

Frequently Asked Questions

WHAT WILL TRANSITION FROM NURSERY LOOK LIKE?

Teachers begin hand over from nurseries during the second part of the summer term. You will receive a timetable outlining parent/carer and child 'stay and play' sessions and the children's staggered starts.

WHERE CAN I GET SCHOOL UNIFORM FOR MY CHILD?

Via your SIMS account – check the 'how to' guide to set this up. You need to order school jumpers. Black trousers/skirt/dress/shorts and white polo top/shirt can be bought from any store.

HOW DO I GET A BOOK BAG?

All children get one free book bag – to collect from the office.

WHO WILL MY CHILD'S TEACHER BE?

The teachers in Early Years are Miss Barton (team leader), Miss Neep and Miss Lukacsi. You will find out your child's registration teacher and class number in early September. Please see our 'meet the teacher' video to find out more about us.

HOW DOES A TYPICAL DAY RUN?

The daily timetable will include phonics, English and Maths focus carpet sessions. These are around ten minutes long and are based around our story of the week, and learning/building on basic skills. Each carpet session is followed by a 'busy learning' slot, where the children access the linked activities planned. The children navigate themselves around the indoor and outdoor area during this time. Small focus groups take place during this, where children will work with adults to further build on the skills learnt during whole group sessions.

WHEN DOES PE START?

We will start PE in Spring 1, just after Christmas. We will let you know which day of the week PE will be on nearer the time. Your child will need black shorts/trousers, white T-shirt, black plimsolls/trainers. We will let you know which day of the week PE will be on nearer the time. Long hair must be tied back and earrings must NOT be worn that day.

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HOW CAN I CONTACT MY CHILD'S TEACHER IF I HAVE A QUESTION OR CONCERN?

We can take some short messages at the door at the beginning/end of day.
Call the office to arrange a phone call/meeting.
Use Seeaw to send us a message.

HOW DO I KNOW HOW MY CHILD IS GETTING ON AT SCHOOL?

We use an online program called Seesaw' to upload observations of the children in school. You will receive further information on this including how to sign up and how to use it. This is also a great way for parents to send us observations of their children at home. This two-way communication allows parents and teachers to work alongside each other.

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There are two parent's evenings throughout the year. Your child will receive an end of year report in June. There will be opportunities throughout the year for parents to come into school and look through children's learning with them. Teachers will meet with parents individually if there are any concerns re progress.

DOES MY CHILD NEED TO BRING IN A SNACK?

No, the school provide your child with a daily fruit snack.
If you would like your children to have a carton of milk, you can visit 'coolmilk.com' to order it for your child. Milk is free until your child turns 5.

HOW DOES LUNCH WORK?

Your child can choose to have a school meal or packed lunch each day. They will let us know during morning register and this information is then sent to the kitchen.
All children in Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal everyday.
If you are providing a packed lunch for your child, please ensure you provide a healthy lunch and please do not send any nut products.
EY adults and spend the first 15 minutes with the children.
Children go out to playground 1 once finished and are collected by their teacher at the end of the session.

CAN MY CHILD SEE THEIR SIBLINGS AT SCHOOL?

It is possible for children in Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2 to mix during lunch times as they are on the same playgrounds. This is not the case for siblings in years 3, 4, 5 and 6. There are some opportunities and school events where year groups might mix e.g. reading buddies.

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WHAT FORMS DO I NEED TO FILL OUT?

Main admission form.
Burgundy medical form.
Blue permissions form.
White end of day form.
You need to bring your child's birth certificate in order for them to start.

IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO TO GET MY CHILD READY FOR SCHOOL?

Talk about school lots, watch the 'meet the teacher' video together.
Ensure they can use the toilet independently.
Support them in taking care of their own belongings (coat, book bag, etc.).
Support them in dressing themselves (including zips and buttons).
Name writing.
Counting.
Singing nursery rhymes.
Reading and sharing lots of stories.

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE I CAN PROVIDE MY CHILD WITH TO HELP THEM GET THE BEST OUT OF THEIR DAY?

We strongly encourage your child to have wet weather clothes, i.e. raincoat, wellington boots, waterproof trousers where possible. We spend a lot of time outside in all weathers!

If you have any other questions, please ring the office on 01480 375113, or email us on office@huntingdonprimary.cambs.sch.uk