

Simonside
Reception Class



Reception
2019—2020

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Welcome

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Simonside Early Years Foundation Stage

Welcome to our school.
We are delighted to be to working with you and your child in what will be a new and exciting stage in their development.

We will provide you with a warm and welcoming atmosphere in which you and your child feel safe and secure.

We work together to give your child the very best start in their education and we value your support on this very special learning journey.



What happens in Reception Class?

The Reception Year is your child's final year in the Early Years Foundation Stage. During this year staff provide well planned play activities for children which will develop their knowledge and skills in all areas. There is a balance of teacher and child initiated activities. There are also set times of the day where the children are involved in group activities to develop their skills in Maths, Phonics, Reading and Writing. The children will also have the opportunity to explore and develop their skills independently during child initiated and supported play.

The children will be using both the indoor and outdoor classroom during the day so we advise that in the Autumn and Winter they have a warm hooded coat, hat, scarf and gloves (all clearly named) In Summer months they will need a cap and sun cream.

Phonics

The children will first be learning the sounds that individual letters make. We have devised our own program which uses the best of 2 well known schemes, Jolly Phonics and Read, Write Ink to help the children to learn initial letter sounds and then begin to join sounds together to make words.

We will be sending home letter sheets from the schemes to help you support your child to learn 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.

Homework Books

Speaking and listening skills are a crucial part of learning in the Foundation Stage. Children need to be able to talk about their lives and also listen and question others. To help with this, the children will be given a special book that they can record family events and new experiences. They can return the book to school each week to share with the rest of the class. This helps us to build up a record of their first year at school and is an important part of their learning journey.

This book will also be their Homework book. Children will initially have Maths and letter sound activities for homework until they are beginning to blend sounds in words to read. They will then be given a reading book to take home and share with you each week. Each week we will let you know what the children have been learning so that you can support them some more at home. You will be informed of days that books will need to be returned the first week in September.

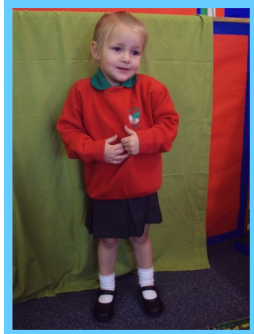
Your child will need a homework bag which can be bought from the uniform shop at Kingston Park.

P.E kit

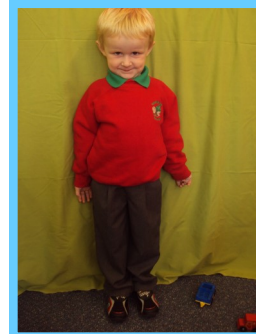
Your child will need a P.E kit in a drawstring bag as soon as they start school in September. Please provide black shorts, a green school t-shirt and black sand shoes with your child's name clearly marked in each.

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

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. The uniform shop will also stitch initials onto polo shirts and jumpers for a small extra charge.

Being dressed for outdoors

We will be spending lots of time outside everyday, so please could you provide a pair of wellies with your child's name marked inside them and a warm coat.



Starting Reception Class in September

The length of your child's day in the first few weeks will very much depend on how much time they have spent in a previous setting. Children who have had 30 hour places in **OUR SCHOOL NURSERY** should be able to start their first week with full days. i.e. 8.50 am to 3.05pm.

Children who have had Nursery experiences in other settings may need a more staggered start to support them with their transition to a new school. We will discuss this on an individual basis with those parents concerned.

School Lunch

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. You will be able to choose a lunch with your child each morning before school starts.

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.

Attendance and Punctuality

Where do I bring and collect my child each day?

Doors will open for Reception children at 8.50am and staff will be there to greet you and your child. School officially starts at 8.55am. Please bring your child to the Reception doors promptly for the beginning of each day. Please do try to be on time. The doors will be closed just after the 8.55am bell.

At the end of the school day please collect your child from the Reception classrooms doors at 3.00pm 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.

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 allowed during term time.

What happens if my child has head-lice?

Despite all that has been done to eradicate them, the problem of the common lice still emerges from time to time.

If you find live lice in your child's hair, please treat with a lice comb and special head lice shampoo. The process will need to be repeated a week later to ensure no new live lice have hatched. Please let us know and we can send a letter/text to all parents to please check their child's hair.

School website and BLOG

www.simonside.newcastle.sch.uk

Our school website is updated regularly with important dates and events. You will also find curriculum information on our class blogs as well as photos and updates on what the children have been learning each week. We value your contributions and would love you to have a look regularly and comment on what the children have been doing.

Open Door Policy

We operate an open door policy and are available to speak to if you have a problem or query. Staff will have time after school to talk about any issues you may have or parents can leave a message with the member of staff on the door each morning.

We look forward to seeing you and your child at the start of the term.

Mrs Berryman
EYFS Leader

