

Reception Frequently Asked Questions

What happens at lunch time and do children receive a hot meal?

All children in reception are entitled to a free school lunch. (this is different from free school meals - please speak to the School Office if you think you may be entitled to this). Special diets can be catered for, please speak to a member of staff. Hot school lunches are prepared off site and brought in. Menus will be circulated each year as they become available. Children have 25 minutes to eat their lunch in the hall and will be encouraged by lunchtime supervisors. If they can hold and use a knife and fork it would be beneficial. If children don't want a hot lunch they can bring in their own packed lunch from home. Please ensure your child's packed lunch box and any containers are clearly named. Uneaten food is returned so that you can see what your child has eaten. We are a healthy school and we ask that the contents of your child's packed lunch box reflects this. Chocolate and sweets are not allowed, however, on a Friday children can have one small chocolate/sweet item.

PLEASE ALL CHILDREN ARE REQUIRED TO BE REGISTERED FOR A DOLCE ACCOUNT AND PARENTS/CARERS ARE REQUIRED TO LOG INTO THIS ACCOUNT AND SELECT THE CHILD'S MEAL CHOICES IN ADVANCE.

Is there an adult to support my child if they have toileting issues?

Yes. Children should be encouraged to use the toilet independently however please speak to a member of staff if you have any concerns. If your child is not toilet trained please provide spare underwear, wipes and bags.

How often are the children outside?

We are outside everyday! Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. They must always bring a coat (living near the coast can be very unpredictable), have safe sensible footwear and sun cream should be applied before school on warm summer days.

Do they need to be able to put their own shoes, coat etc on?

No but it would be beneficial for your child's own self esteem and independence if they can do this independently or are at least having a go at trying themselves. This applies to changing for PE. It is really helpful if children can have a go especially as we have up to 30 children changing at one time.

When will my child receive a reading book?

We usually have a phonics/reading meeting at the beginning of the year. You will receive further information regarding this in September.

Do they receive a drink or snack?

Yes. We have a set snack time each day where the children sit with their friends and are offered milk (if entitled) and a piece of fruit. Children receive free milk until the term of their fifth birthday. From then on milk is paid for on a termly basis. You will be informed when payment is due. If your child does not wish to have milk then they will be offered water. Water is available but please bring a named water bottle daily.