



# New Reception Parents Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> June 2026

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Welcome to Etchells!

## Aims:

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- Information regarding our [transition visits](#) over the next few weeks
- Information regarding our [induction timetable](#) for the first few weeks in September
- Guidance for **how you can prepare your child for starting school**
- Opportunity to look around classrooms and outdoor areas
- Ask any questions

# RECEPTION TRANSITION VISITS

## New to Etchells Reception only

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Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July – 9.30-10.30am

- **New children and parents to arrive at our EYFS gate at 9.30am**
- **Parents to stay please** - our chance to meet you personally
- Opportunity for you and your child to become familiar with teachers and EYFS areas
- Please **let us know any important information** and **if your child already knows a friend** who will also be starting Etchells

# Current Nursery Children Moving to Reception

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- Our current nursery children are already very familiar with us and visit reception every week
- They will do transition visits at another time as part of their normal days



# All About Me

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**ETCHELLS**  
Primary School

**All About Me As  
I Join Reception**



Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Known As \_\_\_\_\_

# Is your child ready for school?

Are they able to:

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- \* Separate happily from parent/carer
- \* Use toilet independently and wipe for both!
- \* Put on & take off their coat and jumpers/cardigans (without it turning inside out – pull from the sleeves!)
- \* Take off & put on socks & shoes/wellies (on the right feet)
- \* Recognise their name – to find their drawer and peg
- \* Use a knife and fork to eat (not a spoon)
- \* Wipe/blow own nose
- \* Take turns and share with other children

Obviously we are here to help!











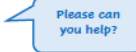














Please practise over the Summer



# Very useful handout in your pack!



## Getting Ready for Reception

<b>Bedtime</b>	I can brush my teeth.  <i>... with help</i>	I can listen to a story. 	I can go to sleep early. 			
<b>Look after myself</b>	I can go to the toilet & wash my hands. 	I can try lots of different foods. 	I can use a knife and fork. 	I can wipe my nose. Put the tissue in the bin. 	I can put on my coat and zip it up. 	I can put on my socks and shoes. 
<b>Listen &amp; talk</b>	I can follow an instruction.  Put your coat on.	I can ask for help.  Please can you help?	I can join in with rhymes and songs. 	I can look at a book and talk about a it. 	I can talk about what I see. 	I can say how I am feeling. 
<b>Play and make friends</b>	I can choose a toy to play with. 	I can tidy away my toys. 	I can play with other children. 	I can share with other children. 	I can take turns. 	
<b>Ready to learn</b>	I can walk to school. 	I can talk about my model. 	I can hold a pencil and draw myself. 	I can write my name. name 	I can sort and match things. 	I can count five things. 5

## How you can help your child get ready for Reception:



### Talk with your child.

Have lots of conversations throughout the day.  
\* Remember: dummies delay children's speech.




### Support your child to get into a **regular routine**.

For example: getting up, meal times and bedtime  
(NHS recommends at least 11-12 hours sleep).



### Limit screen time [television and ipads]

The less time your child spends on a device the better.



### Share, read and talk about **books** with your child.

Support them to hold the book themselves & turn the pages carefully. Encourage them to talk about the book. Try visiting your local library.



### **Move** and have fun outside.

For example: play in the park, ride a balance bike and ball games  
(NHS recommends at least 3 hours a day of physical activity).



### Spend time together **out and about** in your local community.



### Plan for your child to **play** with **other children**.

# Those crucial first days in September

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- We try to get the children into school as soon as possible but we strongly believe this needs to be done gently!
- It's a big step for most children, even those who have been to pre-school full time
- \* Some children are confident to bounce into school on day one, however, there are some who benefit from being introduced to school in smaller numbers

# Induction timetable

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- Monday 31 August – Bank Holiday
- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September – INSET – Staff only
- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> – 1 hour groups visits **with parents**
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> – 1 hour groups visits **without parents**
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> – Half day – Current Nursery am/New to Etchells pm
  
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> – Half day –New to Etchells am/Current Nursery pm
- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> – Everyone in short day with lunch – 8.45am-12.30pm
- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> – Everyone full time (IF THEY ARE READY!)

**You will receive an invitation with your child's times on**

# 2 Reception Classes

- Children will be split into 2 classes for registration and for their allocated teacher
  - These are flexible initially and will be set by the end of September
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# Structure of the Day

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- All children come into reception building
- Register in their classroom
- Phonics session
- Adult led activities/Continuous provision
- Lunch
- Outdoor session in EYFS play area
- Mathematics
- Adult led activities/Continuous provision
- Story
- Home time



# Other Activities

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- Forest School – Tuesday mornings – alternate half terms (Starting with Mrs Macfarlane's class)
- PE – days to be confirmed
- Early Years Assembly on Friday – present certificates
- Whole school Star of the Week assembly - Fridays

# School Uniform

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- Blue jumper/cardigan
- **Leggings/joggers (recommended initially)**
- Tights & skirt/trousers (only when they can manage themselves)
- White polo shirt
- Black **VELCRO** school shoes **(No laces please)**



