

September 2020 New Reception intake

Questions

1. What can my child bring to school?

PE kit, packed lunch, piece of fruit (just while part-time as unsure of fruit deliveries yet) , tissues, hand sanitiser and a water bottle. Nothing else is to be brought into school due to cross contamination. (Please no pencil cases etc)

Communication books – in the morning there will be a box for the children to place the books into.

2. What cleaning will take place?

We have a rigorous cleaning regime where equipment/ surfaces/ doors etc will be cleaned after use and regularly thus ensuring children in different bubbles have clean equipment eg plastic toys

3. What will the classroom be like?

The classroom setting will be as normal. We are not required to socially distance the children in the classroom. The main aim is to keep each year group bubble separate. The teacher will be trying their best to socially distance from the children (not easy in reception). The children will regularly wash their hands and be taught about good respiratory hygiene. 'catch it, bin it, kill it'.

4. Who is in a bubble?

Each bubble will be the year group of children, their teachers, teaching assistant and one office member. There will be an additional adult who has to give the teachers their planning, preparation and assessment time. The year group bubble will arrive/ leave, eat lunch and play together as a bubble.

5. What will my child be learning?

The children will be taught the normal curriculum from September but teachers will be planning for the children depending on their ability and experiences over the last few months. There will be more number work and phonics.

6. Can I keep my child at home?

Only if they are poorly. Children should come to school as normal. Please contact me if a child needs to shield or self-isolate.

7. Can I come onto school site as a parent?

I'm sorry but no. We are only having additional adults on site who need to be here eg the school nurse. Meet the Teacher evenings will be run in the same way but with phone appointments.

During the part time weeks we will have a system in place to make you and your child feel secure.

8. How will I communicate with my child's teacher?

We will have an email address just for your year group reception@engayne.co.uk Teachers will aim to answer emails within 48 hours. If the message is very important then please call the school. Please do not send in paper letters. We will have the communication books as above.

9. Can I drop off things to the school office? Can I come into the school reception?

Unfortunately no. This is due to the high risk of many people coming into a confined space. I'm afraid if things are forgotten we are unable to deliver to classes. The only thing would be medication or a packed lunch.

10. Can my child attend medical appointments or be picked up for a home lunch?

We'd prefer no home lunches please once the children are fulltime.

Children will be brought out to the main gate if they need to leave for an appointment.

11. My child has symptoms of Covid. What do I do?

Any child displaying symptoms must be kept at home. Please communicate with the school directly. Refrain from putting any information on social media to avoid any scaremongering.

Please arrange for child to be tested.

Any positive Covid tests will be managed by the school. I will of course be informing parents if needed.

If a child shows symptoms in school, they will be isolated while we wait for you to pick them up.

12. Who can I speak to if we are anxious about sending our children back to school?

Please call and ask to speak to anyone from the senior leadership. We are more than happy to ensure your child is feeling positive about returning to school?

13. What if my child needs medical assistance in school?

All children will be treated as normal but the adult will be wearing PPE.

14. Will my child be attending any trips?

No not in the autumn term. Later in the year we might be able to attend a trip.

15. What time will drop off and pick up times be?

Please follow the letter already sent regarding part-time. Once fulltime it will be 9:15 -3pm. The children will have continuous provision all morning with no official break. Although they will of course be playing outside as part of this.

16 Will lunch be the same as normal?

Lunches will be cold food only until October half term if ordering from school or a packed lunch provided by yourself.

16 What can my child wear to school?

Please follow all normal uniform procedures in the prospectus.

27 My question isn't here? What shall I do?

Please email to contact@engayne.co.uk

Thank you for reading the questions. I hope they have helped and will prepare everyone for a safe return in September.

Mrs Sankey