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STARTING BIG SCHOOL

Having a child start Reception Class and attend 'Big School' can be quite stressful for the parents too! So here are the answers to some common questions you might have.

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WHAT HAPPENS IF MY CHILD CRIES?

This is really common as it is such a big step towards independence, so tears are not unusual even if there have not been any at Pre-School or Nursery.
We deal with each child individually and make sure we communicate with you as there may be specific reasons for the tears. Usually a quick hand-over at the entrance door is really helpful as we can distract them with activities. Try not to make the moment of saying goodbye prolonged as this can pull on the heart strings of the child. Attempt to focus the talk and emotions on the positive aspects of the day with maybe something to look forward to after school. If there are tears during the day we will kindly and gently talk to the child to find out the reason for their tears, give them comfort and lots of fun distracting activities.

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WHAT CAN I DO IF I HAVE LEFT MY CHILD CRYING?

We know this can feel really hard. Children normally settle very quickly, please trust that we would call you if your child was distressed for a long period of time. Please ask your teacher for an update on Tapestry if you need some piece of mind.

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IF MY CHILD IS HURT WILL I KNOW ABOUT IT?

Our policy is that any injuries are reported to the registered first aider and then first aid and a form will be completed. Your child will come home with a sticker to notify you of the minor injury. A phone call or a text message will be made if your child has received a more severe injury. Obviously, if any injury requires further treatment, you will be contacted immediately and the required medical procedures such as ringing 999 would be followed.

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MY CHILD SAYS THEY ARE ALONE AND HAS NO FRIENDS, WHAT DO YOU DO TO HELP?

Part of our role in school is to develop every child's personal and social skills, which includes how to make friends. No child would be left wandering alone. All the adults who take care of your child do so with compassion, respect and kindness.
Specific activities are set up for children to join in with; friendships are established within the class to encourage a sense of belonging; and an awareness of how to be a good friends is taught within school.

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MY CHILD IS UNHAPPY ABOUT ANOTHER CHILD AT SCHOOL- HOW IS THAT DEALT WITH?

Please be reassured that your child will always be safe at school. However, occasionally, there may be circumstances where children are upset with each other. Please tell the class teacher if you are worried your child is unhappy as they may not have made staff aware.

Negative behaviour towards others is not tolerated at school. Every child is learning how to behave and how to follow rules, so when a child struggles with behaviour a combination of consequences and restorative sessions happen.

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WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF MY CHILD FALLS ILL DURING THE DAY?

For any sickness or diarrhea illness you will be asked to take your child home to recover for 48 hours after the last bout of illness. If you are unavailable to pick up your child immediately the emergency contact list will be worked through until someone is found who can take care of your child.

If the illness is minor, then we monitor the child's condition and we will contact you if it starts to worsen. Sometimes time in a quiet space and the child drinking more water will make them feel better.

If there is any other medical issue that school should know about, please contact the school so a care plan can be put in place straight away so your child can be cared for appropriately.

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WHAT DO I DO IF THERE IS A REASON WHY THE PERSON WHO REGULARLY PICKS UP MY CHILD CANNOT BE THERE AT THE END OF THE DAY??

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Contact the school office as soon as you know so a message can be sent directly to the Class Teacher.

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HOW WILL I KNOW HOW MY CHILD IS COPING AT SCHOOL?

There is a combination of formal and informal opportunities to discuss progress, settling in and friendships. Please see your child's online Tapestry learning journal to stay updated on their progress.

If you require a phone conversation, please contact us through Tapestry to arrange this. We are happy to talk to you over lunchtime or after school.

We hold a Parent/Carer consultation meeting within the first term of school.

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MY CHILD WON'T GO TO THE TOILET UNLESS TOLD TO, WILL THEY BE TOLD?

During the day there are set toilet times when they are reminded to go and toilets are always available during choosing time.

Please make us aware if your child has issues with toileting and we will make sure they go according to their needs.

We aim for children to be toilet trained before they begin school. If your child does need to wear nappies or a Pull-up during the day for a special educational need, please make your class teacher aware.

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MY CHILD NEEDS TO BE TOLD TO TAKE OFF THEIR JUMPER AS THEY DON'T REALISE WHEN THEY ARE TOO HOT - WILL YOU NOTICE??

