

Starting School

A guide for parents and carers



Welcome to King's Lodge School



The aim of this PowerPoint is to share with you the contents of the Induction meeting for parents and carers and to help you and your child learn a little bit more about our school.



Aims of this presentation...

- To meet the team.
- To help you understand the curriculum and how we teach it in the Foundation Stage.
- To identify the key ways in which you can help and support your child at home and in school.
- To know what they will need for school.
- To provide you with key dates.



Meet the Team



Mrs Hartley
Teaching Assistant



Mrs Jowitt
Teacher - EYFS Leader
Ash Class



Miss Dutton
Teacher
Beech Class



Miss Garraway
Teaching Assistant

What is the Foundation Stage?

- The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) is the stage of education for children from birth to the end of the Reception year.
- It is based on the recognition that children learn best through well structured play and active learning.



It prepares children for learning in their future school career.

The Foundation Stage Curriculum

Children in their first year at school follow the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum.

Our Curriculum is divided into two parts.

Prime Areas:

- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Specific Areas:

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design



As soon as we can, we will hold a phonics meeting to explain how we teach reading and writing.



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If you...

Read it all for me

Draw it all for me

Write it all for me

Carry it all for me

Count it all for me

Say it all for me

Do it all for me

Explain it all for me

Then all I might learn is that you can do it better than me!
Help me to become an independent learner!

At King's Lodge School
we want to develop
independent learners.

Please help us to
encourage
independence.

Preparing your child for starting school

Encourage independence by making sure that they can:

- Toilet themselves, including wiping their own bottoms (please, make us aware if they have a medical need).
- Fasten coats
- Put on shoes
- Dress and undress
- Tidy up
- Feed themselves using a knife and fork. Open own lunchbox and containers.



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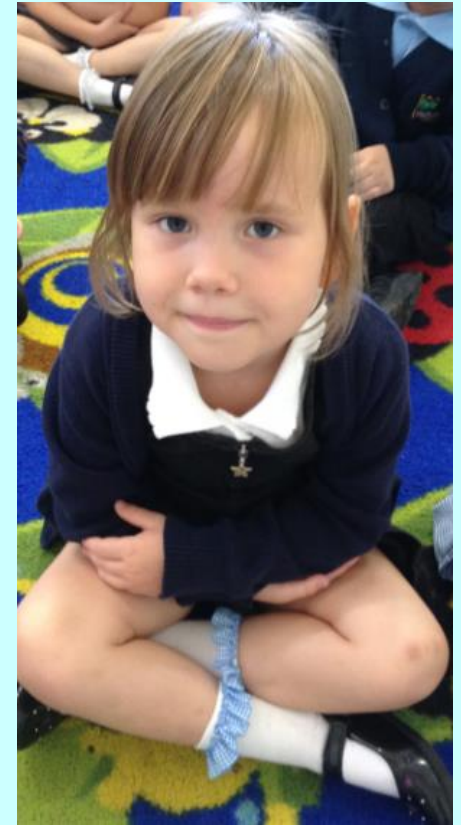
Prepare for early reading, writing and number by:

- Sharing books and rhymes
- Singing together
- Encouraging them to draw, cut, glue, paint and get messy!
- Counting together
- Sorting and matching objects



The first few weeks in school are spent ...

- Learning the rules.
- Making new friends.
- Getting to know the school.
- Finding out what your child already knows and what they can already do.



School Uniform and PE kit

We like the children to look tidy and smart for school. We have a uniform to encourage a sense of belonging in the children.

The school colour is NAVY BLUE;
Navy blue sweatshirts or cardigans
White or pale blue polo shirts
Navy or grey trousers, skirts or pinafore dresses
Black or navy blue shoes



During the summer months, blue and white summer dresses or white or pale blue polo shirts with navy or grey shorts may be worn.

- **P.E. kits** – currently the children wear their PE kit to school on their set PE day.

