

# Starting *Reception.*

Everything you and your little one need to know for a happy first term with us.

a little hello

## Hello from the Reception team

Welcome to Laxey School, and a very special welcome to our Reception class. This little guide is here to help you find your feet — a friendly run-through of how the day works, what to pack, and the small practical things that make a big difference in the first few weeks.

We are genuinely excited for the year ahead and can't wait to get to know your children. They'll do brilliantly — and we'll be right alongside them every step of the way.

— with warmest wishes, the Reception team

The shape of the  
school day

DOORS OPEN

8:50am

HOME TIME

3:20pm

### 01 Drop off & pick up

In the morning, please bring your child to the school gate when the bell rings — the Reception team will be there to greet them and bring them in.

To help with the transition, we ask that children come in independently — it really does help them settle quickly.

If anything changes about who is collecting your child, please phone the office and we'll make sure the team knows.

### 02 Uniform

**Please label everything!** Jumpers especially have a habit of going walkabout.

PE bags will be sent home at the end of each half term so kits can be washed and returned for the new term.

# Day-to-day, *made simple.*

## 03 Spare clothes

Accidents happen! Please pop a change of clothes, underwear and socks into your child's bag, along with a small plastic bag we can use to send dirty clothes home in.

## 04 Snack & water

At playtime, children can bring a healthy snack — fruit, veg or something similar works perfectly.

Please send a **labelled water bottle** in every day.

## 05 Reading together

Once your child has settled in, we'll send home a reading diary and books. We'd love it if you could share these together — a quick signature or comment when you've finished a book lets us know they're ready for a new one. A keyring on your child's book bag is a brilliant way to help them spot it!

## 06 Dinners & medication

For school dinner enquiries, please contact the office.

If your child needs medicine during the day, a short form needs to be filled in and signed at the office — we'll take care of it from there.

## 07 Tapestry

In Reception, we use an online platform called **Tapestry** to capture observations and "wow moments" from your child's learning journey. You'll be able to view it at parents' evening, and we'll send home a full Learning Journey at the end of the year.

## 08 And finally...

Every great big adventure starts with the very first day — and we genuinely can't wait to share that day with you and your little one.

## 09 Any questions at all?

No question is too small. The Reception team is around at the end of each day — please come and find us. You can also phone the office and we'll get straight back to you.

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