

Dear new RFE parents,

We look forward to welcoming your child to our Reception class in September. You will receive more detailed information in September but we would like to share some key messages now, to aid a smooth start for you and your child.

We hope you and your children are finding our video useful and are getting a good idea on what to expect in September. We are always excited to meet a new class and we hope you are too.

Communications, equipment and snacks

- During the first couple of weeks in school your child **will be given a book bag** which he/she should bring to school every day.
- The children will have PE at least twice a week. For this, you **only** need to bring a pair of **gym shoes** or plimsolls kept in a drawstring bag (not a backpack, space is very limited in the cloakroom). No PE kit is needed.
- She/he will also need a **pair of boots** for outdoor play in wet weather as well as a pair of **indoor shoes** (slippers, plimsolls...). Both of these will be kept at school.
- The children will change from outdoor shoes to indoor shoes and vice-versa several times every day so please make sure your child can do so independently.
- Please provide your child with a **bottle of water** (marked with their name) daily. It will be kept in the classroom during the day and taken home in the afternoons.
- Your child will go outside whatever the weather (under a covered area if it's raining) so please send her/him to school with **outdoor clothes** suitable for variable temperatures.
- Your child does not need spare clothes in case of toilet 'accidents' or getting wet or dirty outside: we have all we need at school. We will send soiled clothes home in a bag. Please wash and return borrowed items as soon as possible.
- Please **label all your child's belongings** carefully: bags, shoes, coats and water bottles.
- The children will be given **school fruit snacks** mid-morning, and you can **sign up** for free **milk** the afternoon.
Milk is free for under-fives but you do have to register: <https://www.coolmilk.com/>.
Free milk will stop as soon as your child turns five but you can pay for them to continue receiving it. Most children really enjoy this.
The children will not need to bring any additional snack.
Our school has a strict **NO NUTS policy**, so please be sure to be vigilant about it with any food brought to school or eaten just before school.

Arrival and pick up times and routines Due to COVID 19 we might update this in September

- For drop off and pick up, **use the side gate to access the RFE classroom**.
- School starts at 8.35 for Reception classes.
- Pick up will be **from 3.10pm**. Because of the limited parking available, we encourage parents who do not have older children in the school to pick up their child promptly, in order to be able to leave the premises early and free up a parking space.
- Until your child has turned 5, you will have the **option to keep your child home on Wednesdays if you think they need a rest**, it does not have to be every week. If you choose to do this, please let us know in the morning.

Entry profile:

- Please fill in and return your child's **Entry Profile**, which gives us useful information. An additional bit of information you may be able to provide in the profile is any details on what your child did during the periods of lockdown. Did she/he go to nursery or stay at

home? How did that go? Is there anything relevant that we should know about, any issues we should be aware of?

We are very much looking forward to the year ahead with your child and you as parents and carers. We will provide any updates to the information in this letter as and when available.

With kinds regards,

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