Yellow T-Shirt with school badge
Navy shorts
Plimsolls / daps
Navy jogging bottoms for cold weather are advisable



- Please ensure that **names are in EVERYTHING!!! If it can come off, label it!**
- Send coats EVERYDAY – outdoor learning happens in all weather!
- Sensible shoes and no jewellery.
- Pierced ears – a small pair of studs may be worn to school. You may wish to remove earrings for PE days but if not, then they must be taped instead for the duration of the PE lesson (please provide plasters / tape if that is the case).
- Wellie boots - a pair kept at school would be fantastic!
- Book bags and reading diaries – Please send in daily
- Please do not send in rucksacks

School meals and snacks



- Every child in Reception and Key Stage 1 is entitled to a free school meal
- These are booked using Parent Pay ~ you will need to select their lunch choices using Parent Pay each week.
- **Lunch box** – They may bring a packed lunch and they are given approximately 25 minutes to eat their packed lunches but parents are requested not to overfill children's lunchboxes. Please also make sure that they are able to open their lunch box independently and bring a separate drink for lunchtime. Due to the increasing number of children with nut allergies parents are requested not to provide their children with any type of nut for lunch. We are a nut free school.
- Milk and snack – Children in Reception receive free milk and fruit (milk until children are 5, fruit throughout). They may bring a piece of fresh or dried fruit / vegetables as a snack.
- Water bottles ~ All children are encouraged to bring a drink to school each day in a clean, named sports bottle. They are encouraged to drink throughout the day.

Arriving at school

- Due to Covid19 we will provide more information on start times closer to September.
- At the start of the day you are asked to line up with your child at the Trim trail. When it is time, the Reception teachers will come and collect your child. Your child will then line up with their class.

End of Day

- **Due to Covid 19 we will provide more information on end of day arrangements closer to the time.**
- You are asked to line up and wait for your child by the trim trail (just as you do in the mornings). The classes will walk out and line-up on the playground. When the teachers are ready and can see an adult for each child they will then release the children.

Points to note

- School letters – will be emailed to you. Please, make sure we always have an up-to-date email address for you.



- Parent Pay ~ The school operates a cashless system. All parents will need to sign-up on-line to Parent Pay (details to follow shortly).

- Getting messy happens!



- Head lice – it happens! Please check regularly and treat as recommended.



- Toilet accidents – they happen too! Children need to be able to clean themselves up independently with adult supervision. If they are in a big mess we may need to call an adult from home. Please, provide spare underwear, pants and socks, in book bags.



- If your child is unwell, or has been unwell in the night, please do not send him/her into school.

- Any absence requires a telephone call explaining why.

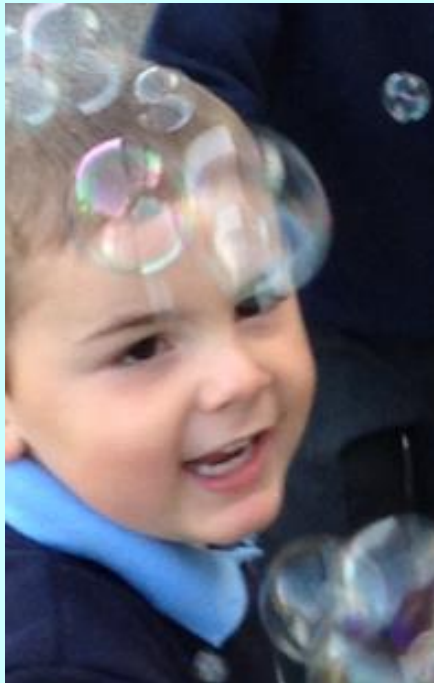


Transition 2021

We aim to make the transition from Nursery to Reception as easy as possible for your children.

Due to the current pandemic we are unable to offer any one to one meetings or Stay and Play sessions for our New Starters before September.

We will be contacting your child's preschool / nursery setting to find out about your child.



Induction – September 2021

1:1 Meetings – A chance to speak to your child’s class teacher

We will be organising 1:1 meetings for 2nd, 3rd and 6th September 2020.
More information to follow shortly.



September 2021 start

Wednesday 1st September = Teacher Development Day (TD Day), No children in school.
2nd/3rd/6th September = 1:1 Meetings

W/C 06.09.21

Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th = children attend morning or afternoon session depending on age.

Thursday 10th and Friday 11th September = All children attend 8.50am – 11.45am

W/C 13.09.21

Monday 13th September until Friday 17th = All children stay for lunch (8.50am – 1.15pm)

Monday 20th September 2021 = All children may start full time school (8.50am – 2.55pm)

And Finally...

- Our aim is that your child will be happy, confident and comfortable in school. If they are, they will be able to explore, try new things, ask questions and learn.
- If you have any worries or concerns, please, speak to us and we will do our best to help you. It may seem a small thing to us but it can feel like a big thing to a child.
- We look forward to working with you and your child.

