

LEAMINGTON C.P. SCHOOL



Leamington Primary School
Reception Parents
Welcome Pack



Meet the Staff



We are looking forward to meeting you this year...



Mrs Benson
Reception Teacher and
Early Years Lead



Mrs Hartwell-Parry
Reception Teacher



Miss Crabtree
Reception Teacher



Mrs Gannon
Reception LSO



Mrs Peltzer
Reception LSO

Starting school in September



Starting school is a major event in the life of a four year old and it won't be long before your child will be starting with us at Leamington Primary School. There will be lots of new things to learn and of course you will want to be best prepared. We aim to make it a happy and memorable experience and hope this provides some useful information that will help your child settle quickly into school.

Dates to be confirmed:

Start dates are to be confirmed due to Covid-19. We will ensure we will keep you up to date with information with your child's starting date when we know more. Keep an eye out on our website for more information too: <https://www.leamingtonprimary.com/>

During the first week of school, in order to make their transition into full time school as easy as possible they will go home after lunch for the first 5 days. Please line up on the playground with your child and staff will bring them into class. Children will stay for lunch each day.

All children will be provided with a free school dinner.

Please collect your child at 1.30 from the gate on Leamington Road (near the main entrance), staff will be here to direct you.

Following their transition week, your child will do full days in school 8.55-3.00. You will collect your child at 3pm from the Reception outdoor area. Alternative arrangements will be made if children cannot cope with full days from week 2. Please speak to Mrs Hartwell and Miss Crabtree if you have any concerns.

What will my child need for September?

- School uniform



- A warm, waterproof coat- we play out in all weathers!!!
- Sensible shoes (black) that your child can fasten- Velcro. Please **NO** shoe laces!
- A book bag which are available to buy at the school office.
- PE kit- white t shirt, black or navy blue shorts and black pumps.
- A photograph of your family- (we display them in class to make the children feel at home)
- Packed lunch as appropriate.



Please make sure all clothing is clearly labelled!!!!

Although we do our best, it is easy to mix up and lose uniform that isn't named especially with 60+ and 5 year olds.

How can I prepare my child for starting school?



We encourage the children to be as independent as possible right from the start

- Allow your child to practice getting dressed into their school uniform independently, taking on and off shoes- this will really help with PE.
- Encourage your child to put on and fasten their own coat.
- If your child is going to have a packed lunch ensure they can open the packets and wrappers.
- Share books and stories, once in Reception children are encouraged to read at home every night.
 - Sing number rhymes and play counting games.
 - Play games encouraging your child to read and write their name.
 - Play turn taking games.
 - Encourage your child to tidy up what they have been playing with.
- Remind them to wash their hands after using the toilet and before eating a meal.
 - Dough disco. (See website)





Our School Day



At the start of the day, a teacher will be on duty from 8:50am. Children will wait by our gate until a teacher lets them in. Please encourage your child to stay nearby you before entering school.

8:55am	Registration and Check-in
9:20am	Read Write inc. Phonics
9:50am	Guided Reading and free flow activities
10:20am	Tidy up time and Snack Time
10:45am	Playtime
11:00am	Literacy Carpet time
11:20am	Free flow and Literacy directed activities
12:20pm	Tidy up time and Lunch Time
1:15pm	Registration and Afternoon begins
1:20pm	Maths carpet time
1:40pm	Free flow and Maths directed activities
2:20pm	Tidy up Time
2:30pm	Story time and prepare for end of the day
3:00pm	Home time

At the end of the day, you are able to access the school playground from 2:55pm and you will collect your child from outside our classroom doors.

Please let us know if someone different is coming to collect your child, if we are unsure they will remain at school until we can contact you and had confirmation.

Lunch Time

All children will be provided with a free school meal.

Please see sample menu on website.



If you do not want your child to have a free school meal please inform school in writing ASAP.

If you prefer you can send your child to school with a packed lunch each day. Remember we are a healthy school so try to keep lunches as healthy as possible.

Suggestions for a packed lunch:

- Clearly named packed lunch box
 - Sandwich/wrap
 - Yoghurt
 - Fruit
 - Crisps/biscuit
- Water or fruit juice- **NO FIZZY DRINKS**
- **NO SWEETS**



Any questions please ask. Remember not to give them too much food.

Children are also provided with a healthy snack every day. Snacks vary each day and include apples, pears, bananas, carrots and raisins. The children will be offered milk to drink or can use the water fountain in class to have a drink of water. We encourage the children to keep hydrated by drinking water from the water fountain so water bottles are not necessary.

The Foundation Stage Curriculum

In Reception, we follow the Foundation Stage Curriculum Guidelines and learn through play based learning. This is split into two main areas;

The Prime Areas:

Communication and Language Development

Physical Development

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The Specific Areas:

Literacy

Maths

Understanding the World

Expressive Arts and Design

When you join us in September, we will share more information about the curriculum we follow and how you can support your child further at home.

Sneak Peek... Our Early Years



Our wonderful adventure down the corridor to your lockers

Our Classrooms



Indoor Areas



Outdoor Areas

Parents as Partners



We understand the importance of having good partnerships between home and school as you play a key role being your child's first educators. We believe that engaging in and supporting the following will support your child's learning further in school.

Throughout the year there may be opportunities for you to come into school:

- Weekly Share a Book sessions
- Information Workshops – such as Read Write inc
 - Parent's Evenings
 - Parent Assemblies
- Occasions we may celebrate in class

To keep in touch with you; whether it is to send out important information or messages, we use an app called Class Dojo.



We also use this as our reward system so you can see and hear about how your child is doing in school.

And finally, Mrs. Hartwell or Miss Crabtree are on the playground every day before school. Please do not hesitate to see us if you have any questions or concerns.

Have a lovely summer and we look forward to meeting you in September!!