

Bishop Martin CE Primary

Reception



Parent Information

Welcome to our Reception at Bishop Martin!

The first few days of starting school in Reception can be a bit daunting for children (and indeed for new parents!) We want your child to settle in quickly and happily, so here are some ways to hopefully make the transition from nursery/home/childminder/playgroup to school go more smoothly.

School times are: 8.50am-3.20pm. School doors open from 8.40am. Please ensure you have filled in the emergency contact form prior to your child starting school. During the year please inform us of any changes to medical information or contact numbers. Please also make us aware of any changes in home circumstances which may affect your child. Any information you provide will be treated in the strictest confidence by the school. We want to keep your child as safe and happy as possible.

Before your child starts school:

All staff work hard with families to support a smooth transition into Reception. Our primary aim is to ensure children feel safe and secure in our care. We can do this best with a clear and supported approach.

Preparing your child for school and having a visit to the Reception class together is a great way to start this process.

You will be asked to tell us about your child's interests and development which will be used to engage them in the Reception class environment.

Uniform

Please ensure that all items coming into Nursery are labelled with your child's name

including shoes, coats, hat, scarves, gloves, etc;

- Royal blue sweatshirts/cardigans with or without the school logo
- White polo shirt with or without the school logo
- Plain grey skirt/ pinafore dress / smart trousers/ knee length smart shorts
- Plain grey socks (below the knee if worn with a skirt) or plain grey tights
- Black smart/formal school shoes – no trainers
- Sun cap (optional)
- Blue & white gingham dress (summer term only)
- Waterproof coat (children access the outdoor space throughout the year)

When buying shoes or pumps we encourage you to choose ones which have Velcro as these are easier than laces.

Jewellery & Nails

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are medical jewellery, small stud earrings and watches. Jewellery MUST be removed for physical activity.

Nail varnish is also not to be worn, as it is not in keeping with our smart school uniform.

Extreme Haircuts and Styles

The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. This includes very closely shaved parts of the head including 'tramlines', hair dye and/or hair extensions.

Long hair should be tied back, and hair accessories should be blue/white. Large hair accessories should not be worn.

The Role of Parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy for a special need / requirement, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the headteacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example religious objections, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform; the school will look sympathetically at such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities, parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the headteacher. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.

School Bags

Please send your child in with a small satchel bag/reading book bag.

Absences/Appointments

If your child is ill please contact the school office on the first day of absence or if your child has to attend an appointment in Nursery hours please contact the school office.

If your child has diarrhoea or sickness they need to stay off Nursery for 48 hours from the last episode in line with Public Health Agency guidelines.

Drop off / Pick up

On arrival at school please drop your child off at the classroom door where they will be met by the teacher. If someone else will be collecting your child, that is not on our list, you will need to notify the school office as soon as possible.

Lunchtimes

We encourage children in Reception have a school lunch so important skills such as table manners and using cutlery correctly can be modelled and developed. School meals for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are currently FREE! School lunch choices can be ordered using the School Money app.

Allergies—if you are providing your child with a packed lunch please note we are a nut free school. Please ensure no nut products are included.