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Dear parents/carers,

Ahead of September we are hoping this letter will provide you with the relevant information needed to help you to prepare and feel organised for the start of the year.

If your child is a ‘New to Ashbury’ pupil you should have been sent a letter notifying them of their class teacher. Pupils who currently attend our nursery and are moving up into our Reception the following applies; Mrs Roches class are going to Mrs – Millington – Stubbs and Mrs Vaughan/Brewster’s class will be going into Miss Woodcocks class.

**Start date:** As per our school calendar, after summer children will return to school on Tuesday 2nd of September **unless you have been advised otherwise**. Admission needs to be at a pace suitable to the individual child and so we hope you will work with us on this if it has been stated that your child should start on a gradual admission.

**Drop off and pick up**: Gates open at 8:40 and collection is at 3:10 for EYFS. Please pick up and drop off via the Myrtle street entrance as seen below.

**Lunches:** Children in Reception get school meals free, however, if you would prefer to send your child/children in with a packed lunch please do so but we are a strictly no nuts school and please ensure their lunch box is labelled.

**Clothing:** All children should come to school in school uniform, however this does not have to be our school logo clothing. Official school uniform can be purchased from [www.goodies.co.uk](http://www.goodies.co.uk) but dark navy sweaters can be purchased from most local supermarkets alongside other uniform. If your child has the occasional toileting accident we would recommend that you dress them in bottoms that are easy for them to manage when using the toilet. In Reception, P.E. will now take place on a Friday with City in the community and so we ask that children please be sent in with appropriate footwear – trainers, on this day.

**Breakfast club:** If you would like to apply for a place for your child to attend Breakfast club this is done through the school gateway app – which can be downloaded. If you would like your child to have daily milk, this also needs to be registered for through [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com) ad this is free for under 5’s, but over 5’s this is £18 per term.

**Homework:** All children will have a homework folder which will come home every Friday this will contain phonics and either a maths or other area of learning – focussed homework. Once settled into school they will also be issued with an **onlin**e reading practise book which will be changed each Friday on [www.collinshub.co.uk](http://www.collinshub.co.uk). Log in details for this will be given out in September and can be found in the front of their reading record book. In addition to this book we also send home a book for enjoyment, this is a book that you as the adult can read with them at home time. We ask that homework bags are returned back to school by a **Wednesday** as this allows us the time to mark and reset.

**School website and parent information:** Each week, the school office sends out the weekly newsletter, this will inform you of important dates, certificates and other relevant information. Each half term, class teachers update the class page on the school website this will give you useful information about what your child is learning and other provide relevant information as well as photos . Please check this regularly on [www.ashburymeadow.co.uk](http://www.ashburymeadow.co.uk). We also use Tapestry the online learning journal to document some of your child’s learning moments. This can be accessed by going to [www.tapestry.com](http://www.tapestry.com) or downloading the app, again you will receive log in details for this if you don’t have them already. We will also provide workshops throughout the year to give you guidance on how best to support your child’s learning alongside parents evenings.

**Expectations: LABEL EVERYTHING** All children should come to class with a labelled bag containing a spare set of clothes. They should also be sent into school with a labelled water bottle. All school jumpers and cardigans should also be labelled. All pupils in Reception should be toilet trained and it’s amazing if they have had some practise with writing their name.

We do hope you have a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing you in the new academic year!

Yours’s sincerely,

Mrs Millington – Stubbs

Early Years Lead and Reception class teacher