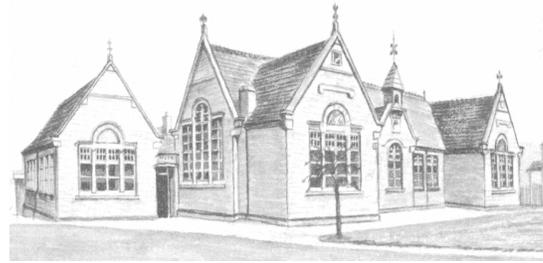


Early Years Foundation Stage Information



Bedford Road Lower School

Welcome to Bedford Road Lower School and the Early Years unit. We have put together this booklet to provide you with the information you will need for your child's first week at school.

Please also look through the prospectus as this has important information you will need.

The Early Years Team

We have 2 Early Years classes, each with a teacher and a nursery nurse. Your child will be taught, assessed and looked after by every member of the Early Years team.

Cherry Class



Mrs Pacey
Teacher

Mrs Beg
Nursery Nurse

Maple Class



Mrs Sainsbury
Teacher

Mrs Gros
Nursery Nurse

Time of sessions

Full-Day: 8:45 – 8.55am until 3:10pm

Part-time: 8:45 – 8.55am until 1pm (*includes lunch*)

Dropping off: Please bring your child into the main playground (*door near mosaic*). The door will be open from 8:45am until 8:55am. A member of staff from Early Years will come out and welcome the children in. Any children arriving late **must** be taken to the school office.

Picking up: **1pm:** All part-time children will be picked up from the front of the school (opposite Sainsbury's).

3:10pm: Please arrive promptly as children get upset if they are the last to leave. Children will be taken to the office at 3:20pm if they are not picked up.

Cherry Class will be picked up from the front of the school.

Maple Class will be picked up in the main playground.

Preparing for the first week

In the first week please ensure your child brings in:

- Wellington Boots
- Suitable Bag

<u>Uniform</u>	
 <u>Girls</u>	 <u>Boys</u>
Grey skirt/pinafore/trousers	Grey trousers/shorts
Green jumper/cardigan	Green jumper
White polo shirt	White polo shirt
Sensible black shoes – NO TRAINERS	

Items frequently get lost or mixed up so **EVERYTHING MUST BE CLEARLY NAMED.** You will need to go to the school office where the lost property box is kept to find any missing items.

P.E Kit

Please note: your child **will not** need to bring in a PE kit until **Monday 4th November.**

Shorts (*any colour*)
T-Shirt (*any colour*)
Plimsolls
Drawstring bag

Please **name all items** of the P.E kit.

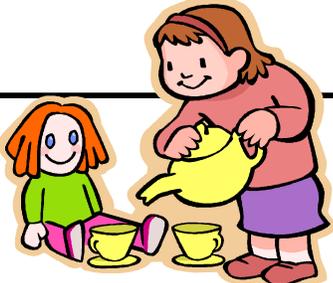
We recommend that you take your child's P.E kit home at the end of each term to wash.

Please note: stud earrings must be removed before a P.E lesson or covered up. We are not able to remove earrings so if your child is unable to remove their own earrings please do it before they come to school or provide tape to put over your child's earrings.

PE is on **Friday** afternoon

Wellington Boots

Our children go outside all year round and in all weathers. Please provide a pair of named wellington boots for your child to keep in school and ensure they have a suitable coat.



Food

Bags

Please provide a suitable bag for your child's library and reading book to fit into. Bags are available from the school office. Rucksacks are **not** suitable as they are too bulky for the children's pegs and also damage our books.

Lunch

Children may have a school meal or packed lunch.

Packed Lunch: Please put in 1 container & clearly name on the inside and outside. **No** fizzy drinks, glass containers or food containing nuts.

School Meal: Please ask in the office for the latest cost of a school dinner (*price during the Summer term 2013 was £2.10 per day*). Meals must be paid for in advance or on the day and money needs to be taken to the school office in a named envelope.

Free-school meals: Free meals and packed lunches are available to children whose parents receive the relevant benefits (please ask at the school office).

Snack

Each day the children will be provided with a piece of fruit or vegetable for snack. Milk is provided free of charge until your child reaches 5 years old, after which they will be provided with water.

Water is always available so please **do not** provide a drink for your child.

Sweets & Treats

As we are committed to being a healthy school we cannot give out sweets or treats for a child's birthday. If you feel strongly about giving something you may provide a healthy alternative e.g. raisins, fruit bars.

Parents /Carers role



Donations

To keep the technology area stocked and to enable the children to cook regularly we do ask our parents if they can make a contribution of resources. We will put a request board out when stocks are running low. If you feel able to donate please sign your name and bring the item in asap.

Support in the unit & outings

In the unit: We are happy to involve our parents/carers in the Early Years unit. If you would like to help in any way please speak to your child's teacher.

Outings: Whenever we leave the school grounds we require at least 18 additional adults to assist us. We would be very grateful if you are able to help.

Promoting Independence skills

Your child should be able to:

- Go to the toilet without help and wipe themselves
- Turn on taps and wash and dry hands
- Do up their coat
- Dress themselves (including shoes)
- Feed themselves without help
- Blow their own nose
- Tidy up after themselves

Please note: Velcro / Buckle shoes are preferable at this age as children struggle with tying laces.

Library Books

Your child will be given a library book which is changed weekly on a **Friday**. Library books must be brought to school on this day in order for them to be changed. Any lost or damaged books will incur a charge.

Providing information about your child

So that we can support your child to the best of our ability please make sure you provide us with all relevant information.

Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum

Early in October we will be holding a curriculum meeting to introduce the Early Years Curriculum to you. We are keen that as many parents as possible attend. We will confirm the date nearer the time.

We regularly provide you with an overview of what your child will be learning. We also regularly ask your opinion of what your child's interests are so we can plan for their needs.

PLEASE NOTE:

Jewellery

Children should **not** wear any jewellery or watches to school. If children have pierced ears they should only wear small stud earrings.

If your child wears a bangle for religious reasons please provide a sweatband as part of his/her PE kit so it can be covered. Necklaces will need to be removed before a PE lesson.

Absences

If your child is absent from school please telephone on the morning of the absence with an explanation for our school records.

If your child has sickness or diarrhoea please contact the school office for advice on when you may bring your child back to school.