



BROOK INFANT SCHOOL
AND NURSERY

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Dear Parent and Carers

Welcome to Reception! The children have settled in really well and have enjoyed exploring the Reception areas. We have had many positive comments from the children about their first week and we feel extremely proud of them all settling in so quickly. Please make sure that from now on you say goodbye at the white shelter and let your child walk into school by themselves. Next week we plan to remove the slide so they can now develop their independence walking into school carrying their belonging themselves. The slide will still be kept close by for those who really want to continue using it while they settle. We could not have asked more from the children, and their ability to separate from you as parents and carers has been amazing- you should be so proud!

We have compiled this letter to help answer some of the questions we have had from a few parents.

Physical Education:

Each class has PE once a week. Please ensure that your child's PE kit is in school all week. We will send it home at the end of each half term for you to wash. May we remind you to ensure that all items are clearly labelled, as thirty t-shirts etc, are impossible to redistribute without names! Our PE day is Tuesday and Thursday, please make sure on this day that earrings are removed and girls hair is tied up. No jewellery should be worn.

Outdoor Play:

The children in the Foundation Stage (Reception) have equal access to the indoor and outdoor environment; this means that there will be planned outdoor learning experiences throughout the week, whatever the weather! We would therefore ask that your child brings a named waterproof coat (preferably a hooded one) to school each day. Please also bring wellies into school in a named carrier bag to be left in school.



Belongings:

Please ensure that all your child's belongings are clearly labelled (even socks!). Book bags need to be brought daily to school for the child to place in a box in the cloakroom. You could add a couple of stickers to the name label or one small keyring to the handle so that your child can easily spot their bag in a box of many similar looking book bags!

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Cover for Teachers:

Every fortnight, the teachers in Reception will have time out of class. We call it PPA (Planning, Preparation and Assessment). When we are not in class, the classes will be covered by the following teaching staff:

Gosling Class- Mrs Badman

Duckling Class- Mrs Gidman

Next week both Mrs Badman and Mrs Gidman will pop in to meet the children before they teach them on Wednesday 23rd September.

Before/ After School:

From Monday all Reception children will be dropping off and collecting with the whole school community. Please collect at the time you have been given by the school office (this has been text to you last week). You will either be dropping off at 08.30 and collecting at 14.50 or you will be dropping off at 08.40 and collecting at 15.00. While we are still getting to know you it would be very helpful if while you stand in the yellow coned area, Gosling parents could stand on the right hand side closer to the Year One outside area and Duckling parents stand on the left hand side (when looking at the blue doors) closer to the climbing frame. We hope this might help to speed up releasing the children as face masks do make it challenging to spot who you are!

Please remember before school and after school, children are not allowed to play on the climbing frame/trim trail for our insurance purposes and also due to Covid19 as we have to clean down all shared equipment.

Friday Celebration Assembly:

Due to Covid19 we are unable to hold assemblies. On a Friday we celebrate our Sparkly Rights and those children who have had their birthdays. For those of you that are not familiar with this, each week the teachers choose a child who has demonstrated one of the school's Sparkly Rights to receive a Sparkly fish in Friday's Celebration Assembly! This year we will be holding these in year group bubbles and a photograph of the fish award will be loaded onto the schools Facebook page and a photocopy sent home for you to celebrate as a family. If your child is celebrating their birthday, they can come into school on the Friday wearing non-uniform or a sensible party outfit for the whole day.



Fruit Snack:

Each day we get one piece of free school fruit or vegetable per child. If your child needs more or doesn't like the school snacks, then please provide one extra snack in a **clearly labelled pot**. You may bring in breadsticks or rice cakes as an alternative to fruit or vegetables.

Phonics and Reading Meeting Information:

Next week we will be sending home a reading diary and a book for you to share with your child. Every Friday we will change this book with the children and you will keep the book for a week before we change it again. This gives you plenty of time to reread the book together a few times. You can also share books at home together and record this in the reading diary. As a school we expect children to be read with as frequently as possible, but suggest a minimum would be 4 times a week. We will be hosting an online meeting in October (details to come soon) to enable you to find out about how we teach phonics and reading in school.



Yours sincerely

The Reception Team

