



Starting school

Reception Intake September 2023





Tonight:

- To help your child make the best possible start to school
- To help you understand the curriculum and how we teach it.
- Housekeeping information



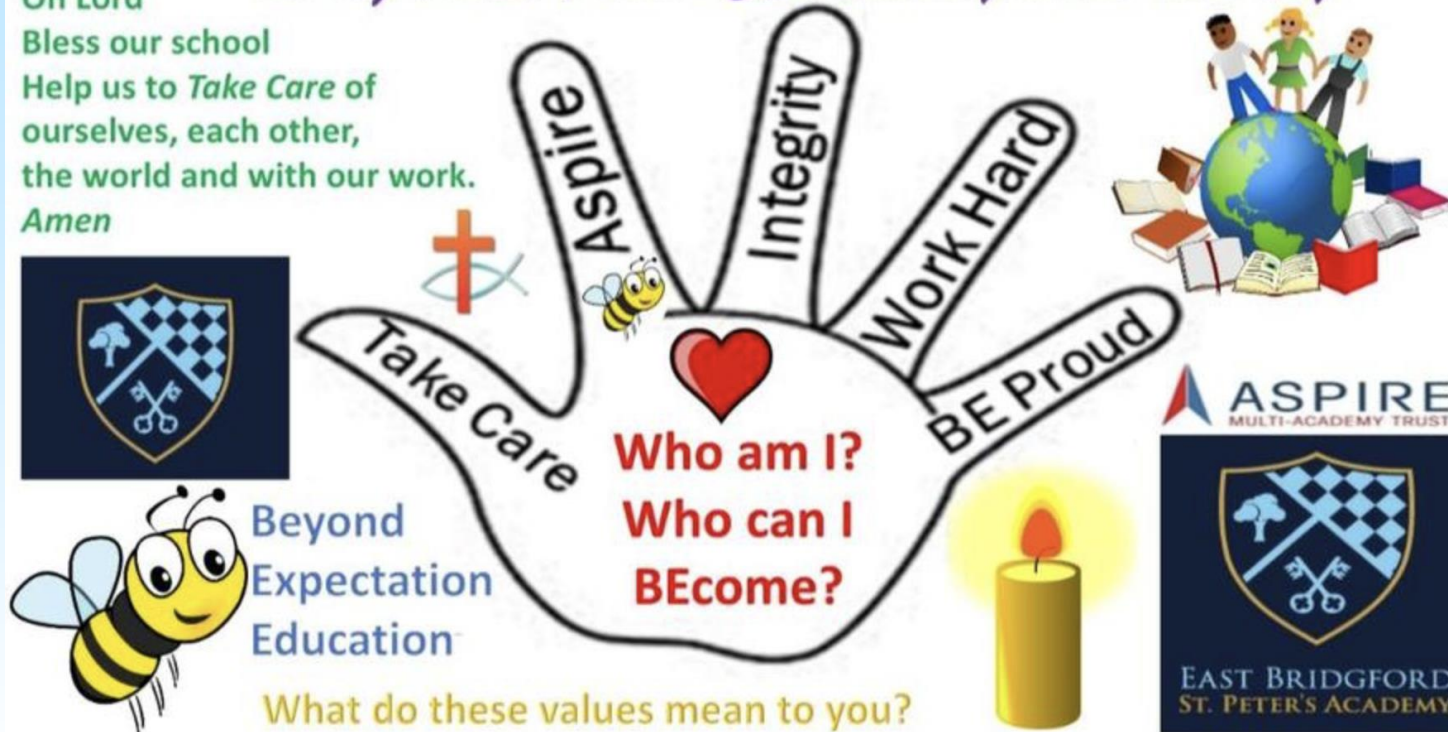


Our Take Care School

School Prayer

Oh Lord
Bless our school
Help us to *Take Care* of
ourselves, each other,
the world and with our work.
Amen

Living the St Peter's CE Academy values each day



Mr Richard Tomlinson
Head Teacher



Class Teachers



Mrs Allison Gibbens
Class Teacher & Deputy Head
Teacher



Mrs Sarah Morrell
Class Teacher and
Foundation 1 lead



Mrs Elaine Boulton
Teaching partner



Class Visit

- 9am - 11.30am Monday 3rd July
- This is just a taster session to start building relationships for September
- Everyone can recognise each other
- Children can see some activities, the classroom and the other children



Paperwork Reminder

- Contact Form
- Medical Form
- Permission Form
- Parent Pack Booklet
- Pupil Premium Funding



What is the Early Years Foundation Stage?

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) is the stage of education for children from birth to the end of the Reception year.

It is based on the recognition that children learn best through play and active learning.



