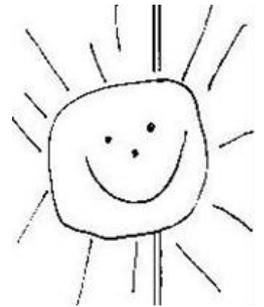


Welcome To



Christ Church Upper Armley
Primary School

Hand in hand we learn



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We are looking forward to your child starting at Christ Church and hope that it will be the beginning of a very happy partnership.

Starting school is a big step in your child's life and we hope to make the transfer from home to school a positive and enjoyable experience for everyone concerned.

This booklet will provide you with some information about our school which we hope will be helpful, and that you may like to use to allay any worries your child may have about his/her first days.





Entry Arrangements for New Pupils

I am sure you appreciate that at this time it has not been possible to finalise arrangements for new pupils starting school. We are keen to welcome our new families and begin getting to know you all, but are still waiting for guidance about welcoming more pupils to school in September. We will be in touch as soon as we are able to finalise plans. Thank you so much for your patience and understanding. However, it is likely that we will use the first week of the new term to plan short visits to the Reception class for a 'stay and play' session. These sessions will provide opportunities to visit the classroom setting and to become familiar with the adults who work in school. From the second week of the new term we will offer half day sessions for children to attend school and to build those crucial early relationships. It is anticipated that from the third week of the new term, fulltime school will be available. Of course, full details will be shared once we have more information.



School Uniform

When choosing school uniform, please remember your child will use paint, clay, glue and many other messy materials. Clothes need to be washable, sensible and comfortable. Sleeves need to be pulled up and down many times a day and cuffs with buttons are very difficult for most four year olds. An order form for school uniform is available on the school, website and can be obtained from the school office. Many clothing retail outlets offer excellent value for money on uniform items.

The children have access to aprons for creative work but if paint does get on clothes (and it usually does!) we advise you to soak them overnight in cold water.

The best classroom and richest cupboard is roofed only by the sky"

Margaret McMillan 1919

In Reception we play and learn inside and outside every day. To allow us to use the outside classroom in all weathers we

would like you to provide your child with **wellingtons** to be kept in school. The children will also need a suitably warm and waterproof jacket to wear outside. We would also ask that during the hot summer weather, children come to school with a **named sun hat** and that sun cream is applied before arriving at school. A spare set of clothing including underwear and socks can be kept in a bag on your child's peg for use when and if necessary.

**PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, NAME ALL SCHOOL
CLOTHING, INCLUDING COATS!**

Milk

All children are offered a carton of milk during the morning. If your child does not drink milk, please inform us. A small charge is made for milk following a child's 5th birthday. More information regarding this will follow in September. All children are encouraged to bring a small, named plastic water bottle which will be accessible throughout the day. We also offer a healthy snack of fruit each morning. Of course, if you would like to provide your own fruit or vegetable snack, you are welcome to do so, in a sealed named box.

Lunch

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in state-funded schools in England are eligible for free school meals. The government made this decision after a recommendation in the School Food Plan. However, children may bring a packed lunch to school if you would prefer. Their lunch boxes should be left in the cloakroom until lunchtime. Our school meals offer a well-balanced diet with fruit and a vegetarian or Halal choice. Please let us know if your child has a specific dietary requirement. Each day, you will be able to select the required meal choice, menus are available online so you can discuss the choices with your child.

Water

A named, plastic water bottle should be brought daily containing only water (no fruit juice please). We encourage the children to drink regularly throughout the day. If this is emptied, we will top it up regularly.

Family photographs

When children start school it really benefits them to have something familiar as a link to home. With this in mind, we ask for a photograph of them with their family which we can display in the classroom. Please send this into school on your child's first day. Thank you.

Most Importantly...

Children vary greatly in how well and how quickly they settle into new situations. We want to ensure a happy, secure and positive start to their school life. If you have any worries, no matter how small, please talk to one of the Reception Staff.

We look forward to getting to know you and your children in September.



Who's Who in Reception

Mrs N Myers - Assistant Headteacher

Mrs A Hardisty - Teaching Assistant

Miss K Birch - Teaching Assistant