**EVERYTHING NAMED PLEASE!**

Samples available this evening to see sizes and prices, available to order from school office before end of term

# PE and Forest School Uniform

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## PE - Days – TBC

- Black joggers/leggings
- White T-shirt
- School jumper/cardigan
- **VELCRO** Trainers and socks (no tights **OR LACES** please)

## Forest School

- Need to come to school wearing wellies and waterproofs
- Bring school shoes to change into

**EVERYTHING NAMED PLEASE!**

# What does every child need?

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- Book bag from the school office (No big bags please)
- We recommend **ONE** keyring attached to book bag for recognition
- Spare clothes & underwear (not uniform) to leave in named bag on peg
- Plastic **water** bottles for classroom

# School Dinners

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- **Reception children are entitled to a free school meal**
- There are usually meat, Halal, vegetarian and jacket potato options
- Children choose their meal **at home with you** using SchoolGrid (Details and login will be provided)
- **Please ensure that you order their meal the day before** or they may not receive the meal they want
- You can choose for the week or whole half term
- This will ensure your child receives the meal of their choice, including any dietary requirements and allergies

# Packed Lunches

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- If you prefer to provide a packed lunch from home, lunch boxes can be stored under the children's coat pegs
- NOT REFRIGERATED – so please NO dairy/meat products that are likely to 'go off'
- We encourage **HEALTHY EATING**
- No hard sweets or lollies please
- Please don't send new/unfamiliar foods at first
- Not too much food, can be overwhelming
- Please practise opening/closing lunch boxes and flasks
- Any uneaten food will be returned home

We have several children and staff who are severely allergic to nuts.

- PLEASE DO NOT SEND IN ANY PRODUCTS CONTAINING NUTS IN PACKED LUNCHES
- Birthday treats – we are a 'Healthy School' so our parent council have requested that no cakes or sweets are brought in for birthdays please



# Open Snack Bar

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- Healthy snacks – fruit, vegetables and a drink of water
- All children to bring a **water** bottle each day – named please
- Bananas, apples, satsumas available ...there's always a variety
- Children can bring their own fruit or veg if preferred



# Start of the school day

Gates open – 8.35am

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- **8.45am Children enter school and doors close**
- Once the children have come into school, they are then *our priority and we may not be available to talk to you*
- **We encourage independence!**
- We ask confident children to come in first. The children can become frightened if too many adults come in with children and so *we respectfully ask you to leave your child at the door.* **Please don't come into the cloakroom**
- Then if needed, those who need help can be brought in, in small groups supported by staff, until they gain the confidence to do so themselves
- We suggest that if your child is reluctant, to hold back or arrive a little later and wait until we can give them the adult attention that they need to reassure them

# Contacting us – 0161 437 1792

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- \* Telephone the school office/leave a message – we can call you back if we are unable to talk to you immediately.
- \* Or we can arrange a mutually convenient time.

# End of the school day

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- The school day ends at **3:15pm**
- **We try to let out just before the rest of school (3.10pm), please collect your youngest child first before collecting siblings.**
- Please arrive promptly, it can be very upsetting for young children to be collected late.
- Please contact us if you are running late. We can then reassure your child.
- We offer after school provision – information in your pack

Busy Bees Club



[busybeesclub@etchells.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:busybeesclub@etchells.stockport.sch.uk), please email any queries that you have.

# Absence

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- If your child is unwell please telephone school on the first day of absence
- Attendance is a high priority for safeguarding
- We will make welfare checks if we don't know why your child is not at school
- EWO (Education Welfare Officer) regularly checks attendance

# Medicine and allergies

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- \* Please inform us of any medical conditions or allergies, especially if these change throughout the year
- Asthma Inhalers are kept in the classrooms, but other medication needs to be signed in to a member of staff and a medicine form completed
- We can also administer Calpol or Antihistamine, as long as we have a signed consent form
- Medicines are administered by a first aider
- Any medical information regarding your child may be shared if necessary with our school nurse to ensure that we are fully meeting the needs of your child
- Full information can be found in our first aid policy on our website

# Keeping you up to date

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- Our school website has lots of general information, holiday dates and upcoming events
- Class dojo (please do not use for important messages)
- School website class pages
- Facebook/Instagram
- Newsletters
- Mid term report / End of year report
- Parents Evenings/ Mid term reviews

# Please join us...Everyone Welcome!

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- Etchells Summer Fair – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 5-7pm
- Open Evening - Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July – 3.30-5.30pm – come and look around the whole school and meet our staff team

Everyone invited!

Any questions, please feel free to  
email:

General enquiries - School Office:  
[admin@etchells.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:admin@etchells.stockport.sch.uk)

Enquiries specific to Nursery or  
Reception - Mrs Revill at:  
[eyfs@etchells.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:eyfs@etchells.stockport.sch.uk)

Thank you for coming!

We will now show you around our school...