

# Frieth C.E.C School



A Very Warm Welcome to Frieth School



## Induction Booklet For Reception Parents



## *'Developing Potential without Limitations'*

Dear Parents,

We are looking forward to welcoming you and your child to Frieth school in September.

We want this to be the beginning of a positive and supportive partnership between ourselves, you and your child.

The aim of this booklet is to provide you with important information and some useful advice to help support your child's transition into reception.

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



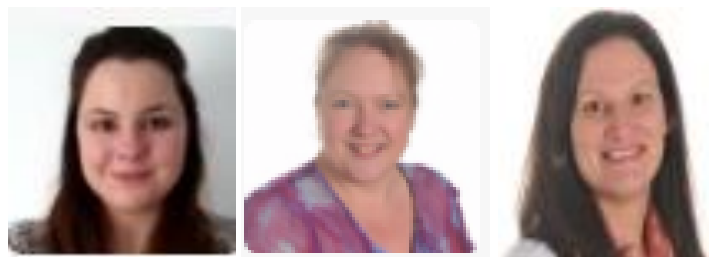
Your child is invited to start school in September at 8:55 (the gates will open at 8:45).

Parents feel free to bring your children into the classroom to help them find their tray and peg. We start our day at 9:00 and request that parents have left the classroom by this time.

We encourage our children to be independent and expect that after the first two weeks the children will enter the classroom independently.

## Our Team

Our team consists of Miss Holt (Class Teacher), Mrs Bryan and Miss Birmingham (Learning Support Assistants). Your child will work with all of us on a daily basis.





## Nursery/Preschool

We want to support your child in settling in successfully and so it is our hope that during the summer term you and your child will be able to join us in school.

- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July Walk By - Meet and Greet

This event will hopefully provide you and your child with a great opportunity to get to know the staff before September.

During the Walk By we will give you an exciting 'goodie bag'. It has some great stuff inside, including social stories.

We believe that you are your child's first and most important educator. By the time they enter reception they will have already learned many skills and may have already experienced Nursery/Pre-School.

These skills will support them in reception:

- Being positive about themselves
- Listening to others
- Talking about themselves
- An eagerness to get involved
- Knowing songs and rhymes by heart
- Sharing a book
- Drawing and coloring
- Recognising and being able to record their own name
- Recognising some letters and numbers
- Exploring shapes

Continuing to work on these skills at home is vital. When school starts the support that you give them will have an enormous impact on their achievements.

Our primary expectation, however, for all children joining us in reception is that they will feel happy and safe.

## Useful skills

When your child starts school it is expected that they can do these things:

- Put on a coat and fasten it (buttons and zips)
- Change their shoes
- Dress and undress
- Use a knife and fork
- Use the toilet independently
- Wash and dry their hands
- Share toys and take turns
- Help to tidy toys away
- Recite numbers in order to 10
- Communicate in their home language and English

These are skills that you could practise over the summer.

Sometimes children have toileting accidents, we will support your child as best we can and encourage them to change themselves. Although in some cases you may be called to support with changing or cleaning. If you feel it is necessary, please ensure your child has a set of spare clothes with them.

## EYFS Curriculum

Children in Reception follow a broad curriculum called The Early Years Foundation Stage. Your child will learn skills and acquire knowledge based on the seven areas of learning and development:

### Prime Areas

- Communication and language
- Physical development
- Personal, social and emotional development

### Specific Areas

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the world
- Expressive arts and design

These seven areas are used to plan your child's learning and activities. Activities and resources are adapted to meet every child's needs and interests. Children in EYFS learn by playing and exploring, being active, and through creative and critical thinking which takes place both indoors and outside.

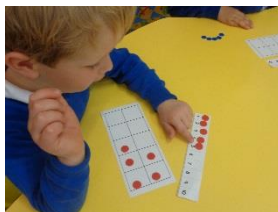


## Homework

The progress your child makes is constantly monitored through observations and their interactions with other children and us. We create an online profile and work books with observations, your child's work and photographs that you can see each half term during our work-share afternoons.

## School Day

The children will have an adult-led English and Maths task each week. They will also have different activities based on the different areas of the EYFS curriculum set up inside and outside for them to participate in.



The children will have lots of opportunities to initiate their own activities, as well as time for 1:1 and group tasks.

The children will contribute to planning and will have opportunities to share their current interests.

Each week the children will be set a simple Maths or English task. This will alternate each week. Their homework will also include a phonics task, which will be a set of sounds or words that they are to practise reading and writing. These sounds and words will relate to what they are doing in school. Homework tasks can be recorded in lots of different ways, including photographs and your comments. As the children become more independent we would expect to see more of their own work in their books.

The children will be given a reading book to take home. We encourage you to read with your children everyday as this greatly supports their reading. The children can change their book as soon as they have finished reading them. Some children enjoy reading the same book more than once.

Reception children frequently start on lilac books, which are wordless. These support your child in building key comprehension skills and their imagination.

In the Autumn term we run a parent workshop where you can come and we will introduce you to how we teach phonics.



## Our Environment

At Frieth we place great emphasis on encouraging children to be independent, enquiring learners. Our reception environment provides a safe, secure, child-friendly setting where children can make choices and take responsibility for their own equipment and resources from the very start. Equipment is accessible for all children and is purposefully arranged at their level.

We have our own outdoor learning environment where the children can take part in a range of multi-sensory experiences and activities, including using the sand and water areas.

Outdoor learning is very important and so we ask that your child comes to school with suitable outdoor clothes throughout the year.



## PE Lessons

The children will participate in two PE sessions a week. We are fortunate enough to work with a fantastic company 'Club Sport' who will support the children in learning new skills during one of these sessions.

It is vital that your child has their full PE kit in school each day. It can stay on their peg and we will make sure that it sent home at the end of each half term.

Please ensure that all items are named.



We are very proud of our website and regularly update it to keep you informed of all the great things that happen in school. Please visit our website to find out about what we get up to. There is also a specific page for set up for you 'New Starters September 2020'.

[www.friethschool.co.uk](http://www.friethschool.co.uk)

We are really looking forward to supporting your family as your child takes their next step in their learning journey.

Please contact us if you have any queries, now or in the future.



