

## Frequently Asked Questions

<b>Does my child have to come to all of the transition events?</b>	<p>Whilst it would be beneficial for all children to attend the three consecutive mornings, we understand that family circumstances might not allow this.</p> <p>Your child can come to any that they are able to, even if it is just one.</p>
<b>What if my child doesn't want to leave me and cries?</b>	<p>This is not un-common. It can be upsetting for some children (and for some parents) the first time.</p> <p>We are very experienced in this and find that, in nearly all cases, once parents have gone children settle in very quickly. There will be plenty of friendly faces to help and plenty of fun activities for the children to do.</p>
<b>Which teacher will my child have?</b>	<p>On the day of the picnic, parents will be notified of their child's class teacher (and class name).</p> <p>On the day of the picnic, please go to the school office to sign in. There you will be given a letter informing you of your child's class and details of times for their transition days.</p>
<b>What do they need to bring on their first day/ in the first week?</b>	<p>We know that the first week is a difficult one, with that in mind we want to keep things very simple.</p> <p>So, for the first few days, your child will only need to bring in a water bottle and/or a sunhat/jumper/ cardigan (as weather appropriate).</p> <p>If it is a day when they are staying to lunch and you wish your child to have packed lunches, they will also need a lunch box.</p>
<b>What can my child eat for lunch?</b>	<p>It's entirely your choice if you want your child to have a school lunch or bring a packed lunch with them. We would advise that you choose an option that makes them feel comfortable. In the hall the children will sit as a year group no matter whether they choose packed lunch or a school dinner. If you do want to send your child with a packed lunch please be mindful not to overfill it! It can be really overwhelming for your child to open a full lunchbox and they may feel like they need to eat all of it.</p> <p>We also ask that you do not put any nut products in the lunchbox (that includes chocolate nut spread) as we have children who have serious nut allergies in school.</p> <p>If you want your child to have a school dinner there is a dinner menu within your pack that tells you the red, blue and green choice for each day. It is a good idea to go through this menu with your child and circle what foods they like and talk about their colour choice for the day ahead. There is no rule that you need to be school dinners every day or indeed bring a packed lunch every day. You can alternate between the food depending on what your child is comfortable with.</p>
<b>What happens at lunchtime?</b>	<p>We are the first-year group in the school to have lunch and our lunchtime is 11.45 until 12.45. At lunchtimes your child will line up at the classroom door, sanitise their hands and be accompanied down to the hall with the classroom staff. During the first week or so, the staff will stay with them to assist the Midday staff in the hall and reassure the children (we know that eating in the hall can be a nerve wrecking experience for some children). When the children have finished their lunch, they will be taken on to the playground where, again, they will be first year group out.</p> <p>As many of you may know from the school tours, outside has a range of exciting activities including a sandpit, zip line and a tyre area for making dens.</p> <p>The playground is also well staffed at lunchtime by members of teaching staff as well as midday assistants and members of the senior leadership team.</p> <p>When it is time to come in, the children will hear a claxon and line up at their gate (we will support the children to do this at first, but they soon get really good at following this routine independently).</p>
<b>Is snack available for my child?</b>	<p>Yes, a range of snacks are available in class for the children to access freely. However, as we take allergies and intolerances very seriously, we cannot offer snack until ALL the allergy forms (these are in the pack) have been returned to the office.</p> <p>The cost of snack for the school year is a one-off payment of £20.00 payable on-line on Arbor. (see School Apps section below)</p>
<b>Does my child need a pencil case for school?</b>	<p>No, not at all. We provide all the stationary that your child will need.</p>
<b>Does my child need a school bag?</b>	<p>No. All they need is a schoolbook bag (which can be purchased from the office). The book bag is perfect for school. Rucksacks and other big bags are not needed and actually make it very difficult for children to hang up their things independently as we have very limited space in our cloakroom area.</p> <p>Can we ask parents please to make sure that water bottles are carried in by the child and not put in book bags as they tend to leak and ruin reading books.</p>
<b>What happens with PE kits? When do they need them?</b>	<p>On days where your children have P.E, they will need to come to school in their P.E kits: Team colour T-shirt, black short and trainers (velcro).</p> <p>This is to reduce changing times and give the children as much time in P.E lessons as possible.</p>

	You will be informed of your class P.E days the first week back in September via Class Dojo.
<b>What do I need to bring into school for my child to start in September?</b>	Spare clothes for any accidents (in a named plastic bag please). These do not have to be spare uniform, but you should include a pair of long trousers or leggings a t-shirt, jumper, spare socks and pants. Could this come in on your child's first full day in September which is Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> .  A pair of wellington boots for outdoor muddy play (these should be named on the soles please with a permanent marker). We will let you know when to bring these boots in.
<b>Where do I pick them up from at the end of the day?</b>	You will pick your children up from the same place you drop them off.
<b>What are the starting and pick up times?</b>	School gates open at 8:40 for you to drop your children off. Home time for children in Reception is 3:10.  <i>Please note: These times are slightly different on your child's first week in September – please see the separate letter provided.</i>
<b>Who else can pick up my child?</b>	You will collect your child from the same place that you drop them off.
<b>What do I do if I want another adult to pick up my child?</b>	In your pack, please identify 4 adults who have permission to collect your child from school. Please also add a password which members of staff will ask for before they release your child to someone who is not recognisable to them.  Please keep a note of your password.
<b>What do all child need to bring with them everyday?</b>	Book bag, drink bottle
<b>What is ClassDojo and how do I join?</b>	Class Dojo is the school's primary method of communication to families. You will receive an invitation to join the school community.
<b>Do I Put my child's name in their belongings?</b>	Yes. Everything.
<b>Useful Apps used by the school</b>	StudyBugs – you download this app and use this to report an absence. If you use Studybugs to report an absence, you will not need to ring us.  Arbor – This app/website is used to make bookings and payments for various things in school. You will receive an email invitation to join the school.
<b>Where do I go if I am late or picking my child up early for an appointment?</b>	If you are late to school, please bring your child to the main office where you can sign them in.  Sometimes, due to circumstances that are beyond your control, you may be running a bit late to pick your child up. If this is the case, please ring the school office as soon as you can. Please do not message the class teacher on ClassDojo as they will not pick up the message in time.