

# New Starters in Reception September 2020

## Welcome to Frieth School

We are delighted that your child will be joining our school's Reception team in September and we are looking forward to getting to know them!

Starting school should be a happy and exciting time for both your child and for you. We know that you will have lots of questions to ask us and hope the information here will begin to answer at least some of those questions.

We hope that you are looking forward to September, even if things are a bit tricky at the moment! We will do our very best to make you and your child feel secure and valued and ready for the start of the new school year. Our aim is to provide your child with the very best education possible and we hope that you will work with us, in partnership, to achieve this aim.

Please do not hesitate to talk to us if you have any further questions.

### Frequently Asked Questions

**What can I do to prepare my child for starting school?**

Please review the suggestions identified within the 'Reception Induction Booklet' on the website and the sheets inside your child's pack.

**What are school opening and closing times?**

Normally, our school days starts at 8:55am and all pupils will be ready to be picked up in the afternoon at 3:15.

There are a few occasions, such as the end of term, where the pickup times may be earlier.

**What do I do if my child is late to school?**

Take your child to the main office so they can be signed in. Your child will then be taken to class.

### **What do I do if I am going to be late collecting my child?**

There are times when parents are late collecting their children from school, if this is going to happen we ask that we are informed. Your child will go to the office and wait in the library for you.

### **Can I send someone else to pick up my child?**

If you need someone else to come and collect your child please speak to Mrs Horan in the office or send in a written message with your child.

### **How do I report my child's absence from school?**

Call the school office on the day and inform Mrs Horan. A message can be left on the answering machine if she is unavailable.

### **How will I be informed if there is an enforced school closure?**

On the very rare occasion that the school needs to close we will inform all parents via text.

### **How long do the children get to eat lunch?**

Children in Reception have one hour for their lunch. As soon as they finish eating they can go outside and play.

### **Is drinking water available?**

The children are expected to bring a water bottle to school every day. We do have cups in each classroom for emergencies.

### **What should I put in my child's packed lunch?**

We encourage the children to bring in a healthy lunch to school. The children are not allowed to bring nuts or seeds (or all products with these in) to school as some of our children have allergies.

### **It's my child's birthday, can I send in sweets/treats?**

We ask that the children do not bring cakes, sweets and treats into school for members of staff to give out (or to give out themselves). At the moment it would also not be appropriate.

### **Can my child wear jewellery in school?**

We ask that the pupils do not wear jewellery in school.

### **What do I do if my child is prescribed medication?**

If your child needs to have medication at school you must complete a form at the school office. All medication held on school premises is kept secure.

### **What happens if my child has a medical/dental appointment?**

Please try to arrange medical appointments outside of school times.

### **What happens if my child has an accident at school?**

All staff are first aid trained and can offer reassurance and first aid to pupils who are injured at school.

If the injury is significant we would inform you and appropriate first aid would be given.

### **What do I do if my child has head lice?**

If your child has head lice we ask that you treat them quickly to ensure that it does not spread. If we notice that your child has head lice during the school day we may contact you to inform you. We will send out a text to all parents to let them know that we have had a reported case, but will obviously not share the child's name (that will be kept confidential).

### **Can I park at the school?**

Unfortunately we do not have any visitor parking at school. Parents are asked to use the road next to the school. You are able to turn around in the school car park and drop off. We encourage the children to walk, cycle etc. to school.

**After school club...?**

We are hoping to have our morning and after school clubs back up and running as soon as we can.

**What do I do if I need to see a teacher?**

An appointment can be made via the school office.

**How can parents get involved?**

We welcome parent's helpers in school. As soon as we are able to have additional adults in school we would love to have you.

**How do you communicate with parents?**

In EYFS we now use a system called Tapestry which we are hoping to be able to use to share observations and learning with you. It is a new system so bear with us.

We have special assemblies where parents can find out what pupils have been learning in class. We also have termly newsletters, parent's evenings and reports.

**Where do I go to locate lost property?**

Lost property is kept in the school office. We sometimes keep a few items in the classroom before moving them down to the school office lost property box.