Three **prime** areas of learning and development

Communication and Language

Physical Development

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Four **specific** areas of learning and development

Literacy

Mathematics

Understanding the World

Expressive Arts and Design



The three characteristics of effective learning

- 1 Playing and exploring
- 2 Active learning
- 3 Creating and thinking critically

We take these into account when planning activities.



A typical morning in Reception

- Register and welcome to the day
- Phonics, Maths and T4W (Talk for Writing) Sessions
- Outside Play
- Fine Motor Activities
- Topic Activities
- Child-initiated or Adult-led activities (described as 'playing' by children)



The first few weeks

- Playing and talking
- Routines of the classroom and school
- Reception Baseline

Parent's evening will be an opportunity to discuss what we will be learning and your child's strengths and areas for development.



School Readiness

Self-care

- I know when to wash my hands
 - I can wipe my nose
- I can ask for help if I don't feel well

Speaking & literacy

- I am interested in reading stories & looking at picture books
- I am able to talk about myself, my needs & feelings
- I am practising recognising my name when it's written down

Getting dressed & undressed on my own

- I can button & unbutton my clothes
- I can put my own shoes & socks on
- I can put my coat on & use a zip

Independence

- I am happy to be away from my mummy, daddy or my main carer
- I am happy to tidy my belongings & look after my things
- I am feeling confident about starting school

Listening & understanding

- I am able to sit still and listen for a short while
 - I can follow instructions
- I understand the need to follow rules

Sharing & turn taking

- I can share toys & take turns
- I can play games with others
- I can interact with other children



Interest in the world & new activities

- I enjoy learning about the world around me
 - I am interested in exploring new activities or environments
 - I like asking questions

Eating

- I can use a knife & fork
- I can open my packed lunch on my own
 - I am confident at opening wrappers & packaging

Writing skills

- I like tracing patterns & colouring in
- I enjoy experimenting with different shaped scribbles
 - I am practising holding a pencil

Counting skills

- I enjoy practising counting objects
- I like saying number rhymes & playing counting games
 - I can recognise some numbers when they are written down

Routines

- I have practised putting on my uniform & getting ready to leave on time
- I have a good bedtime routine so I'm not feeling tired for school
- I'm learning to eat at the times I will on school days

Going to the toilet

- I can go to the toilet on my own, wipe myself properly & flush
- I can wash & dry my hands without any help



General Information

Bell goes at 8.35am and the entrance is through the blue door.

Breakfast club children are taken to the playground and bus children are collected from the bus.

It is important that your child comes to school every day and you let us know if there are any problems.

School club register is sent to us every day.

Bus children are escorted to the bus. Please let us know which days your child will be using the bus. We may need to phone you to check.



The Old Building

School playground gates





Procedures for September

As in the last few years we will be operating a slightly shorter day at the beginning of the school year.

Wednesday 6th - Friday 8th September, please pick up your child at **1.30pm**

From Monday 11th September we will be operating normal school hours

Starting school can be very tiring and we feel, under the current circumstances, that this staggered start is in the best interests of the children settling into their new routines.



School Uniform

School Uniform can be ordered online our website.

The children will need:

- School Polo Shirt
- School jumper or fleece or cardigan
- Dark bottoms (skirt, trousers, pinafore etc)
- Dark sensible shoes

For P.E. they will need:

- A white t-shirt and shorts (both available from the link above)
- Optional plimsolls (many children prefer to do P.E. in bare feet)
- A P.E. bag to put these things in

They will also need a book bag also available from the link above. At this point they do not need a larger bag as we have limited storage space in the classroom.





- Please label everything including shoes!
- Please label with a name your child recognises.
- If you label with a biro, please keep reapplying.



What does my child need to bring each day?

- Coat - a waterproof coat can be left at school
- Book Bag - please bring this every day
- Reading books - these will be changed on a Friday
- Spare clothes - if you think they might need them
- Sun hat - please apply suncream before they arrive



Snack time

- Small piece of fruit or carrot and water in the morning
- Milk in the afternoon
- Water station available all day, no juice bottles please

Dinner time

- Reception children are entitled to a Universal Free School Meal
- Food is cooked on site and the menu is on the website
- Adults and Year 6 children serve the dinner to the children



If you have any concerns about your child eating, please let us know as we have a very experienced team that can talk to you about your worries.



Other Matters

- Welcome Service in the church
- Phonics and Reading, and Maths Information Evenings
- Parent's Evenings twice a year
- School trips and other events



Medical Matters

- Any sickness, diarrhoea, we ask is followed by 48 hours absence.
- Please phone the office to report any illness as early as possible.
- Head lice happen! Please check regularly and treat as recommended.
- Any medicines can only be administered by prior arrangement and by filling in the form on the website.



Any questions?

Please pop in and ask us