

Starting at Rednal Hill Infant School in Reception



Parent Booklet

This booklet is designed to inform you and your child about joining our Reception Class



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Do parents stay in the classroom in the first week?



You are encouraged to bring your child into class on the first day. You can chat to the teacher and settle them in, however, our aim is to make your child independent and confident as soon as possible!

What if my child is crying or won't let go when I try to leave?



This is often more distressing for you than it is for your child. Our teachers will take control and once you have said goodbye it is best to leave. Your little one will be in very good hands and we promise to phone if they are very unsettled. The home visit session helps this so don't worry!

Would I be able to help in school?



Please talk to your class teacher about how you would like to help. We are always looking for parents to help within the rest of our school. You may fancy supporting one of our Forest School sessions!

What if I want someone else to pick my child up one day from school?



We just ask that you let the class teacher know in advance and provide a photo of that person beforehand as this will need to go in the contact folder. We cannot accept a verbal message from your child.

Where do I buy the uniform?

It can be purchased from Kids Essentials in Rubery.
We provide you with a FREE book bag on your home visit and this is used EVERY DAY to carry books and messages home.



What will my child need for Forest School?

Just a pair of wellies and some warm old clothes. We have a set of waterproofs for your child in school.



What will my child need for P.E?

P.E. T-shirts and green shorts can be ordered from Kids Essentials. Please can we ask you to ensure that everything is labelled as this is often the time when clothes get mixed up! P.E kits are kept in school and only sent home at the end of each half term to be washed. Please provide a named P.E. bag to keep it on your child's peg.



What will my child need for playtime?

There are many opportunities for your child to be outdoors as it is part of our Foundation curriculum to learn both indoors and outdoors. Therefore it is essential that they are suitably dressed for whatever the weather. We will embrace the seasons so snow boots, gloves, hats, scarves etc. are required during the colder months and sun hats, sun cream etc. during the warmer months.

Can I put sun cream in my child's bag?

You will need to apply this before coming to school. If you put sun cream in your child's bag they will have to apply it themselves and this can sometimes be a little tricky!



Do I need to provide a drink and snack?

No, we continue the good practice from Nursery and provide the children with a piece of fruit and drink each day. Milk will be provided **free** for your child until the term after their 5th birthday. We all sit together to talk and share our experiences - it's a very social event. Your child will not need their own water bottle as we are lucky enough to have water dispensers in school.

What about school dinners?

Your child is entitled to a free hot dinner and we encourage children when starting school to try these. It is amazing how many fussy eaters will try new things when sat with their friends and teachers!



Will my child be expected to eat all their dinner?

We will encourage your child to try a little of everything but none are ever forced to eat. Using a knife and fork is important, however there are always lunch time supervisors assigned to our children to support with cutting up those tricky foods!

How will I know if my child is eating enough?

We will inform you if we feel that your child is **not** eating enough so you can assume that if we don't mention it, then their tummies are being filled!

Where will I find the menu?

You will find the menu on our website. <http://www.rednalhill-inf.bham.sch.uk>
The menu is sent to parents with the newsletter so you can talk to your child about what they are having each day.

How can I pay?

School dinners are FREE!

Can my child have a packed lunch?

Yes, but you will need to write to us and inform us that you are opting out of their free dinner at the beginning of the term. Please remember to keep it as healthy as possible as we do not allow chocolate, sweets or fizzy drinks. We also kindly ask you to refrain from putting any nuts in the lunch box as we have children with allergies.

Will my child go to the toilet on their own?

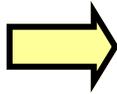
Your child will never be refused permission to go to the toilet and in the first few days it is made very clear to your child where to go and what is required. Before your child starts school please can you help your child to use the toilet properly. They will need to unfasten their own clothing, use the toilet paper, flush and wash hands afterwards-this is a great help!

How can I support my child at home?

Your child will bring home a book each night and we encourage you to share this with your child to continue the excellent practice that takes place in school. Please write in their reading diary as we also share this with your child. We will also introduce 'Phonic Sounds' and 'Key Words' for you to share at home with your child but we will discuss ways in which to support your child in our initial parents evening. When will my child's reading book be changed? Each classroom has a basket for your child to put their book bag in each morning. Once you have read with your child at home and signed their reading record book this will let us know they need a new book. Your child's class teacher will then change their book each time it is in the basket.



