

Reception September 2020

Information for Parents/Carers



Reception classes

Class RM	Year Leader, Miss Hannah Matthews with Teaching Assistant Mrs Mirza
Class RS	Class Teacher, Miss Katie Snowden with Teaching Assistant Miss Yellop
Class RK	Class Teacher, Ms Caroline Keigan with Teaching Assistant Miss O'Keefe

Typical school day

08:50	The Reception doors are opened and teachers welcome the children in.
09.00	Registration
09:00	Doors are closed. Should your child be late, you must enter via Main Reception and sign your child in.
11. 30	Lunchtime begins. The Reception children go straight into the main lunch hall with their teacher.
15:15	School finishes for Early Years. Please wait outside the allotted exit for your child's class. The teacher will ensure that an adult has arrived to collect your child before releasing them. Please inform the School Office if your child is to be collected by a different adult than usual.

Uniform

Here at Priory School, we encourage the wearing of school uniform in order to establish a high and neat standard of dress and for easy recognition of the children in out-of-school activities. We want the children to feel proud of attending the school. The school colour is green.

Our uniform supplier is School Days Direct located opposite Sainsburys on the Bath Road in Taplow. Their full address is 652 Bath Rd, Taplow, Maidenhead. SL6 0NZ. Their telephone number: 01628 665353

The uniform is as follows:

Boys

- Grey or black trousers
- White or grey shirts
- White or green polo shirts preferably with school logo
- Green jumpers or school sweatshirts

Girls

- Black or grey skirts (no shorter than knee length)
- Black or grey trousers
- White blouses or white or green polo shirts preferably with school logo
- Green cardigans or jumpers or school sweatshirts
- Grey, white, green or black socks
- Grey, white, black, green or natural tights
- In the summer girls may wear a green and white checked cotton dress of any design or style
- It is not appropriate to wear make-up, nail varnish or false nails

Boys and Girls

- In summer boys and girls may wear black or grey knee length shorts
- Religious headwear should be grey, green, black or white.

Please provide your child with spare clothes and a water bottle, and ensure everything is named, including uniform and PE kit.

PE

At Priory School, PE, Sport and physical activity is at the heart of the school. We are affiliated to the Slough School Sport Network and have previously received four School Games Gold Kite Marks. In 2017 we were named Berkshire's most active primary school. During the day all students take part in the Daily Mile, as well as Active Movement. Students are kept active on the playground with structured activities, sports and use of the new outdoor gym.

- PE kits include – a white t-shirt/black shorts/skort or black tracksuit bottoms or leggings
- No jewellery should be worn during PE/sport activities. Long hair must be tied back.

Please apply sun cream on your child in summer before school.

School Meals

Children in Early Years are provided with a free of charge hot meal of their choice, menus are available on our website. Please ensure this is ordered in advance of the day on ParentPay. (Login and password details will be provided to you before your child starts). The children have access to fruit and water throughout the day, which is provided by the 'Free Fruit for Schools Scheme'.

Parents of children in Reception are invited to join their child on their birthday (please contact Libby Lewis the Catering Manager to arrange this).

We also hold a coffee morning every Thursday where parents are welcome to come and sample some of our homemade cakes and biscuits and ask any questions you might have about the kitchen and the food we produce.

Activities during the holidays

Please see below a list of suggested activities that you could do with your child during the summer, to help prepare them for starting school:

- Encourage your child to write or recognise their name independently.
- Encourage your child to count objects and recognise some numerals.
- Ask your child to name colours around the environment.
- Help your child to recognise different shapes in their environment.
- Share picture books (read to your child) and talk about what is happening.
- Sing nursery rhymes and use actions.
- Use a pencil to mark make. Try to encourage the correct pencil grip.
- Do arts and crafts with your child. Use paint, scissors and glue to support fine motor skills.
- Encourage your child to dress and undress themselves as independently as possible. This might be putting their own shoes and socks on, or putting on a top.
- Allow your child to practice cutting up soft food independently. This is a big focus of Reception.