

A Very Warm Welcome To



Luxulyan School



Induction Booklet for Reception Parents



Welcome to

Luxulyan School



Dear Parents,

We are looking forward to welcoming you and your child into our Reception cohort in September.

We want this to be the beginning of a happy and successful time for you and your child and a supportive partnership with you. However, we recognise that starting school can be an anxious time for both children and parents and a time with lots of questions. The aim of this booklet is to provide you with practical information and some useful advice to help make your child's transition into the Reception class as smooth as possible.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

Miss Gemma Illsley and Mrs Sarah Berry

EYFS Class Teachers

Ash Class Staff



Mrs Sarah Berry

Class Teacher
(Monday and



Miss Gemma Illsley

Class Teacher
(Wednesday-Friday)

Mrs Mary Fox - Higher Level Teaching Assistant

Mrs Joanne Tonkin - 1:1 Teaching Assistant

Admission and Induction

Reception children will be starting school on Monday 6th September. During the morning of the 6th, the Ash class staff will be at the front gates to meet and greet you. Our morning arrival time is between 8.45-9.00am.

Lunch Choices, Fruit and Water

All children in Reception are provided with a piece of fruit each day for snack.

Children will need a water bottle in school every day, which should be filled with water only. We will refill water bottles as needed during the day. Please check bottles for a secure seal before sending them in.

All Reception age pupils are provided with free hot school meals. These are cooked on site by our cook, Mrs Sleeman from Chartwells. We have varied, nutritious and healthy menus which always include a vegetarian option. You can view a typical menu here:

https://luxulyan.eschools.co.uk/web/school_lunches.

If you prefer to send your child in with a packed lunch then we encourage this to be as healthy as possible.

Making a fantastic start to school

Being a parent is one of the most rewarding jobs in the world and we believe that you are their first and most important educators. The support and encouragement you give to your child throughout their school life will have a huge impact on their achievements and successes.

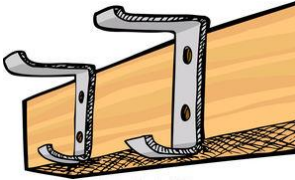
Getting ready for school

Below are a few ideas of things you can do with your child, or make sure that they can do, which will make a real difference to their education right from the start:

- Listen and sing lots of songs and rhymes
- Listening games
- Playing with shapes
- Playing with numbers
- Drawing and colouring
- Respecting and getting on with other people, with good manners
- Talking to people outside the family
- Saying what they would like
- Be willing to have a go at something new
- And perhaps most important - **share a book together everyday.**

Useful Skills

When your child starts school it would be helpful if they could do these things for themselves:



Take off coat and
hang it up



Put on coat and do
it up



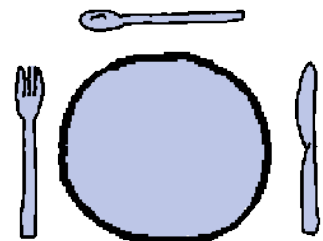
Change shoes



Use the toilet
independently



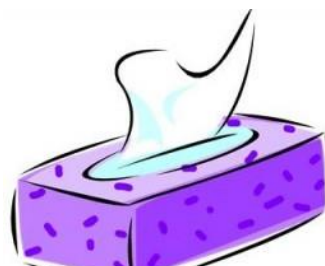
Wash and dry
hands



Use a knife and
fork



Help to tidy things
away



Use a tissue
independently

Uniform

Grey or black trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore.

White polo shirt, shirt or blouse

Dark green sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece (logo or plain)

Green checked/striped summer dress (Summer term)

Black shoes (no trainers). Velcro fastenings are preferable for Reception-aged children.

We ask that all children have a pair of **wellies** which we will keep at school. A **waterproof coat** must be brought in daily as we are outside in all weathers.

Your child will also be provided with a school bookbag once they start with us in September.

Please label **everything** which your child will be bringing into school. It is extremely difficult to match unlabelled uniform to the correct child.

Finally, it is a good idea to provide your child with a spare change of uniform, underwear and socks. We have a small amount of spare uniform in class but not enough to clothe every child if they get wet!

PE Sessions

The children will have two PE sessions per week. These may occur at different points during the week so please ensure your child has PE kit in school. It can be left on their peg and we will send it home each half term for a good wash.

PE kit includes:

- Black shorts/leggings/joggers
- A plain bottle green t-shirt
- Plimsolls or trainers (Velcro please)

Please ensure that all items are **named and are in a named bag**. This helps enormously when everyone is getting changed!

A typical school day for our Reception children

8.45am	Come in, hang coat up, choose lunch and do some morning activities.
9.00am	Register and 'wake and shake'
9.10am	Read Write Inc Phonics/Own Learning and adult focused tasks (inside and outside)
10.00am	Snack time (fruit is provided)
10.15am	Maths/ Own Learning and adult focused tasks (inside and outside)
11am	Literacy/ Own Learning and adult focused tasks (inside and outside)
11.45am	Get ready for lunch/ story
12.00pm	Lunch
13.00pm	Register, yoga and teacher input (topic focus)
13.30pm	Own Learning and adult focused tasks (inside and outside)
14.45pm	Story time
15.00pm	Getting ready for home time
15.10pm	Home time

Learning in Reception is not always clean!

The Curriculum

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) is the stage of education for children from birth to the end of the Reception year. It is based on the recognition that children learn best through play and active learning.

There are seven areas of learning, including three prime areas:

- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development

And four specific areas of learning:

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

There are also three characteristics of effective learning based on how young children learn. These must be taken into account when we plan and guide children's activities.

- Playing and exploring
- Active learning
- Creating and thinking critically

How to keep in touch

Telephone: [01726 850397](tel:01726 850397)

Class Dojo: Ash Class teaching staff will aim to reply to your message within working hours, on the same working day whenever possible. Please be mindful of which adults are in school on the day that you need to message us.

E-mail: School office: secretary@luxulyansch.org

Website: <https://luxulyan.eschools.co.uk>

The website is regularly updated to keep you informed of all the great activities that go on in school. Please visit our website and have a look around! We will also be updating it with other useful information to support your child with their transition into Reception.

We also have a Facebook page (Luxulyan School).

We are really looking forward to supporting your family as your child takes their next step in their learning journey. Please do contact us if you have any questions, now or indeed in the future.