



Sandcross Primary School

Reception- Additional Information

Welcome to Sandcross Primary School. We are very excited to be welcoming your child into our Reception class in September. We hope the information alongside our Induction evening will answer any questions that you may have.

School Times

8.55am (the children can come in from 8.45am) – 3.15pm

We kindly ask that if you arrive before these times that you and your child wait inside the fenced area. This is to allow the EYFS team time to set up our outside learning for the day and to keep our resources safe.

We also kindly ask that children do not use the resources in our outside area before and after school as these are set up for your child's learning throughout the day.

It is important for your child's education that they are brought and collected promptly at every session.

Be positive about leaving and saying 'goodbye' to your child. Children should walk into school and not be carried. This will make it a lot easier for your child. If your child is finding it challenging to come into school in the mornings please let the class teacher know and they will support you with this.

Absences

If your child is ill or has to be absent for any other reason, please telephone the school and leave a message on the absence line. May we remind parents that the 'Health Protection Agency' has indicated that children who have an acute intestinal episode, i.e., diarrhoea or vomiting, **must not return to school for 48 hours after the last bout.**

Holidays

A list of term dates is given out each year. Holidays in school time are not encouraged apart from exceptional circumstances. A 'leave of absence form' is available from the school office to be submitted to the Head Teacher for consideration.

Health and Safety

It is important that the staff are made aware of any medical conditions your child may have e.g. hay fever, asthma, allergies, etc. Medication can only be given in school that is prescribed by the doctor. **All** medicines must be handed in at the office by an adult and

the administration of medication request form **must** be completed. Medication can only be returned to a responsible adult.

FREE for ALL children - school dinners/ snacks

Information about school lunches, which are now FREE for all Infant children, is in your pack.

To enable the children to be independent and confident, please help your child to be able to use a knife and fork before they start school in September.

We also benefit from the Government's free fruit scheme. The children receive free fruit or vegetables each day. However, please also feel free to send your child into school with their own snack in a named container if you would prefer.

Tapestry

Our online learning journal is a fabulous way of keeping informed about how your child is doing at school. Parents already with this access have commented on the great way it allows assessment, videos and pictures of their child to be shared between home and school. Please see the information literature and consent forms in your pack.

School Rush

School Rush is a communication app that allows the school to send messages via the app, text and email. This ensures that parents are aware of key dates and information. Please ensure that you download the app onto your phone.



Reading at home and school

Reading stories to your child is the best way you can help your child become a successful reader.

Children have access to books throughout the day in all areas of the curriculum and throughout the Reception environment. This enables the skills for reading to be taught everyday.

Our Home School Planners will be written in with a comment about your child's progress in reading once per week. This will include the title of the book, a comment about the reading session and the **next step** for your child to be working towards. Your child will receive one Phonics book and one Choice book from the Library per week to take home.

Your child will also be asked to learn tricky and high frequency words in small sets throughout the year.

It is important that these books and reading folders are brought to school every day. A Sandcross book bag is available from Swots in Reigate.

Further information about our Phonics and Literacy teaching can be found in our EYFS Policy.

Partnership with parents and carers

We welcome parents and carers to help in Reception after October half term. If you are able to help, please speak to your child's teacher to arrange a time. We are flexible in welcoming working parents when they have time to spare. Parents or carers wishing to help regularly will need a DBS certificate and will need to have carried out safeguarding training. Please see the office or speak to your child's class teacher for more details.

We also hope you will feel comfortable in coming to talk to us about anything that may be causing a concern, or to ask a question about your child's development.

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