



Information for Parents and Carers of Reception children 2019



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 **8:55am** and finishes at 3:30pm. (Doors open from 3:25pm)

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.

Week One Only

Children in reception class during their first week have a phased introduction to school, the first two days are shorter days. Please see their school times below.

Tuesday 3rd September 8:55am - 12 noon

Wednesday 4th September 8:55am - 1:15pm (including lunch)

Thursday 5th September All children in full time from now onwards.

LUNCH BREAK

Your child may have a cooked school meal each day. The Government provides this free for each child from Reception to Year 2. However, if you believe you may be eligible for Free School Meals please contact the school office or go to our application on the school website as this can provide extra funding for education and support in school. We operate "Family Service" in the hall and classrooms. 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 twice yearly.

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 nuts 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 toilet etc. and then read quietly (or are read to by midday staff) until 1:15pm when afternoon lessons begin.

WATER BOTTLES

Please can you provide a named water bottle containing plain water only (no cordial or fizzy drinks). These will be sent home every night to be returned each day.

PLAYTIMES

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, we ask that you please ring the office on the morning of each day of their absence. You are very welcome to consult with us for advice on attendance with certain medical conditions. Please note that we ARE happy to administer prescribed medicines and or paracetamol in single dose form (sachets or age appropriate tablet form) but these need to be signed in at the school office (please note we are no longer able to administer Ibuprofen). If for any reason your child is not at school and we haven't received a message we will make a courtesy call home to you to ensure your child is safe.

ABSENCE DUE TO HOLIDAY

There is no longer a provision in law for Headteachers to authorise an absence for the purpose of a term time holiday. Any such absence is **unauthorised** and may incur a Penalty Notice. Any absence from school other than medical or illness requires parents to complete 'Absence from School for Exceptional Circumstances form' must be completed and submitted to school with sufficient time to enable the school to consider the request and inform parents of the decision. Forms and further information is on our school website.

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 helps to promote a sense of belonging and pride in our school and each other. 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 gold or silver 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, INCLUDING SHOES, IS CLEARLY LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.

Lost property is stored in a basket - please see office staff if you need directing to this.



We have three suppliers of our school uniform:

1. The Uniform Shop, Pasture Road, Goole, who stock all our school uniform
2. Marks and Spencer 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.

3. MyClothing also have our logoed uniform to purchase online. The website address is: **www.myclothing.com**

Once on the website type in our school name - Snaith Primary School.

VISITING RECEPTION

As we explained in our previous letter to you, we have arranged "visit sessions" for you and your child. These visits allow your child to familiarise themselves with their classroom and teachers.

STAFF IN THE CLASSROOM

Mrs McDermott is our Foundation Stage Leader. When you visit you will meet all of the staff who will be working with Reception children next year.

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 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 your child will be happier at school and achieve more. 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 do give 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.



SAFEGUARDING

At the start of the school year, in a morning we ask that children are brought to the reception classroom via the back of the school. The school doors will be open when the bell is rung at 8:50am. After the October half term holiday children will line up in the playground and are collected by the teacher.

At the end of the school day, children are collected from the same door. For Safeguarding reasons, we will only allow children to go home with whoever has parental responsibility for your child. **If for any reason you give permission to another person to collect please let the class teacher know in advance or telephone the school office.** If you require to take your child out of school for a medical appointment, we require a copy of the appointment and to be told who is collecting.

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 to 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 publish a weekly newsletter on a Friday, which has all our current information or messages on. These newsletters are put onto our website and App weekly. We encourage everyone to download the School App, this keeps you up to date with school events, newsletters, information and calendar dates. This can be downloaded for free from any android or apple device, via 'Ourschoolsapp'. An information leaflet is enclosed in your pack. Check out the website - www.snaitthprimary.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 during stay and learn sessions 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 do not 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.



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School App

(we encourage everyone to download the app, this is our main way of updating you of events, dates and important information)

search on your mobile device App store -OurSchoolsApp