

# Diamond Class Helpful reminders 😊

## School times

Start of day: Gates and classroom doors open 8.45 a.m. Register at 8.55 a.m.

Nursery collection: 12.00 p.m.

Lunch time: 12- 1 p.m.

End of day: 3.20p.m.

## What does my child need to bring to school?

- Book bags will be provided for our new starters. These are essential for sending home correspondence, reading books, colourings, etc. Other bags may be used such as rucksacks, but please be mindful of size as the cloakroom can be a bit tight.
- If you feel it may be necessary please provide a named bag of spare clothes that can be left on their peg in case of accidents.

## What do you need to do?

- It is essential to name ALL items of clothing and footwear. Please make sure this is written in the same way as the children will be learning to recognise and write their name e.g. “Robert”, not ROBERT, not by surname or initials. The children often do not recognise their name in this way. It is also essential to check names remain visible after washing.
- Please do not allow children to wear jewellery to school as it may cause injury (or upset) if broken.
- We recommend that long hair is tied up.

## PE days and Forest School.

Initially we will focus on classroom routines and expectations, PE days and Forest School routines will be confirmed via the class newsletter at the start of the term.

## Food and drink?

- Water bottles are needed for use in the classroom. This should be separate to their lunch time drink if they are bringing a pack up, and allows constant access to water during the day. Most children bring this into school on a Monday and take home on a Friday. We will wash and refill during the week. Weak squash is permitted though water is preferable.

- Milk and fruit will be provided daily at snack times. When your child turns 5 unfortunately free milk provision ends however you can order it for your child from Cool Milk via the school office if you wish.
- Reception children parents will receive details of how to access the online menus for school lunches (no cost) via direct email. Please be aware that unless you cancel your child's meal they will be given a hot lunch. They do not have to have a hot meal every day, you can pick and choose according to the menu available and their likes and dislikes. We will let you know if your child is not eating their lunch so feel free to try it and see how they go if you are unsure! Independent use of a knife and fork has been one of the tricky parts of lunch times in the past so it would be a great help to prepare your child as much as possible in this area.

### **Toileting**

- If your child may need help with toileting, please discuss individual needs with a member of the team.
- If your child comes home in any of our spare clothing, please wash it and return as soon as possible, supplies are limited.

### **Nursery provision**

- Any queries regarding Nursery provision, 15 hours, 30 hours or stretched funding then the office will be happy to support you. Updates to funding codes must meet deadlines to ensure provision is not disrupted.
- **Any change to hours must be agreed with the office.**

**PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL PAPERWORK SENT VIA THE OFFICE HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND RETURNED. THIS IS ESSENTIAL FOR ALL MATTERS REGARDING YOUR CHILDS PROVISION AND WELL- BEING. Thanks in advance 😊**

### **Anything else?**

Please feel free to ask! You all have my email but just in case

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There is no such thing as a silly question!