



Welcome to Reception 2024-2025

Class Teachers:

Reception: Mrs Conlon (Assistant Head for EYFS)/ Miss Bergin

Information for the parents of children in Reception

The following information has been designed to hopefully answer any questions you may have before your child starts in Reception in September. Transition and change can be a potentially anxious time for families but by working together we know that this will enable you to feel confident that our priority is to provide a consistent and supportive environment where your child can feel safe and secure and happy.

Communication

Communication between parents/ carers and the school is very important as this is the best way to ensure the right support is in place for your child. We know how busy it can be at the start and end of a day but if you need to speak to the class teacher we are always happy to make time for either a face to face conversation or a phone call. If you need to send an email to school, please consider if a face to face conversation would be more appropriate first.

How to send an email to school

There are three email addresses that all parents must send their email to.

- For emails to class teachers, please email parentinbox@brookburn.manchester.sch.uk
- For emails to members of SLT, please email admin@brookburn.manchester.sch.uk
- For emails to the SENDCo, please email senco@brookburn.manchester.sch.uk

Alternatively, please ring the school on 0161 881 8880 to arrange an appointment. If you ever require an urgent response, please call the school office and a member of the team will get back to you as soon as possible.

Please note that all our communication will be via Parentmail. Any payments that you need to make are to be made through Parentpay. It is vital that you log in to these.

Start and end of the day:

The doors will open at 8:50am and close at 9am. There is always a learning activity ready in the class at 8:50am so the earlier the children arrive the better. A member of the team will be in the playground on the first day of term to direct you to the right place if you aren't sure where to go.

School finishes at 3:20pm and a member of staff will hand over each child to you. Please inform a member of staff or the office if there are any changes to who will be collecting at the end of the day.

Uniform:

- Grey or black trousers/ shorts, skirts/ pinafore dresses
- White polo shirt or shirt
- Red school sweatshirt/jumper, cardigan
- Red checked summer dresses (when the weather is warm)
- Red, black or grey tights
- Black, sensible shoes (no added colours or heels, open-toed shoes or sandals)

Please note: No jewellery, no tags or key chains on books bags or school bags.

Branded uniform can be purchased at Little Angels on Wilbraham Road or online at Your School Uniform. Alternatively, individual badges can be purchased at the school office.

Second hand uniform is available via a parent led Facebook page named Brookburn Reduce Reuse Relove.

Independent learning is crucial in Reception and in order for the children to be able to dress and undress themselves and it is essential to **always provide Velcro or slip on shoes.**

As your child will be accessing the outdoor area daily you will also need wellingtons to keep in school on their peg and a raincoat or a coat with a hood. Please note that wellies are not suitable to wear during the day so if your child comes to school in wellies you should bring a pair of school shoes to change into.

As children may have toileting accidents, please bring a change of clothes that can be left in a bag on their peg, including a top, trousers or spare skirt, spare socks and underwear.

Please ensure all items of uniform are clearly labelled/marked with your child's name.

PE: On PE days, your child will come to school already in their PE kit. This consists of a white polo or t-shirt, black shorts or black jogging bottoms/ leggings and trainers. Please can they wear their normal school jumper or cardigan and have an extra layer (black hoodie/ fleece) to put on in cold weather.

Healthy Snacks

Most children require a snack during the morning to keep them going throughout the day. Children in Reception have a daily snack of fruit or veg provided for free by the government, so you don't need to send in any additional snacks.

Celebrations

Celebrating children's birthdays is highly important to us and we know they will have been counting down for weeks. It's a Brookburn tradition that children can wear their own clothes on their birthdays if they would like to. If your child wants to bring snacks in for their class to celebrate this, then please can it be a small healthy snack. Alternatively, you may want to buy a book for the class library that the class can read on your child's birthday.

Please provide your child with a water bottle to use within school and will have access to drinking water throughout the day. Your child will be given a snack of fruit each day. You can also sign your child up to receive a carton of milk (www.coolmilk.com/register). This is free for under 5s.

Please note that all Reception children are entitled to a free school lunch.

Attendance and Punctuality

We all know how important it is that our children are in school so that they can learn, spend time with their friends and feel part of the school community. We understand that there are times when your child may be ill or there might be something happening that might make it harder for them to come to school. Whatever the reason, it is important that you let us know so that we can offer any support that might be needed. If your child is ill, please call the school so we know why they are absent. If we do not hear from you and your child is absent, a member of the admin team will call to check that everything is ok. This is to ensure that we know that all children are safe. We will always talk to you if we are becoming worried about a child's absences from school.

Issues/Concerns:

If you have any worries about your child then please speak with your child's class teacher or Mrs Conlon who is the Assistant Head for EYFS. We are always here to listen and offer support.

We will be holding an open '**Meet the team' drop in event on Tuesday 17th September at 3:45 and 5pm**. We hope as many of you as possible will be able to come to one of the sessions as this will be an opportunity to meet the Reception team and ask any questions. It will also be an opportunity for you to meet each other. We will share more details about this at the start of term.

Thank you as always for your support. It makes all the difference. It is only working together with you that we can enable each child to achieve their very best.

We look forward to working with you.

Mrs Conlon and Miss Bergin