

September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

We are incredibly proud of all our new Reception children and how well they have settled this week. It has been lovely getting to know them. We would also like to say a big thank you to all our parents and carers who have been wonderfully supportive.

It is quite normal for the children to feel very tired at first particularly when they start fulltime and to tell you very little about their day. If you have any questions or concerns about anything, please do ask.

In order for the day to run smoothly we would be very grateful if you could help us with the following points.

#### Start of the day and home time

School starts at 9.00 am and finishes at 3.00pm for our Reception children. Thank you for your patience during these busy times. Social distancing rules apply and we ask that you wear a face covering whilst on the school site.

Please note school must be informed if your child is to be collected by another adult.

#### Water

We encourage all children to have a named water bottle available for drinks throughout the day. Please ensure your child's bottle is easily identifiable for them. They may find a personal sticker on it makes it easier to identify. Also, don't forget to wash it and top it up daily with fresh water. Thank you

#### Snack

Milk is provided free for all children up until the term after their fifth birthday. We have a fruit only policy and each child is allocated one piece of fruit a day. You are very welcome to bring in an additional piece of fruit to keep in your child's tray for when they get hungry. Please be aware we have a number of children in school with allergies. Please do ensure any snacks brought from home are fresh fruit or chopped vegetables only.

### Tissues and hand gel

Please ensure your child has a named pack of tissues and a named hand gel to keep in their tray.

### PE

The children will need shorts and a t-shirt that can be kept in your child's tray or hung on their peg. You can support your child by encouraging them as much as possible to dress and undress independently. If they can do this by themselves at school, they feel a great sense of achievement and are soon able to move on to the next activity without needing to wait for support. Please ensure all items of clothing are named including shoes. Children easily make mistakes and put someone else's jumper on and named clothing helps us sort these mistakes out.

### Outdoor clothes

Please help your child with outdoor sessions by ensuring they have a named warm and shower proof coat with a hood and a hat and gloves in cold weather. Wellies and spare socks are encouraged when snow is forecast.

### Bags

Please only send your child to school with a book bag that can fit in their tray. Bags and rucksacks are not permitted.

### Our topic

Our topic for the first half term is 'Myself and Other Animals'. We will be focusing on myself and my family, pets and other wildlife.

### Curriculum planning

Please refer to our school website to read weekly information about what we will be covering that week in school and also find further curriculum information including our Curriculum jigsaws and Knowledge organisers. Copy and paste the following link: <https://ecclesallprimary.co.uk/reception/>

### Contacting your child's teacher

If you need to send an urgent message to your child's teacher please ring the school office or email [enquiries@ecclesall.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@ecclesall.sheffield.sch.uk)

If you have any further questions, please see a member of the Reception team. Once again, we would like to say a huge well done to all our wonderful children and extend our thanks to all our lovely parents and carers.

Kind regards

The Foundation Stage team