



Blackbrook School

Aspiration Fairness Kindness Responsibility Teamwork

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A Warm Welcome

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Blackbrook Community Primary School and to Reception! The children have had a super first few days at school and are beginning to feel more confident in their new class.

As we are starting to settle into our new routine, we thought it might be useful to send a few reminders.

Book bag: All children should have a red book bag which they bring to school with them every day. Letters, reading books and sharing books will be put in the book bags so please check them every evening. Book bags and uniform can be purchased from the uniform shop on East Reach (www.swschoolwear.co.uk) or from www.myclothing.com. Please ensure all items of your child's uniform is named. Please refrain from sending your child in with a rucksack as there is very limited space in our cloakroom.

Water bottles and fruit: All children should have a named bottle containing water with them every day, please place them in the boxes on the trolley outside the classroom before school starts. The children are offered a free healthy fruit or vegetable snack every day. If you would prefer to provide your own healthy snack, please name your child's snack and place in the snack box outside on the trolley. One snack or one piece of fruit should suffice as morning break times are only 15 minutes.

Lunchboxes: We know most of you have signed up for the free school meals, however there may be a time you would rather provide a packed lunch. In this instance, please try to ensure it is a healthy lunchbox! We do not allow sweets or fizzy drinks and due to some allergies, we ask that no nuts are included in lunches. Lunchboxes are stored on the trolley and can be placed there before school starts.

PE kit and spare clothes: Please ensure children always have their named PE kit in school. It is handy for the children to have some spare clothes (including underwear and socks) in school in case of accidents; these can be kept in their PE bag. Any wet or soiled clothes will be put into a carrier bag and popped into the book bag so that they can be taken home discreetly – please remember to send in replacement spare clothes the next day. If your child is given school spare clothes (including underwear and socks), please wash them and return them to school as soon as you can.

Wellies: Your child will require a pair of wellies in school as we use the field at playtimes in all seasons. We will be going for a regular Welly Walks around the school grounds so please make sure your child has a pair of named wellies in school.

Coats: We do try to get outside whatever the weather even if it is just into our class outside area so please ensure your child always brings a named coat and appropriate clothing for cold/wet weather.

Home Learning: Over the upcoming weeks, your child will be coming home with a home learning pack. This is for your child to practise name writing and letter and number formation. We have now started Phonics so your child will be coming home with the sound learnt and a formation sheet to complete and keep at home. During the year, your child will also receive reading books and a reading record for regular reading at home.

Class Dojo and Tapestry: We use Class Dojo as a method of communication to keep you updated with what we have been busy doing in class, to inform you of any important information and reminders, and for 1:1 messaging. Tapestry is an online system that we use for recording your child's learning journey in the Early Years Foundation Stage.

Health/Illness: We hope that children will stay healthy but should they be ill with sickness/diarrhoea we are asking you to stick carefully to the 48hour rule (not to return to school until 48hours after the LAST bout of illness). We have been and will continue to emphasise the importance of hand washing and toilet flushing in order to prevent the spread of germs. Please could you encourage your children at home with this routine.

Thank you for your support and cooperation. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Best Wishes,

Miss Matthews

[Reception Teacher and EYFS Lead](#)