



St Bede's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Reception parents / carers,

I think you will agree that the children have really settled well over their 8 days of phased hours – it is a super opportunity for staff to really get to know your child and for the children to begin to feel at home in a new situation before there is a full class.

As of Monday 20th September, your child will be attending school full time. I wanted to provide you with some key information to help this to be a smooth transition.

Start and End Times:

The children in reception will start at 9.00am and we ask that you continue to use the little gate and line up as you have been doing. The door will be closed at 9.05am so if you arrive after this time you must take your child to the main office (Howlett Hall Road).

The children will finish their school day at 3.10pm and will be collected in the same way that they are now with parents / carers lining up along the side path.

Obviously at first it will be a bit strange for the children as there will be 15 more children than they are used to but we will all be there to support them, and you.

If you are going to be late for whatever reason can you please ring the school office so that we know and we can prepare your child for this and they will be collected from the school office (Howlett Hall Road).

School Lunches:

Once your child is full time, they will receive a free school lunch (this is part of a Government scheme which provides children in Reception – Year 2 with a free lunch – if you think that your child would be entitled to free-school meals please complete the required paper work as school also receive additional funding for every child on benefits related free-school meals and this money can be used to support with other educational opportunities such as providing equipment or subsidising visits).

Lunches will be served in the dinner hall but don't worry, there will be lots of staff around to help the children as they have their lunch (please see the school website for the school menu which works on a 3-weekly basis).

Reception children have their meal tray brought to their table to make it a little easier for them so I am sure that they will enjoy the experience. The school meals here are delicious, however if you have decided that your child will be bringing a packed lunch please can you provide them with healthy options (no fizzy drinks or chocolate and sweets).

PE:

Reception PE day will be on a Friday and your child will need to come to school dressed in their PE outfit. Please can you follow the school guidelines for PE kits – school PE T-shirt or plain yellow or white -shirt, navy or black shorts, navy / black or grey joggers or leggings (if

the weather is cold) and wearing their school jumper or cardigan. PE pumps or trainers can be worn – please try to keep to fairly plain footwear where you can.

Reception Class Blog:

Mrs Fairless and Mrs Coatsworth will keep the Reception class blog up to date with key information and photographs so please keep check in – the blog can be found through our school website.

Reception Curriculum Evening:

You may be aware that we have recently held Curriculum Evenings for our older classes. The virtual meeting for Reception parents will be held closer to half term once the children have all had time to settle in – further information to follow.

Consent Forms and Information Forms:

Just a reminder, if you have not handed in your consent forms and information forms can you do so as a matter of urgency – it is very important that we have key information about your child, particularly linked to dietary and medical needs. If you have misplaced your form can you please collect a new one from the school office.

Water bottles:

Can you please send your child to school with a water bottle (containing water) for them to drink during the day, it is very important to keep hydrated. Please remember to label you child's bottle with their name.

All other key information is within our school prospectus or available on our school website however if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We look forward to working with you over the next few years and look forward to watching your child grow!

Kind regards
Mrs Young