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FAQs

Where can I find out more about school: including the times and structure of the school day?

To answer any of your immediate questions there is a booklet on the school website: (<https://www.melbourne-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk/>) - please select the "Parent" menu and then click 'Starting School at MIS'.

How can I prepare my child for school?

The following suggestions may help your child with the settling in period and make their transition into Melbourne Infant School easier. Please also refer to the Derbyshire 'Ten keys for school readiness' on the "Starting School at MIS" page of our website. Please encourage your child to:

Play and share with other children	Go to the toilet independently	Put on, zip up and hang up his/her own coat
Dress and undress independently	Eat with a knife and fork and use table manners	Tidy up toys and games
Communicate his/her needs and feelings to a grown up	Follow verbal instructions when given	

You can also find useful information on our website: www.derbyshire.gov.uk/readyforschool

How will you help my child transition into school?

We hope that your child feels part of the school family in no time at all! We plan lots of transitional activities to help your child become used to the school environment during our Spring term. These include "stay and play" sessions, a tour of the school and a school lunch, and an induction day. More information and dates are included in the transition document, on this website.

We work closely with our local pre-schools to help with your child's transition into school. The local pre-schools are Scallywags, Puddleducks and Dame Catherine Harpur. Please do not worry if your child attends an out of area pre-school - please note this on your admission form or simply advise us of the pre-school that your child attends via email (admissions@melbourne-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk) and we will contact them accordingly.

When your child starts school, we have a phased start to the school year to help children to settle in gradually to school life. Children typically will attend school for a half-day session during their first few days of school (Thursday 5th September and Friday 6th September 2024). You will be notified of more details nearer the time of joining.

When will I find out which class my child will be in?

We work closely with pre-schools and take into account a number of factors when determining which class children will be in when they join us. We aim to communicate to parents/carers directly before the induction day in July to confirm which class your child(ren) will be in, and who your child's teacher will be.



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My child has a medical need, allergies and/or a special dietary request.

Please complete the "medical" section on the online admission form in full and bring this to the attention of the school office via phone (01332 862325) or email (admissions@melbourne-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk). We may ask you for additional information, or ask you to complete further paperwork.

Where can I find information on before and after school clubs?

This can be found on the "Clubs" page of our website under the "Parents" Menu.

Breakfast club runs from 7.30am every day during term time and is run by Premier Education.

After school, we currently have a variety of school-run clubs and clubs run by other providers which run until 4.30pm. We plan for our Breakfast and After School clubs to open to Reception children from their first full week in school after their transitional period (from Monday 9th September 2024).

Extended wrap-around care is also available from external local childcare providers in the local area: including Scallywags Day Nursery and local childminders.

What is the school uniform and where can it be purchased from?

Details of our school uniform can be found in the booklet on the school website:

(<https://www.melbourne-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk/parents/school-uniform>). Our branded uniform supplier is Pupils' Schoolwear, which is located in Swadlincote; www.pupilschoolwear.co.uk.

It is not a stipulation that children need logo branded uniform. We regularly have pre-loved sales in school for families to be able to purchase second hand uniform.

How do I contact you?

If you need to contact us, the email address to use in the first instance is

admissions@melbourne-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk or our telephone number is 01332 862325. We will use the email address specified on your admissions application form to contact you.