



CATSHILL FIRST SCHOOL AND NURSERY



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Reception Important Information

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to Reception at Catshill! We have had a lovely week getting to know all our new children and helping them to settle into Reception. In this letter you will find key information about what your children will need in school on certain days and other important things to remember.

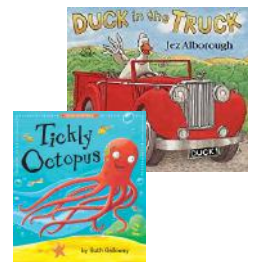
P.E. Kits

On the days your child has P.E. we would like them to **come to school wearing their P.E. kit** - white t-shirt, black shorts and pumps. They will also need their school jumper. In colder weather children can wear jogging or tracksuit bottoms.

Reception P.E. is on Wednesdays - starting Wednesday 15th September.

Weekend Storybooks

Each **Thursday morning at drop off time (8:45am-9am)** you and your child can choose a 'Weekend Storybook' to borrow and take home over the weekend. Our Weekend Storybook Library will be on the playground, outside your child's classroom. Please ensure you bring your book bag so we can issue you a book.



Weekend Storybooks must be returned on Mondays in order for your child to be able to select a different book the following Thursday once they have been quarantined.

Names in Uniform

The children look so wonderful in their new uniform and we would like to be able to return any lost items to the correct child so please take the time this weekend to ensure all your child's belongings are labelled - including P.E. kits, pumps and forest clothes. Sewn-in/stick on labels, name stamps or written in by hand - we don't mind as long as it is named.



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Fun in the Forest Sessions

Each week Reception children will be having 'Fun in the Forest' sessions in our on-site area. Your child will need to come to school wearing their forest clothes and active footwear on the day of their session. They will also need to bring waterproof clothing and wellies in a bag. (Wellies can be kept in school in a bag on your child's peg if they are not needed at home.)

Fun in the Forest days:

Class RTY - Mondays - Starting on Monday 27th September

Class RWJ - Thursdays - Starting on Thursday 30th September

Recommended forest clothes include:

- Hat (warm in winter/sunhat in spring/summer)
- Long sleeve top
- Long trousers such as jogging bottoms or leggings
- Warm jumper or fleece
- Waterproof clothing - coat and trousers or all-in-one
- Gloves and scarf in colder weather.



We request that children not wear denim as it does not dry easily and also no shorts, skirts or dresses as these give little protection to legs when being active outdoors.

Please let us know if you have any difficulties in providing these items and we endeavour to help.

Water Bottles, Drinks and Snack

Children do not need to bring in drinks or snacks from home. All children in Reception have a water bottle in school with their name on. This is kept and washed in school. They have access to their water bottle throughout the day.

Children also have fruit and vegetables provided for their daily snack at our 'Snack Cafe'. Those who have signed up to the Cool Milk scheme also receive a carton of milk. If you have not signed up for this and would like to, please speak to the school office.

In Reception this year we are introducing a wider variety of healthy snacks at our Snack Cafe. This can include items such as crackers, rice cakes and breadsticks. To support this and cooking opportunities we are asking our Reception families for a **voluntary donation of £1 each half term to help cover costs. We will be setting this option up on our payment for school system in the near future.**

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Thompson-Yates, Mrs Yarranton, Mrs Westby, Mrs Jones & the Early Years Team