

FAQ Sheet for Prospective Parents – Reception starters 2023

What are the start and finish times of the school day?

Doors open at 8.40am and close at 8.45am. School finishes at 3.15pm.

Does the school have a breakfast club and/or an after school club?

The school has no provision for wrap-around care. However local providers do drop off and collect from this school.

How are settling in days and starting school managed?

Each child and one accompanying adult are invited to stay and play for an hour on a given day. Additionally, the children are invited to stay and play for an hour on another day whilst parents drop in for coffee in the school hall.

The children then start school in September attending part time for the first two weeks and then full time after that.

What would a typical day in Reception look like?

Register

Maths input

Focus group activities / Continuous provision / Free-flow

Break / Snack

Read Write Inc input

Focus group activities / Continuous provision / Free-flow

Lunch

Input

Focus group activities / Continuous provision / Free-flow

Story

Home

Plus PE once a week

Do the children move classes throughout the day for different lessons?

The children only move classes for Read Write Inc groups and in Reception this starts from January.

The children either do PE outside or in the school hall.

How is communication managed between teachers and parents/carers?

School communication is via phone calls / emails / texts.

Parents/carers can also speak to teachers informally at the end of the school day, or by appointment.

How does Canvey Island Infant School produce the children's learning journals in Reception?

In Reception, we use an online learning journal called Tapestry.

How does the school give out praise?

A weekly celebration assembly enables all children to celebrate and share successes.

In every class, there is a Recognition Board where children are invited to display their photograph when they demonstrate any one of the school values of Respect, Responsibility or Resilience.

Children are also awarded team points which are collected and totalled at the end of each week. A trophy is awarded to the team who have the most points each week and the children in that team are rewarded with an extra 10 minutes play time.

Stickers are given by teachers, learning support assistants and midday assistants.

How does the school deal with behaviour and bullying?

Instances of bullying are extremely rare and are not tolerated. The school's positive behaviour and relationships policy (available to view on the school's website) details our response to poor behaviour choices.

Do all children have the opportunity to have school dinners? How much are school dinners?

Yes, all children in school have the choice to have a school dinner or bring a packed lunch.

All children in the infant school are entitled to universal infant free school meals. Children attending Nursery pay for their school meals which are £2.65 per day.

Are snacks provided during the day?

The children are provided with a piece of fruit or vegetable for the morning break. If you prefer, your child can bring in their own fruit or vegetable to eat. Grapes must be cut in half as they are a choking hazard.

What homework can my child expect?

From the start of the school year, all children have two reading books and a library book to take home. Children are expected to read to a family member at least 3 times each week.

How often are there cases of children from the infants applying unsuccessfully to the junior school?

There have been no cases that we are aware of.