



FAQs for new Reception families

What does my child need to wear to school?

[See the uniform page of our website](#)



- **School uniform** and smart black shoes on normal school days **clearly named**
- **PE kit** with velcro trainers (no laces) on PE days and Wednesdays **clearly named**
 - Note that there will be 1-3 days per week when children will need to wear PE kits so they will need more than one set. This will change each term. This does also mean they will not need as much uniform.
 - In the Autumn term, Reception should wear PE kit every Wednesday.
- **A named waterproof coat**
 - This is needed every day as we go out in all weathers – even if it is hot in the morning, we know the weather can catch us out!
- **Weather appropriate clothing**
 - Hats, scarves and gloves in winter (all named)
 - Sun hat and sun cream (roll on is easiest) in summer



What does my child need to bring into school each day?

Bookbag



- These can be purchased from Kids Essentials or DecoSchool Wear (See uniform section of the school website for details).
- No back pack style bags as we do not have room in school for these and books get squashed in them.
- All of the book bags look identical so to help your child to find theirs you could put an easily recognisable key ring on it.

Water bottle



- Containing water only.
- To be carried into school in hands or in a water bottle carrier (not in book bag to prevent spillages on books)
- No glass bottles.
- Please choose a bottle with a straw or sports cap

[All items can be purchased from Deco School Wear](#)



Do I need to provide a snack?

- Children are provided with a choice of fresh fruit from range of free fruit every day.
- We encourage you not to send your own snack. Most children enjoy the free fruit provided. However, if the teacher notices your child regularly declines the fruit, we will speak to you about providing a healthy nut-free snack.
- Every child in Reception will be offered milk each day during the first term. You will be contacted before January with new arrangements for the Spring term.



School website with information
about snacks and lunch menu

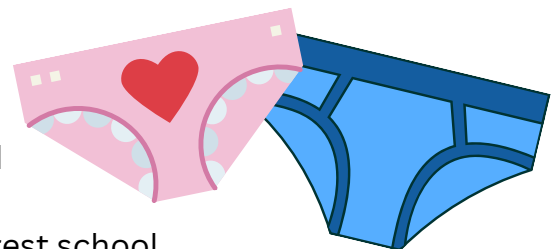


What happens at lunchtime?

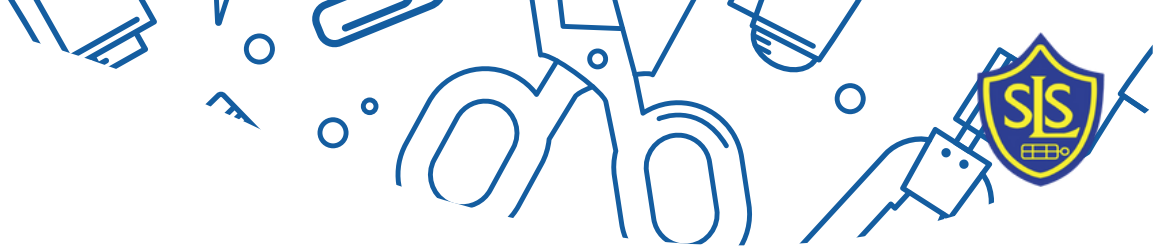
- The government provides free school lunches for all infant children.
- Children will be helped to choose their lunch in morning registration. There is a three week rolling menu available on the school's website.
- Our menu is child friendly and there is always an option of jacket potatoes or sandwiches
- At lunchtimes our team of supervisors are around to check the children have everything they need. If required, adults will help them to cut up their food. They will be taught and encouraged to use cutlery. As your child's confidence grows they will become more independent at this, but support is available from lunchtime staff. If your child is not eating or is having problems at lunchtime the lunchtime staff will tell the class teachers and you will be told.
- If you are worried that your child might not eat the school dinners, it is worth giving them a try. Children will often eat things with their friends that they wouldn't necessarily eat at home. However, they can bring a lunchbox if you prefer. They need to be clearly named and their class written on. Everything in it needs to be nut free and healthy.

Do I need to provide anything else?

- Please send a spare pair of underwear in a clearly named plastic bag to be kept on your child's peg.
- A named waterproof all-in-one and named wellies for forest school
- If you wish you could send:
 - A spare set of named uniform to be kept in a plastic bag on your child's peg in case of toileting accidents or a change needed due to messy play activities (a very important part of our curriculum!)
 - A spare pair of named wellington boots to keep at school.
 - A waterproof all-in-one for forest school.



We do have spare clothes, wellies and all-in-ones
at school but some children prefer their own.



What are the timings of the school day?

- The timings of each session over the transition period are on the letter already sent to you.
- **From Wednesday 10th September 2024** Reception will follow the whole school times:
 - drop off between **8:40am** and **8:45am**
 - collect at **3:15pm**

How do I access to the school?

- At the start and end of the day, you can enter the school site from entrances on Heath Road South, Bunbury Road or Innage Road. If you drive, please park considerately and safely.
- If you need to drop off or pick up your child at any other time, the only access to the school site is the main entrance on Bunbury Road.

How do I drop off my child?

- We will show you the door to your child's classroom when you come for your stay and play.
- You and your child will come to this door at the start of the school day each day.
- You must ensure that your child enters the school building safely. Please do not wave them off from outside of the playground or from a distance where you cannot see they have definitely gone inside.
- Each child will take their own time to get used to school and we know that transitions can be tricky. We are there to help and support you and your child. However, we encourage parents to say their goodbyes as swiftly as they can. This may seem difficult but we always find that the children will transition more smoothly if they separate from their grown up more quickly. We will always try to call you to let you know that your child has settled, if their transition has been very difficult.

How do I collect my child?

- At the end of the school day we will bring the children out to you. You will wait on the main playground.
- Please stand back around the edge of the playground so that we can see every adult clearly. Please don't crowd forward as it makes it very difficult for staff and children to see clearly.
- Children can only be collected by someone over 18. We will have a list of which adults will be able to collect your child. We will only release children to these named adults. We will send your child to you when we have spotted you (it helps if you wave to us when your child is at the front of the line!). If you need your child to be collected by somebody other than the named adults, please let us know in advance.
- This is a very slow process to start with but it is necessary to keep everyone safe. Staff have a lot of new faces to learn so please be patient with us.

Hopefully, this has answered most of the key questions to help you prepare for September. You will receive further information in weekly newsletters once your child starts school.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to ask us!
There is also a lot of useful information on the school's website.

