

Starting *Reception.*

Everything you and your little one need to know for a happy first term with us.

a little hello

Hello from the Reception team

Welcome to Willaston School, and a very special welcome to our Reception class. This little guide is here to help you find your feet — a friendly run-through of how the day works, what to pack, and the small practical things that make a big difference in the first few weeks.

We are genuinely excited for the year ahead and can't wait to meet you and your children. If you have any questions or queries between now and September, please do get in touch!

— *with warmest wishes, the Reception team*

**The shape of the
school day**

DOORS OPEN

8:55am

HOME TIME

3:30pm

01 Drop off & pick up

In the morning, the children line up on the front playground when the bell rings — the Reception team will come out and collect them.

To help with the transition, we ask that children come in independently — it really does help them settle quickly.

If anything changes about who is collecting your child, please phone the office and we'll make sure the team knows.

02 Uniform

Please label everything! Jumpers especially have a habit of going walkabout.

PE bags will be sent home at the end of each half term so kits can be washed and returned for the new term.

Day-to-day, *made simple.*

03 Spare clothes

Accidents happen! Please pop a change of clothes, underwear and socks into your child's bag, along with a small plastic bag we can use to send dirty clothes home in.

04 Snack & water

Each day, children can bring a healthy fruit or veg snack to eat at playtime.

Please send a **labelled water bottle** in every day.

05 Reading together

Once settled, we'll send home a reading record and books in a book bag. A quick comment or signature when you've read together helps us know they're ready for the next one. We aim to swap books once a week, and we'll also send home word walls — high-frequency words that build reading fluency and confidence.

06 Dinners & medication

For school dinner enquiries, please contact the office.

If your child needs medicine during the day, please see Mrs Slater, our school administrator — she'll guide you through it.

07 Wellies

We love getting outside in all weathers! Please provide a pair of **named wellies** to leave at school so we can splash about whatever the forecast.

08 Tapestry

In Reception, we use an online platform called **Tapestry** to capture observations and "wow moments" from your child's learning journey. You'll be able to view it at parents' evening, and we'll send home a full Learning Journey at the end of the year.

09 Any questions at all?

No question is too small. The Reception team is around at the end of each day — please come and find us. You can also phone the office and we'll get straight back to you.

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