



The Federation of
Fryern Infant and Junior Schools
'Learning Together'



**Starting School in
September 2020
All you need to know!**

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WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOUR CHILD STARTS SCHOOL

(subject to latest Government guidelines)

We aim to make every day in school exciting and full of fun. You may bring your child to the classroom between 8.45 and 8.55 in the morning. Your child's teacher will meet them at the back classroom door. If you arrive before that time you are responsible for your child while you wait. Please do not let them play on the equipment. Here are a few pointers which may help your child feel prepared.

PLEASE ENSURE EVERYTHING SENT INTO SCHOOL IS CLEARLY NAMED

Your child's first day at school!

- Wait outside the classroom door until it is opened by the class teacher at 8:45am.
- Come into school (with your child if you wish) and find out where to put your child's things.
- Settle them at an activity and say a quick, happy goodbye.

It is a day to remember and treasure and will likely be filled with different emotions - for both adults and children!

What to bring on the first day (to stay in school):

- Labelled P.E. kit in a drawstring bag, (plimsolls/trainers not needed until after February half term)
- Spare pants and socks in a named bag
- Inhalers or other medical needs

What to bring each day:

- Book bag
- Coat
- Water bottle with fresh water
- Healthy snack - nut free
- A big smile!

Milk and healthy snack:

- A healthy snack will be provided for your child each day (fruit or vegetable).
- You can provide a healthy, nut free snack - please label these.
- Children under 5 are eligible for free milk each day. Children over 5 may pay to have milk.

Things best left at home:

- Toys
- Jewellery (pierced ears should be removed on P.E. days)
- Unhealthy food and drinks

Remember a lot of the day is spent outside regardless of the weather, so appropriate clothing is vital every day!

Please label everything that your child brings to school (including snacks, pants and socks!)

Hot school dinners are free for infant children. However, your child may bring a packed lunch if they wish.

LUNCH TIMES

What happens at lunch time?

- Children have a choice of a school dinners or packed lunch. They can decide each day which they would like. There is always a choice of a meat dish (red), vegetarian (green) or jacket potato with a topping (blue).
- Dinners are ordered by the children as part of register. Please talk to your child about what they would like that day.
- If your child has a food allergy and requires a tailored menu, please fill in a special diet request form. The form can be found at <http://documents.hants.gov.uk/HC3S/MedicalSpecialDietForm.pdf> or is available from the school office. This must be filled in and returned to the school before your child can have a school meal.
- Year R children go in to lunch at 11:45 before the rest of the school.
- For the first few weeks their teachers stay in the hall and eat with the children.
- The YR LSAs are also on duty over lunch time so there is always an adult the children are familiar with around.
- We carefully monitor the amount the children are eating at lunchtime and if we have any concerns we will contact you.
- When they have finished eating the children have a play in the YR outside area.



Lunchtime Supervisors

- The role of the lunchtime supervisor is to make sure the children have a happy, safe lunchtime and enjoy eating lunch with their friends.
- They encourage the children to eat a reasonable amount of food and monitor this carefully.
- They help children with cutting up their food and opening packets etc.
- They give the children a drink of water.

Healthy Lunch Boxes

A child's lunch could include the following:

- A main item e.g. sandwiches, wrap, crackers etc.
- Fresh fruit and/or vegetables
- A dairy item e.g. cheese/yoghurt
- A treat e.g. small cake, biscuits, chocolate bar.

Please do not send your child in with anything containing nuts including chocolate spread and peanut butter.



HOW PARENTS CAN HELP

ATTENDANCE

Attending school each day is the key to your child doing well. It will set them up with good habits for life as well as enabling them to:

- Make lots of friends and feel included
- Learn new things and develop many skills
- Increase their confidence and self esteem
- Improve their social skills
- Have better career prospects
- Achieve their potential and fulfil their aspirations

Children learn best when they feel relaxed. Arriving at school between 8.45am and 8.55am with all of the other children is a great start to the day.

We reward good attendance through stickers and certificates. We carefully monitor attendance each half term and follow up any child's attendance which causes concern.

Please note that we cannot authorise holiday within term time.

If your child arrives after 9:10am they will be marked as an unauthorised absence for that session unless you provide evidence that they have been for a medical appointment.

If a child misses just one day each week, over the course of their school career they will miss two years of schooling!

We understand that children will sometimes be unwell. If your child is not well enough to come to school, please phone the office each morning.



READING

We know that children who are heard read regularly make the most progress in all areas of the curriculum, not just English. It is our expectation that children should be heard at least five times a week. We reward home reading with special certificates and badges presented in assembly in front of the whole school. Children love this special time.

Each week the number of times your child has read at home is counted up and tallied accordingly (one count per night).

Please change your child's reading book with them in the morning, these can be found outside the classroom.

Remember to record each night in the home reading log after reading with your child so they get the credit in school.



Reading awards

50 home reads = Certificate
100 = Bronze Reader badge
150 = Certificate
200 = Silver Reader badge
250 = Certificate
300 = Gold Reader badge
350 = Certificate
400 = Platinum Reader badge
450 = Certificate
500 = Diamond Reader badge
550 = Certificate
600 = Ruby Reader badge
700 = Special Award

In the first few weeks, your child will start bringing home some books from school. These are often picture books with no words. Spend time talking about the pictures, characters and setting and making up adventures! This is a vital step in supporting children with learning to read. Please remember it is okay to re-read the same book more than once. In fact, this is something we actively encourage the children to do!

Look out for our Family Learning session on Reading where we will share lots of strategies and tips for supporting your child.

Proposed entry pathway for September 2020

(subject to change in line with the latest Government coronavirus guidelines)

Attached is our proposed entry pathway for September 2020. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, we have changed our entry pathway for this year to reflect that many of the children starting with us will not have been in a pre-school setting for many months. We will also be using the time at the start of the Autumn term to offer several transition opportunities that we know are invaluable at helping the children feel settled and make new relationships and friendships. You will know if your child is Group A or B when you find out your child's class.

It is hard to know what September will look like in schools, however, we will continue to follow the Government guidelines and will regularly review our plans and keep you updated as the recommendations change.

*Please note the additional INSET at the start of term.

Week 1	Morning	Afternoon
Thursday 3 rd	INSET	INSET
Friday 4 th	INSET*	INSET*

Week 2	Morning	Afternoon
Monday 7 th	Home visits	Home visits
Tuesday 8 th	Home visits	Home visits
Wednesday 9 th	9:30 - 10:30 Stay and play with parents Group A	1:30 - 2:30 Stay and play with parents Group B
Thursday 10 th	9:30 - 11:30 Session in school Group A	1:30-3:20 Session in school Group B
Friday 11 th	9:30 - 11:30 Session in school Group B	1:30-3:20 Session in school Group A

Week 3	Morning	Afternoon
Monday 14 th	8:45 - 12:30 including lunch Parents invited to come back for lunch Group A	1:30 - 3:20 Group B
Tuesday 15 th	8:45 - 12:30 including lunch Parents invited to come back for lunch Group B	1:30 - 3:20 Group A
Wednesday 16 th	Group A - stay all day	
Thursday 17 th	Group B - stay all day	
Friday 18 th	8:45 - 12:30 including lunch All children	

Full time from week of 21st September

FAMILY LEARNING

We run a series of informal workshops for parents and children to attend together. Many parents have found these highly beneficial as well as finding them a great way to spend time with their child in school. More information about them will follow.

If there is anything in particular you would like to find out more about, please let your child's class teacher know.

A successful and happy education for your child involves team work between home and school. If you have any worries or queries or need some more information, then please talk to us.

We wish you and your family a happy start to life at Federation.