lot of time outdoors in all weathers. We ask for the children to be provided with a waterproof outdoor coat and a pair of wellington boots (the wellington boots will remain in school), we also have climbing equipment within the outdoor area, for this reason we ask for the children not to have school shoes with laces or open toe shoes.

P.E. Kit

- Black shorts
- White t-shirt
- Black school pumps

In September children will only need black school pumps, children **DO NOT** need full PE kit until January. School will provide each child with a PE bag in September.

The wearing of jewellery is not allowed, only the wearing of a watch.

Earrings, including studs are not allowed.

PLEASE LABEL EVERY ITEM OF CLOTHING, INCLUDING SHOES

All about me form

You will be sent an 'all about me' form to complete about your child. This form is for the class teachers, it helps us to get to know your child. It provides us with a little information about your child's likes and dislikes and also vital medical/allergy information and a password.

Outdoor Play

The Reception children will access the outdoor area every day, weather permitting, so please make sure your child comes to school suitably dressed for the weather. A warm, waterproof coat, hat and gloves can be worn during the winter months and a sun hat/cap and sun cream during the warm, summer months. Please make sure all items are clearly labelled with your child's full name.

The children will have access to the 'outdoor classroom' which is situated off the early year's playground. Many activities take place in this area, such as leaf rubbings, nature walks, bird feeding, class stories and den building. The children will also have access to sand, water, the mud kitchen, construction and a planting area. Many of these activities can become messy so the children will have access to waterproof suits and wellies. You may bring in a pair of wellies (clearly labelled) which can be left in school for your child to use when needed.

Outdoor learning within the Early Years can provide opportunities for your child to grow confidently and develop skills using a safe space, nature and their environment while being active and having fun (Early Years Foundation Stage, Outdoor learning).

Attendance

At St John's, we believe that pupils' attendance and punctuality are extremely important. We are committed to raising standards; this can only be done if school and parents work in partnership and parents ensure their children attend regularly and on time.

If attendance is an issue then we will be forced to refer your case to the local authority Attendance Team.

If your child is going to be absent please phone school to let us know. If we do not receive a message about your child's absence we will phone you.

EYPP- Early Years Pupil Premium

Within this pack, you will find the EYPP form. This is a short form requesting some information which will help us to provide the best education and support for your child by making sure that if your child is eligible for the Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) that we receive this funding.

Reading and phonics parents meeting

Before the children begin to take home reading books and start phonics lessons all parents will be invited into school for a reading meeting. During this meeting you will be shown the phonics scheme which we follow in school and examples of phonics homework. You will also be shown our home reading scheme, what to expect and how to support your child's reading at home.

Home Learning

We understand and value the support you provide for your child at home. Early Years staff would love to hear about what you and your child have been doing at home. We encourage you to share your child's learning, achievements and experiences with staff, as this helps us to build a more complete picture of your child.

Please visit our website for all useful information and ideas for how to support your child at home.

<https://www.stjohnskirkdale.co.uk/>

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