We are there to look after every one of the 30 class members as best as we can. If we see a child is over-heating, we always encourage them to take off their jumper or cardigan, have a drink of water, and have a rest.

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MY CHILD DOESN'T DRINK ENOUGH, WILL THEY BE TOLD TO HAVE A DRINK?

During the morning we have snack-time when the children are offered a fruit snack and water (plus milk at lunch time when they are under 5). They always have access to their own water bottles provided by you throughout the day. If they have drunk the water supplied from home then we will fill up their bottles if needed and will be refilled as much as necessary.

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MY CHILD IS A FUSSY-EATER: WILL I KNOW IF THEY ARE NOT EATING THE HOT DINNER PROVIDED BY SCHOOL?

It helps if you can discuss the dinner options with your child the night before so they can make a dinner choice before the next day. If your child is not eating their meal regularly, the Teacher will be told, and you will be informed. The hot dinners can be combined with packed lunches over a week. For instance, roast dinner on Wednesdays and fish and chips on Fridays are often popular, with packed lunches given by you for the other three days. Keep looking at the menu supplied and talk to your child every night, so they are prepared. Thank you!

Please remember that school dinners are free from Reception to year two, regardless of your household income.

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WHO WILL MY CHILD BE WITH AT LUNCHTIMES? WILL THEY GET TO PLAY WITH OTHER CHILDREN IN THE SCHOOL?

The lunch times are supervised by Midday Supervisory Assistants and Teaching Assistants who promote and model good eating habits and how we treat each other with compassion, build friendships and trust each other when we play.
At lunch-time your child will join Year 1 and 2 children in the playground and on the field. Its lovely to see the children interacting together often with siblings or friends within other year groups.

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WHAT IS READ WRITE INC/PHONICS?

Read Write Inc. is our government approved phonics scheme. It teaches children the sounds in English, the letters that represent them, and how to form the letters when writing. Read Write Inc. Phonics includes reading books written using only the letters they have learnt at each level.

Your child will learn to read in a very simple way. They will learn to:

1. Read letters by their 'sounds'
2. Blend these sounds into words
3. Read the words in a story

Please look at the website for more information - https://www.ruthmiskin.com/

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MY CHILD CAN READ THE BOOK THEY ARE SENT HOME EASILY, IS THIS CORRECT?

As soon as your child starts to read the Read Write Inc. Phonics Storybooks (this may not be for a while initially), he or she will bring home a black and white Storybook. This is a copy of the colour version he or she will have read at school. Your child will have read this story three times with their phonics teacher, so will be able to read the story confidently. This gives the child independence to share the story with you and show you what they can do. It also builds on their reading speed and fluency.

All children are reviewed and assessed every half term (or sooner if needed) to ensure that they are progressing.

If you have questions about what you can do with your child at home, please ask.

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WHY DOES MY CHILD SAY THEY PLAY ALL DAY?

The children come together in classes or smaller groups each day for adult-led learning in Phonics, Maths and Literacy. They also spend their days exploring, playing, talking, singing, problem solving and questioning as they investigate our fabulous free-flow provision and our outdoor space. As we 'play' together, the children develop a love of learning as well as the confidence and resilience to explore challenges. Children are taught by highly skilled and experienced staff, who care about every child's learning and development, creating a nurturing environment in which every child thrives.

The children have access to our outdoor area as well as the classroom, where they can access resources which enable them to pursue their own interests and fascinations. Teachers play with and observe the children so that we can provide them with the opportunities to build on their learning. We regularly make the most of our school grounds to support our learning, whether we are visiting the forest school as outdoor explorers, playing parachute games on the field, or investigating the changing seasons.

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WHY IS MY CHILD COMING HOME SO DIRTY!?

It's not dirt...It's our learning!
When you look at my clothes, what do you see?
Splodges of paint and left-over tea?
Maybe some sand, or bits of dried mud?
Or perhaps it's the stains from my chocolate pud?
Whatever it is, please don't be mad.
It is part of my learning and shows you the day I have had.
See, mess is important, I hope you can see,
that by making a mess it really helps me 😊

Alongside all our formal learning, we learn through play and this can often involve getting a little messy. Please provide spare clothes for your child. We do provide aprons.

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