

What do I do if my child has a food allergy?

If your child has a food allergy please inform your child's class teacher during your child's home visit. You will also receive an allergy form to complete in September when your child starts school.

We do have children in school who have allergies, in order to safeguard these children from having a severe allergic reaction, all children are **not** allowed to bring into school chocolate spread, peanuts and nut related products for snacks or in their lunch box.

What shall I do if my child requires a special dietary meal and I would like them to have school dinners?

If your child requires a special dietary meal for medical or religious reasons please contact the school office. A special diet form, for medical circumstances, will be required and the diet approved before meals can be given.

What will my child be learning?

Continuing on from their pre-school experiences the children in Reception year will follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. This is separated into seven key areas of learning:

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Communication and Language, Physical Development.
- Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the World, Expressive Arts and Design.

How can I find out more?

Year R will be holding Working with Your Child Workshops throughout the year to enable you to support your child's learning at home.

How can I support my child learning at home?

Each week children will be set home-learning via the Tapestry online Learning Journal. This is based on current learning and for you to support your child to continue their learning with you at home.

As part of the home visit the class teacher will bring your child's reading diary and a sharing book. It is important children are read to and read everyday at home and develop language skills and vocabulary in relation to books. You can inform us how your child is reading at home. Home reading sharing books are changed twice a week. A new fully decodable book will be available on eCollins every Friday after reading it in school three times during the week. Children also have an opportunity to take home a school library work once a week.

What do I do if I have a concern?

Your first port of call should be your child's teacher. Teachers are available to talk to at the end of the school day. If it is a matter that needs a longer discussion the class teacher may invite you in for a meeting at a mutually convenient time. If you are unable to talk to your child's class teacher at the end of the school day please contact the school office.

How will I know if the teacher has a concern?

If your child's class teacher has a concern they will contact you at the earliest opportunity, either at the end of the school day or by phoning you.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further questions.



My Child Starting School September 2023

Information for Parents and Carers

Welcome to Court Lane Infant School.

We hope the information given in this leaflet will ensure that your child's start to school is enjoyable, safe and rewarding.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate in contacting the school office.

Court Lane Infant School: 023 92378890

School Office Hours

8:30am — 3:30pm

Answers to commonly asked questions:

What is the induction programme?

Starting school is a major step for someone who is only four, we offer a timetable that allows for your child to adjust to the physical and emotional changes that they have to deal with. You can choose the entry pattern that best meets the need for your child. Please see the First Steps leaflet for more details.

What do I do when dropping my child off at school?

The first morning we invite parents to come in to school with their child. There will be a range of activities available for your child to play with in their class, once your child is settled you can say your goodbyes.

After the first morning we are asking all children to enter school on their own so it is important that children are encouraged to be as independent as possible.

There is always a teacher on the door your child enters through to take messages. If somebody different is picking up your child that day you can write who this is on your child's class clipboard when you drop off your child.

What do I do if my child is upset?

There are always members of staff available to support your child entering school. If your child does become upset then a staff member will use their judgment and intervene, they may support your child entering school or you may be asked to bring your child into school if they are very distressed. Once in school you can say your goodbyes and leave your child with a staff member. Children do calm down quickly, if you are concerned you can always ring the school office later that morning to find out if your child has settled.

What shall I do at home time?

You will collect your child from the Early Years Playground if they are in classes 1 or 2, or from the hall doors on the large playground if they are in classes 3 or 4. Children will line up at the doors and be released one by one to the person who is collecting them.

Can my child bring a snack to school?

Yes. A child can bring in a **healthy** snack of a fresh piece of fruit or a plain biscuit which is eaten during morning discovery time. In addition all children in school are given a piece of fruit during morning playtimes as part of the government's fruit scheme.

Can my child bring a drink to school?

Yes. Children are given water bottles at the beginning of each year and they are encouraged to take them home to wash and refill with water every evening. Children are asked to only have **water** in these bottles.

Water bottles should **not** be carried to and from school in book-bags to avoid damage to reading books.

Children in Year R are entitled to free milk up until their 5th birthday.

What do I do if my child has a medical need?

You will receive a medical form in September when your child starts school. Please write on this **all** medical needs your child might have. If your child has a medical need that school needs to be aware of before your child starts school, please contact the school office.

If your child needs to take medicine at school, for example for a medical condition or a course of antibiotics, this can be administered to your child at 11:30am. It is important that medicine is brought to the school office where they will explain the procedure and a permission form must be completed by an adult.