

Welcome to Reception at Deighton Gates Primary School.

We hope to try and make the transition to school as easy and enjoyable as possible for both yourselves and the children.



Independence

We encourage the children to say goodbye to their parents or carers outside of the classroom door and come in independently. We will meet the children at the door and they will come into the classroom and get busy straight away with their morning tasks.

Structure of the School Day

The school day starts at 8:45am and finishes at 3:15pm. Each morning, we ask that the children put their book bags in their trays and their water bottles and snacks in the baskets provided. Please label all water bottles and snack pots clearly. We have two cloakrooms. The first half of the alphabetical register is in the first cloakroom and second half of the register is in the second cloakroom. In the morning, entry is through the first, main door. In the afternoon, your child will be sitting on the carpet nearest to their cloakroom and we open both doors. We have also sent out a collection letter in the children's book bags please return this ASAP, so we know who will be collecting your child from school each day. As I'm sure you will appreciate, safeguarding is paramount and we will need to know who is collecting your child every day.

Snacks

Free school fruit is provided which is given as an afternoon snack. Please can you provide your child with one **healthy snack for the morning**. Please send your child in daily with water in a water bottle. We encourage children to drink regularly but please talk to your child at home about the importance of this. Children also receive water at lunch times and milk in the afternoon.

Milk

All children receive free school milk until they turn five. After this, there is an option to pay for your child to continue to receive milk via the cool milk website. Further information about signing up for milk is provided on an additional leaflet.

Lunch

As you are probably aware, school lunches are free. Most children opt for school lunches and we recommend your child tries them. We ask that you choose your child's lunch option in advance via the Eduspot website. Further details on how to set up your account will be sent out in September via the school office.

PE Kits

In Reception we have one P.E lesson and one Forest School session a week. Please send your child in full PE kit on these days. Children will need black joggers, a white or red t-shirt, a red jumper, socks and trainers. Please can we kindly ask that you label everything in your child's PE kit.

Clothing

Please ensure children come equipped with suitable clothing (hats, gloves, coats etc) as we go out in all weathers! Children are welcome to bring a pair of wellies and/or waterproofs which can be

kept in school and returned at the end of the year. We use these for our mud kitchen and when visiting our forest school. Children will regularly be changing shoes, taking off jumpers and putting on coats. Please spend time with your child to encourage them to do this independently. **Please ensure all clothing is labelled.**

Class Dojo

To support our positive behaviour policy, teachers throughout school use ClassDojo as a reward system. Online, you will be able to see when and why your child has received positive behaviour points. Please note the messaging system will not be checked. If you wish to contact a member of staff please do so via the email staff@deightongates.leeds.sch.uk. Further login information will be sent out via the office in September.

Tapestry

Reception use Tapestry as a way to record class observations. We encourage parents/ carers to actively share events at home via the tapestry app so we can share and celebrate these within class. We discourage bringing in objects for a traditional 'show and tell' as these can become lost or broken.

Newsletter

A Reception newsletter will be sent out weekly via Tapestry. Please check this for information about our learning and any changes to our week.

Reception Class Page

You can find our class page on the Deighton Gates website, under the children/class pages tab. We update our class page on a regular basis; please check it for photographs, important dates and timetables.

Many thanks,

Miss Rhodes

Reception Class Teacher