



Class Information Booklet for 2020-2021



Welcome to Reception class

**I am Mrs Berryman, your new class teacher for September.
I'm really looking forward to meeting my new class.**



There will also be the following staff working with this class:

Mrs Johnson



Who will be in your class?

Inaya
Fenrir
Cruz
Hollie T
Marnie
Penelope
Simon
Jessica D
Ivy
Jace
Alfie
Kian
Destiny
Leighton
Kayden
Oliver
Reece
Declyn
Jessica S
Macey
Skyla – Grace
Hollie C

Your new classroom

This is what our Reception classroom looks like. There are many areas to play in. We have hand gel in all areas of the classroom for the children to use when they leave an area to go and play somewhere different.



Role play, Maths zone and small world play



Creative area, play dough and writing area



Cars, trucks, trains, dinosaurs and more.....

The School Day

Due to COVID-19, and in line with Government guidance, there will be four bubbles of children:

Bubble 1: Nursery and Reception

Bubble 2: Year 1 and Year 2

Bubble 3: Year 3, Year 3/4 and Year 4.

Bubble 4: Year 5, Year 5/6 and Year 6.

There should be no mixing of children between the bubbles so start times, finish times and break/lunch times will be slightly different. **Our class is in Bubble 1.**

As you will have read in the pack sent to your home address, the first 3 weeks of school will be phased to help all children settle into their new class.

Timings for the school day are as follows:

Week 1 – 9.15am – 1pm

Week 2 – 9.15am – 2pm

Week 3 onwards – 9.15 – 3.05pm

On a morning, please bring your children to the EYFS yard at exactly 9.15am where you will find yellow spots around the perimeter of the yard. Please stand on a spot and a member of staff will come out to the small gates to collect one child at a time from the front of the queue. In order to do this as quickly and safely as possible, please move forward in the queue around the yard until your child reaches the front. We ask parents to then leave across the middle of the yard between the 2 coloured seats.

At home time, we ask that parents stand on an available spot around the yard. Each child will be dismissed according to which parent is at the front of the queue. Again, in order to do this efficiently and safely, we ask parents to exit across the middle of the yard as soon as they have collected their child.

Lunchtimes

School meals are free to all Reception children. Children will bring home a menu on a Friday with a choice of meals for the following week. We ask parents to circle / highlight the dinner their child would like for each day and return the sheet to school on a Monday morning. If the menu is not returned to school, children will be asked which dinner they would like.

Alternatively, you may provide your child with a packed lunch. Awards will be given out for healthy packed lunches!

How will COVID-19 change things?

There are a number of things which have changed in accordance with the government guidance. These measures are designed to keep all children and staff safe. A full list of protocols can be found in the new Home School Agreement.

1. Children will need to have washed their hands before coming to school.
2. Children only bring to school their packed lunch (if they are not on dinners), a water bottle, their reading folder and a waterproof coat. Equipment such as pencil cases should not be brought to school – children will be given their own equipment.
3. The desks in the classroom will be positioned in rows so that all children can face the front. (N/A in Reception class)
4. Children will be asked to regularly wash and sanitise their hands.
5. Where possible, equipment will not be shared. Equipment will not be shared across bubbles at all.
6. PE, wherever possible, will be outside. Children should wear black trainers with their normal school uniform. (Normal PE kit will not be required until further notice)
7. Staff are advised to maintain social distancing between themselves and children/other adults.
8. Staff will wear PPE to administer First Aid or to change children after a toilet accident.
9. Any children displaying symptoms will be brought to an isolation room. Parents/carers will be contacted immediately and asked to collect their child. The child will then need to have a COVID-19 test. Further details on this can be found in the Home School Agreement.
10. Assemblies will be held in 'bubbles' – no whole school assemblies.
11. There is a one-way system around the school building.

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 these objectives. The expectation is that children will have achieved the Early learning Goals by the end of their Reception year. You will find a copy of our EYFS curriculum in your information pack.

Will the curriculum be different following lockdown?

We anticipate that children will need plenty of recap of basic skills in literacy and maths and so all planning will cater for this. There will also be a big focus on keeping fit and PHSCE (Personal, health, social, citizenship education).

Reception Topic Themes:

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
New Beginnings Stories, stories stories	We're going on a journey	Arctic and Africa – which animals live there?	Down at the farm	Traditional Stories	The Great Outdoors

Absence from School

If your child is absent from school, parents must telephone the school office by 09.00am.

- ❖ 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.

Have the rules changed regarding attendance due to COVID-19?

From government guidance issued 2nd July:

'Missing out on more time in the classroom risks pupils falling further behind. Those with higher overall absence tend to achieve less well in both primary and secondary school. School attendance will therefore be mandatory again from the beginning of the autumn term. This means from that point, the usual rules on school attendance will apply, including:

- parents' duty to secure that their child attends regularly at school where the child is a registered pupil at school and they are of compulsory school age;
- schools' responsibilities to record attendance and follow up absence
- the availability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities' codes of conduct'

P.E.

Please note that children **SHOULD NOT** bring their PE kit into school until school advises parents to do so. Children should come to school in normal school uniform and black trainers.

This is the PE kit that will be needed once the guidelines have relaxed. All kit should be named.



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.

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.

Important days and dates for this academic year

Monday

- Return dinner menu completed for your child for the week.

Wednesday

- Homework to be returned.

Friday

- Homework given out.

Training Days

September 7th 2020

February 12th 2021

June 7th 2021

