

Etchells Primary School New Reception

September 2025

Welcome to Etchells!



Starting School – The first Steps!

This evening aims to provide you with:

- Information regarding our induction visits over the next few weeks
- Guidance on how you can help prepare your child for starting school
- Information regarding our induction timetable for the first few weeks in school in September
- Further information will be given in September

Our induction Visits – New to Etchells only

**Tomorrow - Thursday 3rd July, Monday 7th July and Thursday 17th July
9.30-10.30am**

- New children and parents to arrive at our nursery gate at 9.30am.
- **Parents to stay please** - our chance to meet you personally.
- Opportunity for you and your child to become familiar with teachers and reception building.
- Please let us know any important information and if your child already knows a friend who will also be starting Etchells.
- Our current nursery children are already very familiar with the reception building and staff!

Is your child ready for school?

Skills that the children need:

- Confidence to leave their parents
- Recognise their name – to find their drawer and peg
- Take off & put on shoes/wellies (on the right feet!)
- Put on & take off their coat and jumpers/cardigans (without it turning inside out – pull from the sleeves!)
- Use a knife and fork to eat (not a spoon)
- Wipe/blow own nose
- Use toilet **independently** for both!

Please practise over the Summer

Those crucial first days in September

- Induction

- We try to get the children into school as soon as possible but we strongly believe this needs to be done gently!
- It's a big step for most children, even those who have been to pre-school full time.
- Our current nursery children are already familiar but our new children aren't, so will benefit from smaller groups.
- Some children are confident to bounce into school on day one, however, there are some who are not and need a little extra time from our staff team.
- 2 Registration groups initially – flexible, may change.

What will happen in September?

Tuesday 2nd September

MORNING - CURRENT NURSERY attend (without parents) – 8.55-11.25pm

AFTERNOON - NEW TO ETHELLS - You are asked to come to school with your child for an hour in small groups. **Your times will be on your invitation to be sent to you soon.**

- This gives you the opportunity to meet with us to discuss your child and inform us of anything you feel would be of benefit for us to know before they start.
- It also allows them time to familiarise themselves with us and the reception building with you before we ask you to leave them with us.
- Urgent matters? – Please let us know if there is anything you feel we should know **BEFORE** your child starts school in September. Otherwise, there will be plenty of opportunity once they have started school with us.
- **Please come to the nursery gate**

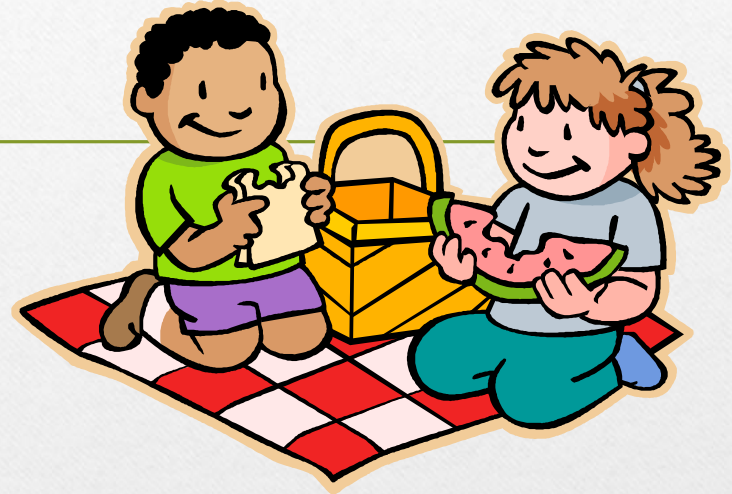
Wednesday 3rd

- Half day (without parents)

- On these days your child will attend for one morning session or one afternoon session.
- **Wednesday morning - our current nursery - 8.55-11.25**
- **Wednesday afternoon—new to Etchells - 1.15-3.15**
- Useful to help to introduce/re-establish routines and for the children to familiarise themselves with the Reception building in smaller groups.
- **Please come to the nursery gate at 11.25 or 1.15 (usual gates will be open for 8.55 and 3.15)**

Thursday 4thth September

- All children will come to school in the morning plus lunch until 1pm.
- All reception, year 1 & 2 children are entitled to a free hot school meal if you choose or you can send in a packed lunch if you prefer.
- This is the children's first taste of all being together and having lunch at school in the hall!
- Sandwiches may be provided at first before the children are introduced to a hot school meal.



Please come to our
nursery gate to collect
children at 1pm

Friday 5th September onwards

- All of the children in full time if they are ready.
- If you feel they aren't quite ready we can discuss a phased part time and increase hours gradually.
- School meals are on a 2 week rota, menus are available on our website.
- **You choose their meals online** – it is useful if you can check the menu and discuss with your child what they might like.
- There is always a meat, Halal, vegetarian option or jacket potato (with cheese/beans/tuna) and salad.

