

Welcome to Reception Class



We have made this for you to share with your family and friends to help you get to know the Reception classroom and the rest of the school.

This is your Reception Class Teacher

Hello, I'm
Mrs Green



There are also other adults who work in Reception.



Hello, I'm
Mrs Joyce.

Hello, I'm
Mrs Low.



Some other adults who you will meet at school.

Our Head Teacher is called **Ms Sparrowhawk**.



This is **Mrs Fleck**. She works in the school office.



Our SENDCo is called **Mrs Flavin**

We hang our coats outside on the trolley.



You can choose whether you will have a packed lunch or a hot school meal.

Your Mum or Dad will help you to order this at home.



If you have a lunch box you can put it on the trolley.

This is our outside learning area.



We have lots of fun learning outside!

In the Reception Class we have our own toilets.



Don't forget to wash your hands!



The hand driers are noisy, but you'll soon get used to them!

At lunchtime we eat our lunch in the big hall.

Some children have packed lunches and other children have school dinners, which are very yummy!



Afterwards we go out onto the playground and have fun playing and making new friends.



Here are just some of the things you will do at school. You will...



work at the teacher's table



visit the school library



play with the toys



read books



get messy with sand and water.



write and draw



paint a picture or
make a model



dress up and pretend
in the role play area.



Count, measure and make
patterns with shapes



do PE, have Assembly and
sing in the hall

and lots more....

We look forward to seeing you soon and hope you will
be very happy here at

Hatch Ride School



Other useful information for parents

What time does school start and finish?

School hours are 8.50am - 3.15pm. Years 1-6 line up in the playground but, in Reception, please bring your child to the steps at the back of the classroom from 8.45am where there will be adults to welcome them.

What if I am late?

After 8.50am, please take your child to the office to sign them in where Mrs Fleck will take their lunch order and bring them to the classroom.

What if my child is ill and will be absent from school?

Please phone the office on 01344 776227 and leave a message before the start of school. We hope they feel better soon!

What if my child is ill at school?

We will contact you if your child is not well. Please let us know in the morning if you have given your child any medication before school, or if they have complained of feeling unwell, as it helps us to build up the bigger picture. If your child requires medication during the school day, please fill in a form at the office. We do have cushions and blankets in Reception and encourage children who are tired to rest.


What should my child bring to school?

- Book bag (not rucksack, as they are stored in their trays)
- PE kit in a named bag. Please see separate sheet for requirements.
- Outdoor kit – wellies, waterproofs in a named carrier bag. Please ensure all are named.
- Named water bottle
- Optional – snack/ packed lunch

How will I know what is going on at school?

We encourage you to register for ParentMail, which will mean newsletters and other letters are sent to your email address. There is lots of information on the school website. There will also be a Reception newsletter each week, with news about what we have been learning and other information.

What can my child have for lunch?

School dinners are free for all infant  There is a three week rotational menu and your child has a choice of a main course, a vegetarian option, a jacket potato with different toppings and a packed lunch option. Bread and salad are always available, with water to drink. There is a choice of pudding, jelly, yoghurt or fruit salad. Lunches are ordered online at home via Parentpay, you will be sent an individual code to enable you to set up an account.

What is a suitable lunch?

We encourage you to provide a healthy, balanced lunch box at Hatch Ride. Please ensure you pack a suitable amount for your child. We encourage the children to have playtime after they have eaten, and packed lunches that contain too much food can result in them missing out on much needed fresh air and exercise. Please ensure that there are no nuts or nut products in your child's lunchbox.

What about drinks and snacks?

We ask that all children bring a named water bottle every day. We encourage the children to drink throughout the day and we have a water fountain where they can be topped up. Free milk is provided for all children until their fifth birthday. After this, milk can be ordered from www.coolmilk.com. Free fruit or vegetables are also provided for all infant children



Are there special assemblies?

All year groups have their own assembly each term – dates for all of these will be in the school newsletter. At the end of the assemblies, Brilliant Bricks will be presented to different children from each year group for something special that has been noticed that week.

Can my child ride to school?

Your child can ride a bike or scooter to school but they should get off their bike or scooter on entry to the school grounds and push them, for the safety of others. There is a bike shed for storage – please bring your own lock.

What should be in the book bag?



It will seem pretty empty at first! Your child will not need a pencil case as everything is provided at school. They will get different books to read at home – more details will follow as appropriate.

Can my child bring things from home?

We ask that children do not bring toys from home to play with during the day. However, each week, a different group of children will have the opportunity to take part in Show and Tell. Details will be in the class newsletter.

What should my child wear?

Please see the separate sheet covering school uniform requirements.

What if my child has a toileting accident?

This isn't uncommon at all and we will support your child to get cleaned up and changed. A spare pair of pants in a plastic bag popped in their book bag is always useful, if you think your child might need them. However, we do have spares at school, too.

What if my child hurts themselves at school?

Minor bumps and scrapes are cleaned and patched up and we will let you know at the end of the day. If your child has a bump to the head, they will be assessed and a yellow form completed with details of the bump, you will receive this bumped head form at the end of the day. We will contact you if your child has an incident that causes us any concern.

What about going outside?

We like to make use of our fabulous grounds and outdoor classroom as much as possible. It is important that all children keep in school the following labelled items:

- Waterproof trousers and jacket
- Wellington boots

Health and Safety requires that all children must have their legs and arms covered when outside in the wooded area.

What if my child goes to Breakfast Club/After School Club?

We have communication systems set up so that messages can be passed either way. Your child is escorted to and from Breakfast/ After School Club at the beginning or end of the day.

What if I am worried about something?

Please talk to us – many small issues can be resolved quickly but it is important to do so before they become bigger issues. Please see our Parent, Carers and Visitors Conduct Policy enclosed in your pack.