

# Ashtree Primary School and Nursery



Reception Parents' Information Pack 2020



## Welcome To Our Reception



Beginning school is an important event in your child's life and it will not be long before they will be starting in our Reception.

There will be lots of new things to learn and of course you will want to make sure your child is well prepared.

Our aim is to make this a happy experience for both you and your child. We hope this booklet will provide some useful information that will help your children settle quickly into school life.



## General Information



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## The School Day

This is a typical day at school.  
PE and Music lessons happen every Wednesday.

### Sunshines

- 8.50 School begins
- 8.55 Conversation time
- 9.10 Register and calendar
- 9.30 Adult led session
- 10.00 Snack and CIL
- 11.30 Maths
- 11.45 Self-help skills
- 12.00 Lunch
- 13.15 Register
- 13.20 Phonics
- 13.40 CIL
- 15.00 Stop and read
- 15.15 Home time



### Rainbows

- 8.50 School begins
- 8.55 Conversation time
- 9.10 Register and calendar
- 9.30 Maths
- 10.00 Snack and CIL
- 11.30 Adult led session
- 11.45 Self-help skills
- 12.00 Lunch
- 13.15 Register
- 13.20 Phonics
- 13.40 CIL
- 15.00 Stop and read
- 15.15 Home time





## Staff



- Miss Sinnott – Sunshines Class Teacher
- Mrs Compton - Rainbows Class Teacher
- Miss Butt – Rainbows Class Teacher
  
- Mrs Graham – Sunshines Class Teaching Assistant
- Mrs Holtom – Sunshines Class Teaching Assistant
- Mrs Foley – Rainbows Class Teaching Assistant
  
- Mrs Chinery – PPG Teaching Assistant
- Miss Baker– Support Teaching Assistant
- Mrs Clarke – Music Teacher
- Mr Flynn – PE Teacher

## What will my child need to bring to school?

- A named bookbag with reading record and reading book inside each day.
- A named water bottle in school every day, even if your child is having milk.
- A canvas bag with named black plimsolls inside.
- Suitable outer clothing for the weather, e.g. sun hats in summer and woolly hats in winter
- A **second** canvas bag with a named PE kit inside (white t-shirt and green shorts)
  - Please note that drawstring bags and backpacks will be sent home.

## How can I prepare my child for school?

Here at Ashtree Primary School we go to great lengths to help your child develop the confidence and skills to be an independent learner.

Here are some activities you can do with your child to help them develop the skills they need to reach the Early Learning Goals of the Foundation Stage.

### Speaking

- Speak clearly and confidently
- Speak in full sentences
- Use clear, simple instructions
- Engage in discussions with your child
- Ask for their opinions
- Tell them about your day and ask about theirs

### Listening

- Show your child how to be a good listener
- Be patient, allow them to finish their sentences
- Give them full attention when they are speaking
- Respond to what they say by asking questions
- Listen to your child reading

### Writing

- Encourage your child to write their name
- Use colourful pens and exciting stationary to encourage them to write
- Let them write their name on cards and letters
- Ensure they are holding their pencil in the correct way

## How can I prepare my child for school?

### Number Skills

- Count daily together
- Count objects
- Identify numbers wherever you go
- Help your child to put numbers in order
- Let your child help with tidying and sorting, can they sort objects by colour?
- Identify shapes in the home

### Behaviour

- Agree clear and realistic rules
- Give your child boundaries
- Encourage good manners
- Support our classroom rules and expectations
- If your child's behaviour is difficult, then talk to us, we can support you with home-school rewards

### Organisation

- Ensure appropriate bedtimes
- Under 5s need 15 hours sleep
- Make sure they have some breakfast
- Check all your child's equipment is named
- Let them carry some of their own equipment to school
- Give them little jobs to do at home
- Allow them to practise dressing themselves



## How can I prepare my child for school?

### What should my child be able to do?

- Dress and undress themselves
- Go to the toilet independently and know to ask if they need to use it
- Tidy up after themselves
- Recognise their own name
- Practise writing their own name using a pencil
- Share toys and equipment
- Know nursery rhymes
- Count confidently to 10
- Listen well and follow simple instructions
- Say please and thank you

## What do parents say about Ashtree Reception?



“She comes home every afternoon beaming about her day”

“Her confidence has grown every day since being at Ashtree”

“She was made to feel so welcome in her new school”



“I am so pleased with her transition and seen a fantastic change in her attitude to learning”

“I honestly cannot tell you how pleased I am with the teachers”

“He loves to do work at home now, before we couldn't get him to pick up a pencil”

“It is so reassuring knowing your child is going to school every day confident and happy”

“She loves school and feels happy and safe when she is there”

“My child settled into school with so much ease, the enthusiasm and excitement is infectious”

“The teachers create a happy, caring and nurturing environment”

“We have had very positive experiences with the quality of teaching”

“The speed which my child has progressed has been amazing”

“I couldn't be happier with her first year”