

## **FAQ's for My First Day at School**

### **What does my child need to wear?**

Full school uniform – see details on webpage under Key Information.

### **Can my child bring in a snack?**

School does have free fruit each day, but you are welcome to bring a healthy, named snack in for your child. Please avoid anything containing nuts.

### **Will my child have access to drinking water?**

All children are given a named water bottle, this will be sent home every day and we ask that you clean it and return it daily.

### **What if my child gets upset and/or distressed as I leave them?**

Some children can struggle to settle in at school at first but the teachers at St John's have a wealth of experience in helping them adapt and feel at home.

### **Can my child bring a transition object to help them settle?**

Your child is welcome to bring their favourite story to share with others as a familiar link with home. Please ensure this is named.

### **Where do I take my child on their first day?**

There is a path that goes around the back of school that leads to a white door. The EYFS teacher will be waiting for your child there. Other teachers will be on the yard to help direct you.

### **What skills does my child need before starting school?**

Focus on practical skills such as being able to get changed independently, recognising their name, toileting independently and zipping up their coats. There are also other extra ideas you could do with your child in the New EYFS Children 2026 section on our school website.

### **What if my child still has accidents?**

Many Reception children are less than reliable at using the toilet and even children who've been toilet trained for years can slip up. Staff are used to dealing with accidents and will inform you at the end of the day if this has happened. We do have some spare clothes in school.

### **When will my child be given a reading book?**

Individual reading books are given out within the first few weeks. We ask that you listen to your child read each day and record notes in their reading record. Your child will be given a blue book bag which they can keep their reading book in.

### **Will my child get homework?**

Any homework will be put on our class page. Spellings are added each week, so you know what sounds your child is learning.

**When will my child need their P.E kit?**

Please bring a named P.E kit during the first week, this will be kept on your child's peg in the cloakroom and returned home for washing during half term.

**How do I contact you if I have a question or worry?**

We operate an open door policy, so please come and see us anytime. We can also be contacted via email through the office:

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