



HAGBOURNE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear families,

RECEPTION CLASS GETTING STARTED INFORMATION

Below is some information that I hope you will find useful as your child starts school. More information will follow in the next few weeks and please feel free to ask a member of our team if you have any questions. We are really looking forward to working in partnership with you.

THE RECEPTION TEAM: Mrs Dendy will teach the class all the time, apart from Tuesday afternoons which is planning, preparation and assessment time (PPA). Forest school will be on Tuesdays after half-term.

MORNING SCHOOL DROP OFF: The side gate will be opened at 8.35am and a member of the team will be there to welcome you and your child. If you have any brief messages please leave them with this member of staff. Children will then be encouraged to put their coat on their named peg, place lunch boxes on top, water bottle in the water bottle tray and place their book bag in their tray. Afterwards they can explore activities inside until registration time.

LUNCH BOXES: Please make sure your child is clear whether they are having school dinners or packed lunch each day. The children can put their lunch boxes on top of the coat pegs.

HOME TIME COLLECTION: School ends at 3.15pm. The children can be collected from the side gate of the Reception outside area. If you are late to collect your child, please try to ring the office to let us know. We will either keep your child in the classroom with us or take them to the office. They will stay with the office staff until a named contact person collects them.

UNIFORM: Autumn/Winter - white polo top, blue Hagbourne sweatshirt or cardigan, plain navy/grey jogging bottoms/trousers/tights and skirts. Optional summer uniform– blue check dresses, white polo shirts, navy/grey shorts or skirts. Black shoes: suitable for running and climbing. **Please, please name everything!**

PE: The children will be taught games skills, dancing, and gym. Children **do not** need to bring in a PE kit in Term 1. We will inform you when they will need a PE kit in school. Children will swim in the summer term.

GETTING DRESSED: Please encourage your child to dress themselves. This nurtures their independence, and it will help them (and us) greatly.

TOILETING NEEDS: When the children start school they should be independently going to the toilet and looking after their own hygiene needs. We are very aware that when the children start school they can have accidents again due to the change in routine. If a child has a 'wee' accident, we can give them clean clothes and baby wipes to clean themselves up. We find that most children can cope with this, and we won't need to tell you until the end of the day. If a child has a 'poo' accident we will do the same as above, however, there might be times when a good wash down in the shower is the only option! We will ring you if this happens.

OUTDOOR LEARNING: We plan to do outdoor Forest School type activities every Tuesday afternoon (after half-term). The sessions will be either in school grounds or round and about the village. Each Tuesday the children will need to come to school dressed in old home clothes with a waterproof coat and wellingtons.

SNACK TIME: The Government provide free fruit to all children in years 1, 2 and Reception. The children receive free milk during Reception. If the children do not want milk they are offered and encouraged to drink water. Water is always available.

LUNCHTIMES: Children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 can have free school meals. At lunchtimes the children choose a partner to sit with in the hall. They are encouraged to wait for each other to finish their lunch, and then go outside together. The new children initially will be playing outside Reception class. At some point later this year, they will have the option of playing outside the area at lunchtime, to play in the school playground with the rest of the school children. I will be available at lunchtimes in the first week or two for the children as they settle in.

PHONICS: Please keep an eye out for information regarding future information sessions for parents on our phonics scheme, 'Essential Letters and Sounds.'

As mentioned above, please see us if you have any questions or worries.
Thank you for your support.

Here's to a wonderful year!

The Reception Team