Packed Lunches

- If you prefer to provide a packed lunch from home, lunch boxes can be stored under the children's coat pegs.
- NOT REFRIGERATED – so please NO dairy/meat products that are likely to 'go off'
- We encourage HEALTHY EATING
- No hard sweets or lollies please (choking hazards)
- Please don't send new/unfamiliar foods at first.
- Not too much food, can be overwhelming.
- Please practise opening/closing lunch boxes and flasks.
- Any uneaten food will be returned home.

NO NUTS!

We have several children and staff who are severely allergic to nuts.

- PLEASE DO NOT SEND IN ANY PRODUCTS CONTAINING NUTS IN PACKED LUNCHES.
- Birthday treats – we are a 'Healthy School' so our parent council have requested that no cakes or sweets are brought in for birthdays or other celebrations please.



Open Snack Bar

- Healthy snacks – fruit, vegetables and a drink of water.
- All children to bring a water bottle each day – named please.
- Bananas, apples, pears, satsumas, raisins available ...there's always a variety!
- Children can bring their own fruit or veg if they prefer



Start of the school day

- Gates open and teachers are on the playground from **8:45am**. If there is anything you would like to speak to us about, this is the best time to do so.
- **8.55am gates and doors close.**
- Once the children have come into school they are then *our priority and we may not be available to talk to you.*
- **We encourage independence!**
- We ask confident children to come in first. **Please don't come into the cloakroom.** The children can become frightened if too many adults come in with children and so ***we respectfully ask you to leave your child at the door.*** Then, those who need help can be brought in, in small groups supported by staff until they gain the confidence to do so themselves.
- We suggest that if your child is reluctant to hold back or arrive a little later and wait until we can give them the adult attention that they need to reassure them.

Contacting us – 0161 437 1792



- Telephone the school office/leave a message – we can call you back if we are unable to talk to you immediately.
- Call to see us early, before the start of school; but please not as the children are arriving or leaving.
- We can arrange a mutually convenient time.
- Please don't message on Dojo, we may not see it!

End of the school day

- The school day ends at **3:15pm**
- **We try to let out just before the bell so that you can collect your youngest first.**
- Please arrive promptly, it can be very upsetting for young children to be collected late.
- Please contact us if you are running late. We can then reassure your child.
- We offer before and after school provision – ‘Busy Bees Club’. Contact:

busybeesclub@etchells.stockport.sch.uk

School Uniform

Available to buy until end of term or in September

SCHOOL UNIFORM

- White polo shirt – not full button shirts
- We recommend black joggers or leggings initially – easier for children to manage
- Blue cardigan or jumper (These can be with Etchells logo or plain)
- **VELCRO shoes** – no laces please!
- Grey trousers or skirt/tunic

PE/FOREST SCHOOLS UNIFORM

- **PE** – white T-shirt, black jogging bottoms or leggings, black trainers
- **FOREST SCHOOLS** – same clothes as PE but with waterproof coat and trousers and wellington boots
- Forest school – Tuesdays
- PE days - TBC

Important Items

- We request a pair of wellington boots and wet weather clothing for your child to keep at school for outdoor learning/Forest Schools throughout the year.
- **Please send a coat every day** – The children are outside for 1 hour after lunch and for outdoor learning whatever the weather!
- Please practise dressing and undressing – buttons, zips, shoes, gloves etc.
- **Spare underwear** on peg is advised – accidents happen!
- **Book bags** – Bring empty at first to help set routine of bringing them every day.
- **PLEASE NAME EVERYTHING!!!**
- Useful to put **one keyring or badge** on for easy identification.

Absence

- If your child is unwell please telephone school on the first day of absence and each day thereafter.
- Attendance is a high priority for safeguarding.
- EWO (Education Welfare Officer) regularly checks attendance.

Medicine, Asthma and allergies



- Please inform us of any medical conditions or allergies, especially if these change throughout the year.
- Asthma Inhalers are kept in the classrooms, but other medication needs to be signed in to a member of staff and a medicine form completed.
- We can also administer Calpol or Antihistamine as long as we have a signed consent form
- Medicines are administered by a first aider.
- Any medical information regarding your child may be shared if necessary with our school nurse to ensure that we are fully meeting the needs of your child.
- Full information can be found in our first aid policy on our website.

Online

- Our school website has lots of general information, policies, holiday dates and upcoming events.

<http://www.etchells.stockport.sch.uk/>



- Please see our 'class pages' for photographs and updates on what we have been doing at school.
- Class Dojo – parent App for information and class messages
- Dojo stories – updates on what we have been doing or learning about.
- We do not always read/reply to messages from you using the Dojo system. Please contact the school office directly with any messages.

Thank you!

Any questions?

Any questions please feel free to email:

General enquiries - School Office:
admin@etchells.stockport.sch.uk

Enquiries specific to Nursery or Reception -
Mrs Revill at:
eyfs@etchells.stockport.sch.uk