How can I find out what my child has been doing?



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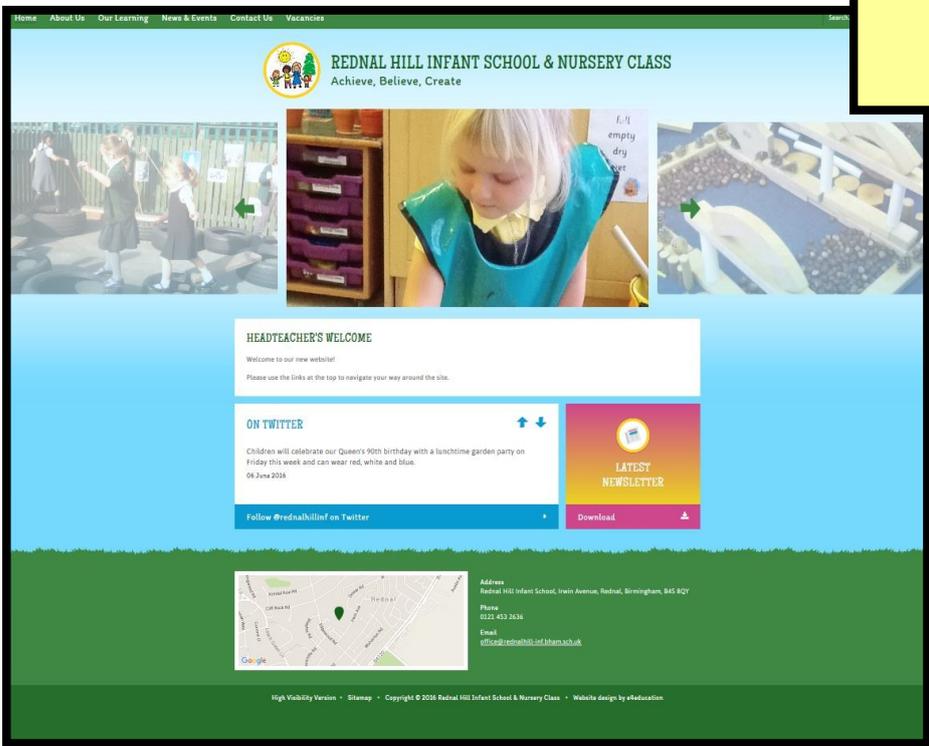
Assessments

Personal, Social and Emotional Development	22-36 months
Making Relationships	
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Personal, Social and Emotional Development	30-50 months
Self Confidence & Self Awareness	

You can keep in touch with your child's learning through our online learning journal 'Tapestry'. We encourage you to support us with collecting evidence of your child's achievements, such as a picture of riding a bike for the first time, swimming without armbands etc. we call these WOW moments!

We also have initial parent meetings in the first half term to discuss how your child is settling in. During this meeting your teacher will talk you through how we record your child's progress and how you can support us.

The weekly newsletter "The Rednal Rag" is on Tapestry every Friday. This gives information and dates you will need.



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HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME
Welcome to our new website!
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ON TWITTER
Children will celebrate our Queen's 90th birthday with a lunchtime garden party on Friday this week and can wear red, white and blue.
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Good Attendance means...

Being in school at least 95% of the time or 180-190 days



Did you know? A two week holiday in term time means that the highest attendance a child can achieve is 94.7%. This is below the government target of 96%.

We understand that children will at times become unwell, especially in their first year of school. If your child wakes up in the morning saying they feel unwell, we would encourage children to come to school even if they are a little under the weather. Please trust us to phone you if your child appears unwell in school and needs to go home.

If your child is suffering from an infectious illness, been vomiting or suffering from diarrhoea, they must stay off school for 48 hours from the last bout of illness.

Please make routine dental and medical appointments outside of the school day. However, if your child needs to attend an important appointment during the school day **please provide written evidence of the appointment.**