



Starting School Checklist

During the new families' induction evening - Tuesday 2nd June, 17.00 -18.30:

- You shall receive a pack from you child's class teacher today with lots of useful information to support your child's transition to school. Importantly, there will also be a slip in their detailing if your child is in Group 1 or Group 2. Please make note of this as this will impact the time of your Play and Stay session (see below) and the date of your child's first day at school in September.
- During the classroom session of the induction evening, please sign up for a Welcome to School session for either Thursday 3rd or Friday 4th September.
- These 45-minute sessions will run from 10.00, 11.00, 13.00 and 14.00.

Play and Stay session - Wednesday 1st July, 9.30 – 10.15 or 10.15 – 11.00:

- Children with one accompanying adult should enter through the front of the school (Lyefield Road East) and find their coloured classroom door. There is no need for your child to wear school uniform.
- Return the completed 'All about me' form provided in the Parent Handbook to the class teacher today!

Attend your Welcome to School session on either Thursday 3rd or Friday 4th September:

- This will be a time for your child and a maximum of two accompanying adults (who should be your child's primary carers) to join their new class Teacher/s in their classroom.
- On the morning of your Welcome to School session, please come to your child's coloured classroom door on the front playground via Lyefield Road East. You will be met by your child's class Teacher/s and Teaching Partners.
- We request that your child wears school uniform for their session as this helps them to feel that they 'belong' to their new school.

Day One at school in September – Monday 7th or Tuesday 8th, 8:45-13:00:

- Arrive on the correct day/s for your child's group, either Group 1 or Group 2.
- Arrive at your child's coloured classroom door from 8.45 ready to start school at 8.50.
- Your child should wear named school uniform (see parent handbook for more information about uniform).
- Bring a named book bag with the school logo on it.
- Bring in your child's treasure box (see letter from class Teacher).
- Bring one manageable piece of fruit or vegetable for a snack in a small named container (no crisps, sweets, biscuits etc.) Some families choose to write their child's name on the fruit skin.
- Bring a named water bottle, it must be brought every Monday and will be returned to you every Friday (this will be rinsed and refilled daily by school staff).
- Ensure your child has a coat if overcast/wet or a hat and is wearing sun screen if warm/sunny.
- Collect your child from their coloured classroom door at 13.00.

Parent workshops – Wednesday 9th September (Reading) and Thursday 10th September (Maths) – both at 12.15 – 12.45

- You will have the opportunity to come into school, while your children are having their lunch, to learn about how your children will be learning to read, write and develop their mastery of mathematics.
- These are important to attend as they provide key information and advice on teaching and learning for phonics, reading and developing a sense of number. This will also provide you with important information and resources to help you to support your child's learning at home.

Remember:

- Uniform and book bags can be ordered from Monkhouse – High St, Cheltenham.
- Your child will eat lunch at school, and they are entitled to a free school lunch. However, your child may bring in a packed lunch if you would prefer. PLEASE note that we are a nut free school and request that children are provided with a healthy lunch (i.e. no chocolate, sweets etc., as these will be returned home).