

Burton Agnes CE Primary School.



Care, trust and friendship

**Welcome to our
Reception Class**

2020

Welcome to our Reception Class at Burton Agnes. We are looking forward to working with your child. It is important to us that your child enjoys coming to school and feels confident enough to take part in all activities. This can be achieved with you as partners and we hope that this booklet will answer any questions you may have or provide you with information that you may require. Please do not hesitate to come and talk to any member of staff if you are unsure about anything contained in this booklet.

We believe that: -

Trusting relationships provide the foundation for children and adults to work and grow together. From mutual respect for oneself and others will develop the positive attitudes and close relationships necessary for the full development of each individual.

Our purpose is to welcome every child into our reception class and to develop the potential of all children and adults from whatever their starting point.

The individual should be at the heart of his own learning. He/she will learn when intrinsically motivated and actively involved. Play and talk make a major contribution to all aspects of children's development and learning.

The person's own feelings about him/herself are of paramount importance. With a positive self-image he/she is more likely to approach a learning situation confidently and with an enquiring mind.

Our School Day

School starts at 8.55 am prompt.

At the Beginning of the day please come into the playground, past the back door and down the side of school and wait for the cloakroom door to be opened by a member of staff. Please say goodbye to your child and send him/her into the cloakroom where a member of staff will help to hang up belongings etc.

School finishes at 3.15 for Reception Children.

At the end of a session please wait for the back door to be opened to collect your child from an adult. We never send a child without seeing the adult first. **Would you please reinforce our message to your child to remain seated with the group until collected.** If someone else is collecting your child (must be an adult), please tell them about these procedures and **let us know** at the beginning of a session to avoid any misunderstandings. If you cannot collect your child on time for whatever reason, please contact the school as soon as possible and your child will be looked after until someone arrives. If you have older children in school please pick up from early years first.

The school number is 01262 490320

Children Left at School

If your child is not picked up by the end of the school day and we are not able to contact you on any of the telephone numbers that you have given us, If your child has not been collected by 5pm Social Services will be contacted and your child will be picked up by an identified social worker or family support worker. The deadline will be 5pm and your child will remain in the care of the Head teacher until social services arrive.

Fruit and snacks

The children are provided with a piece of fruit or vegetable as a snack every day and a drink of milk. This is provided free of charge by the government to promote and maintain healthy eating and lifestyles. We also provide your child with a drink of milk or water. Snack time is a sociable time where the children learn to offer food, use their manners and take turns.

Water in School

At Burton Agnes we feel it is important for our children to have access to water to keep their bodies and minds hydrated. Please provide your child with fresh water daily in a named water bottle.

Dinner Time

All children stay at school over lunchtime at Burton Agnes unless they are in the nursery. This is an important part of our school day and a time when children's social skills develop significantly. We are proud of how we encourage our children to always eat using a knife and fork, not to talk with their mouths full or put their elbows the table. Our older children think nothing of helping our younger friends carry their tray or cut up their food.

Most of the children in school stay for a hot dinner. These are cooked in the kitchens at Nafferton and are transported to us. They provide value for money and are balanced in terms of nutritional value and the children get plenty.

Currently the children in Reception and Key Stage 1 get their lunches paid for by the government. This is known as universal free school meals.

Children may bring a packed lunch if they wish but please can we ask that it is healthy and you do not include sweets or fizzy drinks.

Please note that if you are a lower income family you may qualify for pupil premium funding. This will allow school to receive a further £1230 to spend on your child and to qualify for free school meals when your child is in KS2. Families who are in the armed forces also qualify and families who have adopted children out of care. If you would like further information please ask at the school office.

School Uniform

At Burton Agnes we encourage our children to look smart and think smart and we feel that wearing our school uniform helps with this.

Boys

- Black or grey trousers or shorts
- Yellow, red or white polo shirt
- Red sweatshirt with school logo on
- Black shoes

Girls

- Grey skirt or pinafore
- Yellow, red or white polo shirt
- Red sweatshirt with school logo on
- Black shoes
- Red, grey or black tights in winter
- Red gingham dress in summer

For PE

- White or yellow t-shirt
- Black shorts
- Trainers
- Track suit for outdoor PE

Please make sure you always send your child to school with a coat that will protect them from the rain.

PLEASE NAME EVERY ITEM OF CLOTHING

Health issues

Children becoming Poorly at School

We will get in touch with you straight away and if you cannot be contacted we will use your emergency contact numbers. We hope that this will not become necessary and in order to avoid this situation please make sure that your child is fit and well to attend school. We don't want those nasty bugs to spread! Children with sickness or diarrhoea need 48hrs clear to make sure the bugs are out of their system.

