

New Bewerley Community School

Reception Prospectus



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Welcome to Reception (Foundation Stage 2)

The Daily Routine Settling into each session

Please wait outside in the Reception playground until 8.50am when a member of staff will open the door.

- Together with your child, hang their belongings on their peg. (Please label all your child's things with their name.)
- There will be a 'question of the day' to answer with your child e.g. 'Do you feel happy today?' The children will find their name card and put in a basket labelled either yes or no.
- Once your child has answered the daily question they will then sit on the carpet and we will take the register. You are welcome to chat to members of staff when you drop off or pick up your child.

Lunchtimes

All KS1 and reception children are now entitled to free school meals. If you do not wish your child to have a school meal, please provide a healthy packed lunch. We take the children to the dinner hall at 11.55am before the older children in school finish their lessons. If your child is having a school dinner, they are always offered a choice and are given time to make it (though staff will make sure it is a sensible one!) Once the children have finished eating, their designated lunchtime supervisors take them to play outside.

Collecting your child

The school day ends at 3.15pm. We ask for you to do your best not to arrive late. Being the only child left in the classroom can be very distressing for a child. You must make sure you inform a member of staff if someone is collecting your child other than their usual parent

or carer. We have to challenge people collecting your children whom we do not recognise or know.

What should your child bring to school?

We ask that your child has the following in school every day:

1. A full change of clothes in a bag labelled with their name, in case of accidents.
2. A coat – even if it looks warm at the beginning of a session, please send them with a suitable coat.
3. A pair of Wellington boots to leave in school.
(Outdoor play is a valuable aspect of our curriculum and we want the children to access this area, even in changeable weather.)
4. A PE kit consisting of shorts, T-shirt and pumps. Our school colours are blue and white. Please bring a PE kit on a Monday and leave on your child's peg until Friday.
5. Their book bag

We ask that all clothing, footwear and bags (or anything that can be removed!) are clearly named.

If items are misplaced there is a lost property box located in reception. There is also one near the main school office. Please feel free to check this.

What should your child wear for school?

Please refer to the school prospectus.

Absence from School

Please inform us if your child is absent due to illness/medical appointments and where possible show your appointment card to the office. If your child has had sickness or an upset tummy, please do not bring them back to school until they have been well and eating normally for 48 hours. If you are collecting your child during

the school day please make sure you go to the main school office where a member of staff will then collect your child.

If your child has not arrived at school and we are unaware of any illness/medical appointments our school office will contact you.

Health and Safety

We work hard to ensure the safety of your child at all times. If your child has a minor accident, for example a bump, small cut or graze whilst at school, a member of staff will complete an accident form which will be sent home at the end of the day with your child. In the case of a more serious accident or illness we will contact you immediately and take the appropriate and necessary action. **Please make sure we always hold the most up to date contact information for you and your family.**

Behaviour

We believe in a positive approach to behaviour management. Good behaviour will be rewarded through recognition and praise. Children receive stickers in class and certificates in assembly. Prizes are awarded to children who read regularly at home and have their reading records signed.

Sanctions will be applied in line with the schools behaviour policy when inappropriate behaviour occurs. A copy of the schools behaviour policy is available if you require one.

Milk and Fruit

Your child will receive milk (for a small charge) and fruit each day whilst in Reception. If your child doesn't drink milk or is milk intolerant please let us know.

Parent Partnership - How can you help?

Educating your child is a three way partnership between you, your child and us. We invite you to become involved in your child's learning experiences and to share with us their achievements and progress made both here and at home. We value your input and the advice you can give us about your child. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to the staff at any time.

We will offer stay and play mornings linked to a theme throughout the year.

We also send home regular newsletters informing you of our theme and activities. Reading books and Homework will be given weekly.

The Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum

We follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum Document (EYFS). The curriculum followed in the Early Years is divided into seven areas of learning and the environment is carefully planned and organised to support children's development in each of these.

Prime Areas:

Personal, social and emotional development

Physical development

Communication and language

Specific Areas:

Literacy

Mathematics

Understanding the world

Expressive arts and design

How we monitor children's progress

We build up an electronic Learning Journey of every child's development as they progress through Foundation Stage. Our Learning Journeys contain samples of work, photographs and observations made by staff about your child's learning. You are very welcome to look at your child's Learning Journey whenever you wish and it would be great to include details of any special events or achievements that have taken place at home.

We hope your child has a successful year in reception!

Many Thanks

The Foundation Stage 2 team