



## Blackbrook School

Aspiration Fairness Kindness Responsibility Teamwork

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### Welcome to Reception Class!

Dear Parents,

We are delighted to welcome you to Reception Class at Blackbrook School. We very much look forward to working with our new families and our existing Blackbrook families. Please do let us know if you have any concerns or questions about your child's start to school and indeed if your family has any special news to share. If you needed to chat about anything please may we ask you to make an appointment after school. It works better to arrange an after-school meeting than one first thing when we are busy seeing everybody in.

Please find below some information about the systems and routines we use in Reception Class which we hope will be helpful.

#### Water Bottles

Where at all possible we would ask you to put water in their water bottles. Thank you for popping them on the trolley at the start of the day.

#### Milk

We are encouraging the children to drink the milk that is supplied. Some children are really enjoying this but others need a little more encouragement. You may wish to check in with your child about this and let us know if your plans change.

#### Snack

We encourage either fruit, veg or a cereal bar as we only have a small window of time when the children eat their snack each morning. Named snacks need to be put in the purple basket which will be next to or on the trolley at the start of the day. Please note **we are a nut-free school** so all snacks and lunches need to be nut free.

#### Red book bags

Please may we encourage your child to have their red book bag in school each day. In a while we will be sending home a learning pack and a blue reading folder. The blue reading folder needs to come back and forth to school but the learning pack can stay at home. Sadly, we are going to have to say **please**

**could back packs stay at home** because we have very limited space unless you have a prior arrangement with a member of staff. Many thanks.

### **Wellies and Coats**

As we head long into the Autumn term please could you ensure your child has a coat in school every day for the very changeable weather. If at all possible please could you also provide a pair of wellies to be kept in school so they can access the field on rainy days. Let us know if you aren't able to source any we do have a few spare pairs.

### **Naming belongings.**

**Please do name everything from snack pots to wellies so we can get them back to you.** It is surprising just how many belongings are left behind at school! Please check out our uniform policy on our website for guidance about uniform too.

### **PE**

Our PE day this term is **Monday**. We welcome PE kits to be kept in school for a half term then we will send them home at the end of term. Black leggings/ jogging bottoms can be included for colder weather spells. Please do practise using buttons, fastenings and zips at home to aid with dressing and undressing.

### **Lunch boxes**

Please can they be placed on the trolley in the mornings and snacks taken out and put in the purple basket.

We hope the above information is useful; we are so enjoying working with your children. It already feels like we have been back at school for weeks! We feel very privileged to be sharing in your child's learning journey at the very start of their school career. Please do contact us if you need us.

Best Wishes,

Miss. Bowles, Mrs. Green and Mrs. Burkinshaw

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