



Welcome to Reception
Mickle Trafford Village School



Dear Parents,

A warm welcome to Mickle Trafford Village School. I hope you've all had a lovely summer. It was a pleasure meeting you and your children during our stay and play sessions and home visits. I'm really looking forward to supporting them as they start their school journey.

In the first few weeks, our focus is on helping the children settle in and learn the routines of the school day. To encourage independence, please say goodbye at the Reception door and let your child walk into the classroom by themselves. Staff will be ready to greet and help them find their peg and put away their things. However, if your child is feeling anxious, you are welcome to come in and help them settle.

At the end of the day, children will be dismissed from the Reception door. Please wait under the canopy where staff can see you. If you are late, contact the school office and we will keep your child safe inside. If someone else is collecting your child, please let us know in advance.

Children should bring a named water bottle filled with water daily. Fruit snacks are provided, but you may also send a named snack if your child is selective. We are a nut-free school. We will have snack all together on the carpet as the children develop conversational skills. We will also begin 'Café Snack' on a Monday morning, where children can access fruit independently, developing independence and learning skills like setting the table, chopping fruit and washing up.



Children receive free milk until they are 5. If your child doesn't drink milk or has an allergy, you may send an alternative like oat or soy milk. We will remind children to have a drink of water if needed.



Phonics sessions start the week beginning 14th September. Children will



begin learning individual letter sounds. They will soon bring home a reading diary, phonics booklet and a book to share at home. Please ensure reading diaries are in bags on Thursdays for book changing on Fridays. Phonics books will come home just before the October half term. We will also hold a Phonics and Reading evening for parents; more information to follow. Our first Parents' Evening will be after October half term.

PE begins the week of 21st September and takes place on Tuesday afternoons. Children need a named PE kit in a small drawstring bag. We'll start by removing just shoes, socks and jumpers and gradually build independence. Please practice dressing skills at home. Below is a reminder of our school PE kit.



PE Kit

We all wear navy shorts and a blue school T-shirt (trainers/pumps/football boots depending on the activity).
In the winter we wear navy blue tracksuits
Earrings and watches should be removed for PE



In addition to the children participating in PE on a Tuesday afternoon, the children will also start 'Balance Bike' sessions on a Friday morning. Please ensure your child wears trainers on this day and long hair is tied back in a low bobble in order for a bike helmet to fit on their head.

As well as bringing to school a water bottle and book bag, children need a waterproof coat and wellies in school daily. We go outside in all weather. Please also send spare socks and underwear in book bags just in case. Please label all belongings clearly to avoid distress.

Photos of other children should not be shared on social media. Please keep parent group chats polite, secure and respectful. You should have received your Tapestry login by email. Let us know if there are any issues. You can also request an additional email contact to be added. Talk to your child about their school day and celebrate their achievements. We'd love to hear about anything exciting they've done at home—these can be shared on Tapestry or brought into school.



Full-time school can be tiring, and children may feel emotional. If any issues persist, please get in touch; we're here to help. Our goal is to ensure all children are happy, confident and well-settled in Reception.

For non-urgent communication, you can contact us via the class email: reception@mickletrafford.cheshire.sch.uk.

We are excited to get to know you all and look forward to a fantastic year ahead!

Best wishes,
Miss Montgomery & the EYFS Team