If your child needs to take prescribed medicines whilst at school on a permanent basis, please ask for a '**Medicine Form**' to fill in. Prescribed medicines can be administered on a temporary basis once a 'Permission slip' (available in the office) has been completed.

Sometimes you may have an accident at school and injure themselves. We will always contact you if your child has bumped their head and if they injure another part of their body seriously we will also contact you.

Please ensure that your emergency contact details are kept up to date and inform the office of any changes.

Please talk to a member of staff if your child has any medical needs such as asthma and uses an inhaler so that we can plan for your child's needs.

If your child is ill for any reason, please contact school to let us know.

Parents as Partners

Strong partnerships with our parents are vital if we are to ensure results for our children. When we work together the results for your child are positive, helping their development and learning. We feel that it is essential for you to work with our school in a supportive way to ensure your child has the best possible education.

Throughout the year we will ask you to contribute notes and photographs about all the things your child has achieved at home or is really interested in. We will also send home challenge tasks for you to work on with your child.

From time to time we invite you into school to take part in special activities that the children are doing. We are aware that lots of parents work and this is not always easy to get to. Please feel free to send a representative such as a grandparent. We are always happy to take picture for your child to share with you about the event. Please let us know if we can help in any way.

During the Autumn and Spring term you will have the opportunity to meet with the teachers to find out how your child is doing and in the summer term we provide you with a report.

Every Friday we have a 'Special Mentions' Assembly in school. This is where we celebrate the children's achievements in school that week. It is a real celebration of school life and learning. Please join us for this at 2.40 pm.

Our expectations of your child

We have very high expectations of our children and expect them to follow our golden rules, behaving to the best of their ability. Please help us and support us in doing this by expecting high standards of behaviour from our child at home.

School Values

Burton Agnes is a Church School and Christian Values are an important part of our school and underpin how we live together as a school community. There are many Christian Values but at Burton Agnes the pupils, parents, staff and governors have worked together to choose three values that really represent what Burton Agnes is all about. Together we decided that

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define Burton Agnes and we try to make these values shine brighter than the rest in all that we do.

Keeping Your Child Safe

Child Protection

Parents need to be aware that in the event of a member of staff suspecting a pupil may have been deliberately harmed or neglected by his or her parents or carers, the Head teacher has a duty to inform the local Social Services Team Manager. If the Team Manager shares the school's concern, he or she will contact the relevant agencies to agree the best way of carrying out an investigation.

The decision about when and how the child's parents or carers are informed of any investigation is made by Social Services and the relevant agencies, not by the school.

These procedures, which take account of guidance issued by Central Government, are described in detail in '**Procedures and Guidance**' produced by the East Riding Safeguarding Children Board (ERSCB) @ www.eriding.net/child-protection/erscb.shtml, a copy of which you are welcome to look at in school.

We feel sure you will realise these safeguards are necessary to ensure the welfare of all children and that referrals have to be made in all cases where harm to a child is suspected.

Please ask to see our **Child Protection Policy** if you would like to know more.

The Safeguarding of our children is of the highest priority at Burton Agnes.

Performances and concerts are sometimes arranged and we do allow parents and relatives to use cameras and camcorders and other digital devices to record those precious moments. It should be understood that these images should not be downloaded to the internet and are for the private use of family and friends. We do hope that you will adhere to this policy so that all parents will be able to benefit in the future. We ask all parents to sign a consent form for this. There may be times when we ask that you do not video or take photos. This will be because a child is not allowed to be photographed and we ask you to understand and respect this.

Photographs that we take in school are evidence of pupil's attainment. They are stored on the secure school network and paper copies are often put into a child's learning journey.

Some photographs go on websites and in the newspaper. Again we will ask your permission for this.

Car Parking

Parking near the school is 'potentially dangerous'. Please be aware and park carefully - children's safety must come first. Ask yourself - '**Do you really need to drive to school?**' We do have small car park at school but it can get very busy. We are able to park at Burton Agnes Hall and walk to school from there. This is a much safer option and gains you some exercise! Please park carefully for the sake of your child and everyone else. Thank you

Preparing for the big day

Here's how you can help your child get ready for starting in Reception. We ask that they are able to do the following.

- Hold a pencil and try writing their name.
- Count to 10 and recognise some numbers to 10
- Share stories and books
- Dress themselves
- Use a knife, fork and spoon correctly
- Go to the toilet independently
- Say please and thank you
- Have respect towards other child and adults.
- Try on your PE kit and practise folding your clothes.

Please can we ask that you spend time **talking** to your children. We are seeing a huge increase in children entering school with speech and language difficulties and we need to look at ways to overcome this. It's good to talk!

