



Bessemer Grange Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly welcome to Nursery and we hope you and your children are settling in well. We would like to keep you up to date with a few routines and policies for Nursery

Reading diaries

We aim to read with each child once a week. We will read with your child and comment on their progress and next steps. Please aim to read with your child each day for at least five minutes.

Library Books

Each child is also encouraged to select a book from the reading corner as often as possible to take home to share with you or read on their own. However they are only able to do this if they have a book bag to keep it safe in therefore please ensure they have a book bag with them each day. Please return a book before selecting a new one.

Next Week

From next week we will ask children to hang up coats and bags independently and then find/write their names and register when they come in the morning/afternoon. We will also be spending the next two weeks observing children and their learning styles in play and taking note of their interests to support our planning for future topics.

Packed Lunches

If your child is eating a packed lunch please ensure it is a healthy one that includes foods such as: fruit, brown bread, vegetable fillings, rice dishes, raisins, yoghurts, cheese. It is not appropriate for children to eat crisps, biscuits, sugary drinks, and sweets, chocolate as we are a healthy eating school. If you would like your child to try a healthy hot school dinner please speak to Debbie in the office. Please do not send grapes or any nut based products in packed lunches.

Cereal

Towards the end of the morning session the part time children sit around tables to have cereal and a drink of milk. This is a very sociable time during which children develop their table manners and conversational skills. However if you would prefer your child not to have cereal at

this time please let the teacher know. Your child will be offered fruit instead. Afternoon children and full time children have their snack time at the end of the afternoon session.

Uniform

Please can you make sure you have written your child's name in each piece of uniform. I know most of you have but it still goes missing and this is the best chance of redeeming it.

Jewellery

We would prefer to operate a no jewellery policy due to the nature of Early Years being a physical learning environment. Please do not send children to school with dangly earrings or necklaces as they may get lost or broken but more importantly they can be a serious health and safety risk to your child.

Lost Property

Each class has a lost property box by the cloak room. Please check in there if items are missing. There is also a whole school lost property box by the main office.

Before and After School

The classroom door opens at 9:00am and 12:00pm and closes at 12:10 and 3:55pm each day.

Please can you also ensure you are leaving the playground by 12:10 to allow Reception to access the early year's playground and 3.55pm prompt to allow after school clubs to access the playground.

Accidents

Early Years is a physical learning environment and therefore accidents in the playground are a daily occurrence at school. The Early Years Practitioners make a judgement call as to whether these accidents are to be reported to parents or not. Please be assured that your children's accidents and needs are taken seriously and children are nurtured through them.

Our policy is to report all head injuries and serious cuts or falls to parents by phone as soon as the accident occurs. However we cannot report every minor trip and fall in the playground.

Junk Modelling

Finally, if you have any recycling or junk modelling please feel free to donate it to us each classroom will have a box for junk modelling resources to be left in. We also welcome old pots and pans and kitchen equipment, or large scale plastic/ natural / blankets/ sheets /materials / wooden junk modelling equipment for open ended play in the playground.

Many thanks,

Nursery Team