

Reception Frequently Asked Questions

Welcome to Reception! We are very excited to begin this journey with your child and your family. We do understand that you may have some questions during this very important transition time. We have put together this brief question and answer sheet to address any queries you may have in these first few weeks.

What time should I drop off and collect my child?

Our school day starts at 8.45am. The doors will stay open until 8.55am. You will bring your child into the Reception outdoor area, where you can say goodbye. The children will then come into school, hang up their coat and put their book bag in their tray. We aim to close the doors promptly in order to get our day started on time. If you arrive after 8.55am, you will need to take your child to the main school office where they will sign your child in and bring them to our Reception classroom.

To ease congestion in the cloakroom at the end of the day, we have a staggered finish time. The Lions (Miss Cope's class) finish at 3pm, the Tigers (Miss Bull's class) finish at 3.05pm. You will collect your child from the same place you dropped them off. We will quickly get to know the people who regularly collect your children, however if there is an occasion where somebody different will be collecting your child, please let us know in the morning so that we can expect somebody different.

What does my child need in school?

During the first couple of weeks, you will need to bring some different things into school. These things will stay in school on your child's peg, they will not need to bring them home each day.

PE kit: White top, black shorts and/or jogging bottoms, black pumps. Please put this in a durable bag i.e. a draw-string pump bag.

Spare clothes: These can be school clothes or any clothes from home that we can change your child into in case of an accident (i.e. they get wet or have a toileting accident). This should include a change of underwear and socks.

A named pair of wellies.

Your child should bring a book bag with them to school every day. This will contain their reading journal and reading books, we will need these in school each day. It also means your child can easily bring home any pictures or creations that they make in school that day. Please check your child's book bag daily for any letters or information you need to know.

They will also need to bring a filled, named water bottle every day. We will be putting a lot of emphasis onto the importance of oral hygiene, so we recommend you send water for your child to drink during the school day.

What is the Reception 'Make and Bake Fund'?

The Make and Bake Fund is a voluntary donation of £1 per week so that we can do activities in addition to what we would usually do in school. This includes baking for special occasions and special crafts. The payment is made online via ScoPay (please see the school website for more information). If you wish to contribute, you are welcome to play in a lump sum i.e. £7= 7 weeks, or play £1 a week at a time. Thank you in advance.

Do I need to bring in a snack for my child?

No, school will provide a piece of fruit (for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) and a drink of milk or water as a snack for your child. The children will receive milk for free until they are 5. After that, you will receive a letter from our milk provider explaining what happens next. At the start of the year, we will have snack altogether as a class. After that, we have a rolling snack. This is where the children can choose for themselves when to have snack during their classroom learning time. This provides a fantastic opportunity for us to teach the children about the importance of a healthy diet and hand washing.

What will my child eat at lunchtime?

The choice is yours! At Woodley Primary School, we use a system called Dolce to provide school dinners. If your child will be having school dinners, we strongly recommend that you order them from home. This means you know your child is getting something that they like and will eat. If you are having any issues with logging onto the Dolce website, please contact the school office for help. However, if you forget to order from home, please do not panic, we can order their dinners in school too! **If your child has any dietary requirements or intolerances, it is imperative you state these on the Dolce website to avoid your child being given anything they should not have.**

Please note, we are a nut free school. This means we do not permit foods containing nuts to be sent in lunchboxes. This includes hazelnut chocolate bars and certain chocolate spreads.

You are also welcome to send your child with a lunchbox. If you would like any information about what a healthy packed lunchbox looks like, please speak to a member of staff.

Who will be working with my child?

Our Reception consists of 2 classes, the Lions and the Tigers.

Miss Cope is the Class Teacher of the Lions. Miss Tilley is the Learning Support Assistant.

Miss Bull is the Class Teacher of the Tigers. Mrs Bray is the Learning Support Assistant.

Both classes will be supported by Miss Blackwood, who works across the Foundation Stage.

Who should I contact if I have a query or concern?

There will always be 2 members of staff on the Reception door each morning. You can pass on any information to either member of staff (even if that person is not based in your child's class) and they will ensure it gets to the appropriate person. You can also chat to us at the end of the day. However, if you would prefer a more private conversation we can arrange to give you a call at a convenient time. Alternatively, you can email the school office at admin@woodley-pri.stockport.sch.uk or call us on 0161 430 6609.

We are very much looking forward to starting this fantastic journey with you and your family.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any other questions.

Miss Cope and Miss Bull