

SNAITH PRIMARY SCHOOL



Information for Parents and Carers of
our new Reception children

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

HELLO and WELCOME to our Reception Class!

Please find information that will help in your child's smooth transition into Reception.

SCHOOL TIMES

School begins at **8:50am** and finishes at 3:30pm.

Lunch break is from 12:00 to 1:15pm.

There is a break in the morning and the afternoon. Our younger children (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) have a free piece of fruit or vegetable each day.

LUNCH BREAK

Your child may have a cooked school meal each day. The price for this from September will be £2.20. We operate "Family Service" in the four classrooms to the right of the hall (we have found this environment much calmer and quieter than the main hall). Children are able to choose the table they sit at and are "served" by our capable older children. We have found this has promoted good manners and support across age groups. Our cooks serve Healthy Menus - a new menu is available each term. It is helpful if you send a dinner slip and the correct money in an envelope each MONDAY. This envelope should be given to the class teacher. However, dinners can be ordered on a daily basis.

Your child may bring a packed lunch, but we do ask that no fizzy drinks or sweets are included in this. Also, as we have several children with nut allergies, we ask that you do not send anything containing peanuts please.

Every child eats lunch at 12 noon and then goes out to play (or stays inside for activities if it is raining). The bell rings at 1:00pm and children come inside, have the chance to have a drink, go to the loo etc and then read quietly (or are read to by midday staff) until 1:15pm when afternoon lessons begin.

PLAYTIMES

We do like all of the children to play together in the main playground so that siblings and friends can meet up. The Reception staff will be on the Playground at each break time in the first few days to ensure your child enjoys this part of the day.

ABSENCES

If your child is ill, please phone school on the first morning of their absence.

HOLIDAY

A Term-Time Holiday Policy is included in your packs. Please read this carefully as there is a commitment to improve attendance from the Government and our Governors have adopted this policy from 2010. Headteachers are unable to authorise any holidays and will only authorise "exceptional circumstances" such as a Wedding Day.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

WHAT SHOULD MY CHILD WEAR?

Our smart school uniform is so often commented on by visitors and the general public when we are out and about. The uniform is strongly encouraged by governors and staff to promote a sense of belonging. This consists of:

Burgundy sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo
Pale blue polo shirt (logo optional)
Black or grey trousers/skirt/shorts
White, grey or black socks or tights
School shoes (**NO trainers**)
Optional: blue and white checked summer dresses
Reversible jacket with logo

Red P.E. Shorts
White T-shirt (with red school name)
Plimsolls/trainers
White P.E. socks

Jewellery

For safety reasons jewellery should not be worn in school (other than watches). If ears are pierced stud earrings may be worn, but they **MUST** be removed by the child for P.E.

When children attend swimming lessons in Year 3/4 they will not be allowed to wear earrings.

PLEASE ENSURE ALL CLOTHING IS CLEARLY LABELLED
WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.

Lost property usually finds its way to the school office and can
be claimed from there.

We have two suppliers of our school uniform:

1. The Uniform Shop, Pasture Road, Goole, who stock all our school uniform
2. Marks and Spencer who have our logoed uniform to purchase online. The website address is:

www.mandsyourschooluniform.com

Once on the website you simply select your county ("Tyne and Wear and Yorkshire") and then our school from the list presented. A guide for parents can be found on our school website.

VISITING RECEPTION

As we explained in our previous letter to you, we have arranged "visit sessions" for you and your child. These mornings or afternoons are to familiarise your child with us and their classroom.

STAFF IN THE CLASSROOM

There will be two classes of Reception children this September:

RECEPTION CLASS TEACHERS: Mrs Laura McDermott and Mrs Deborah Agar.

NURSERY NURSE: Mrs Dawn Kellett. There will also be an additional teaching assistant.

PASTORAL CARE AND PARTNERSHIPS WITH PARENTS

Our aim is to ensure that our school is one in which children feel happy and secure, and where parents are partners with us in all aspects of their child's development and welfare.

If you have any concerns about your child, please do speak to their class teacher. The easiest time to do this is at the end of the school day, but, of course, any urgent matters can be discussed at other times. Anything that you can tell us helps us to understand your child better. It is important that you tell us of any worries they may have, particularly in their relationships with other children, no matter how small this may seem!

We believe that by involving parents in their child's education that child is happier at school and achieves more, and we actively welcome parents to join in a variety of activities. Some parents already help in the classrooms and around school and we are very grateful for their contribution.

Please ring the school if there is a problem or a question you wish to ask regarding your child. The phone number is:

☎ 01405 860452

If we know, then we can help.

Our PTA consists of staff and parents. They arrange a number of fantastic fund-raising and social functions and provide a substantial amount of "extra/enhancement" materials for school. Please lend them your support: new ideas are very welcome. Remember, this group works for the benefit of our school/community and your children. Parents are always welcome to join meetings - look out for information about meetings and forthcoming events on newsletters.

LEADING SCHOOL FOR S.E.A.L

We are sure that your child will soon tell you all about SEAL! This stands for "Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning". In school everything we do is underpinned by high values and expectations as well as a developing understanding and awareness of our emotions and behaviours. This doesn't mean that our behaviour is always "perfect"; it means that we know how to put things right if they go wrong! We have our very own "seals" who visit the classrooms to see the good things going on, and children are always encouraged to share their achievements, worries and kind comments with Seal.

Our recently revised Behaviour Policy can be found on our website.

ROAD SAFETY

We are very concerned about road safety, and the children are taught aspects of road safety as part of their work in school.

Because of the congestion outside school, particularly when it is wet, we should be grateful if you would:

- Keep the entrance and lay by in front of school clear
- Park on the school side of Bourn Mill Balk Road facing the flow of traffic. (Please do not park in the school car park).
- Come into the playground to collect your child, rather than letting them come out on the road to find you
- Ensure that you do not reverse into the school entrance when driving away.
- Encourage your child to cross the road safely.

These rules are, of course, to ensure the safety of our children.

INFORMATION SHARING

We usually send home a weekly newsletter on a Friday, which has all our current information or messages on. These newsletters are put weekly onto our website as well as being posted in the school notice board at the main gate. We also have a system in place called "Parentmail" which allows us to send an electronic version to you by email which we recommend! An application form can also be found in your pack. Do check out the website - www.snaithprimary.org.uk when your children have started with us - we keep a photo gallery of each class and their exciting work in school.

You will be invited into school each term to discuss your child's progress and sent a report in the spring and summer time. However you are always welcome to make an appointment at other times to discuss your child's progress.

As always, if there is *anything* you wish to know, please don't hesitate to ask. We are always more than willing to speak to you about any concerns, queries, or celebrations you may have!

We look forward to working with you and your child.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Helen Calpin
Headteacher