

Being Independent

Children learn to look after their belongings and take responsibility for them but initially will need your support to remember what their things look like and what they need. You can help them by getting them to gather and carry their own belongings and putting on their own coat and shoes.

At school, your child will be encouraged to become an independent learner. Our planning is led by our children. We always endeavour to 'hook them in' with anything they are curious about.



Separating from Carers

The settling period can be tricky for some children. Help your child by reassuring them that you will be back to pick them up soon. It helps if you drop them off quickly and don't hang around. They will get into the routine quickly if this pattern of dropping off is consistent.

Supporting your child with settling into school.

As your child starts school there are lots of things you can do to support them.

If you have any questions or concerns then please contact us.

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Toileting

At School it would be helpful if your child is able to manage their own toileting and personal hygiene.

We will be there to help any child who needs support, but it is important that they are willing to have a go on their own.



Scissors and Pencils

Using pencils and scissors can be tricky for little hands and it requires lots of practise. In school we do lots of activities to strengthen gross and fine motor skills but there are lots of fun things you can do to help them as well. Why not play some games like Buckaroo and Operation?

Try threading activities, using tweezers (have a race, who can tweezer the most)



Eating

At school children will eat lunch with their friends and be supervised during this time. Free school meals prepared by our very own chef are available daily. If your child is having a hot dinner from school, please will you practice using a knife and fork whilst sitting at the table to eat.

If not, support them to open their own packets and eat tidily.

We are a nut free school. Please will you make sure you check and sign our medical and allergy form and make sure we are aware of any medical or food allergies.

What Your Child Will Need

- School Uniform - Available at 'Cross Embroidery'
- Pe-Kit - white t-shirt, navy shorts, navy tracksuit, plimsols and trainers.
- Forest School Clothes - On the days that your child has Forest School, they will come into school in their Forest School clothes.
- In the winter they will need lots of warm layers and wellies (waterproofs are provided for Forest School).
- In the summer they will need thin, long sleeved tops, **suncream and sun hats.** (During the summer months children will need sunhat and suncream everyday at school.) Spare clothes in case they get very muddy!
- Spare Clothes! - Please provide your child with a bag of spare clothes to keep at school.



Reading

Share books

with your child every day! Encourage a love

of stories and how to look after their books. Ask them questions about the stories and join in with repeated phrases. We are a Read Write Inc school. This is how we learn to read and write. We start exposing the children to our sounds and pictures from Ladybirds (2yr olds+)

Counting.

Being able to count is a fundamental skill. Help your child develop a love of numbers by counting everyday objects such as steps, stairs and

Positive Attitudes Towards Learning With Others.

Your child will interact with lots of other children at school in lots of different situations.

We will do lots of work around sharing, empathy, co-operation and taking turns.

All children and adults will be expected to have respect for each other, their learning environment and resources.

