



## Welcome to Reception



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## **Welcome to Reception**

Welcome to Reception! We are very excited to welcome your child/ren to Wigginton Primary School. The following information is intended to give you a greater understanding of how the Reception classes operate.

## **Classes**

We have two Reception classes that are taught predominantly by their own class teachers but all children have free-flow play time across our open plan classroom and outdoor area.

## **Starting school in September**

What your child will need each day:

- A book bag to carry reading books and works of art. You can buy a logo'd book bag online from our school uniform supplier (info on the school website: <https://www.wiggintonprimary.co.uk/school-uniform/> ) or from non-logo'd versions at other retailers.
- A drinks bottle clearly labelled with your child's name.
- A change of clothes in case of accidents. Please send this in a separate named bag so that we can keep it on your child's peg.

## **Clothing**

- Please label ALL clothing and shoes etc. as several children quite often have the same articles, in the same size and they often struggle to recognise their own!
- The children will come to school in their PE kits on their PE day- this year the reception pupils will have PE on a Tuesday. Details of the school PE kit can be found on page 27 of the Wigginton School Year Book: <https://www.wiggintonprimary.co.uk/wigginton-school-yearbook/> Please label everything (both trainers).

## **Arriving at school and collection at the end of the day**

The Reception entrance is by a small wooden gate on the Year 3/4 playground.

School starts at 8:50am. If you are late and the classroom door is shut, you will need to take your child/ren to the school office at the main school entrance and sign them in.

The end of the school day is at 3:05pm, the collection point is also on the Year 3/4 playground. It is really important that you let us know if someone else other than parents/ guardians (e.g. family member, another parent) is collecting your child at the end of the day.

## **Lunchtime**

The children stay in school for lunch, which is eaten in the school hall. All children in Reception and Key Stage 1 are entitled to a universal infant free school meal (which you will have received information about in the registration pack and a menu can be found on the school website <https://www.wiggintonprimary.co.uk/school-dinners-information-menus/> ) but if you prefer, you can provide a healthy packed lunch, in a clearly named lunch bag/box.

Lunchtime for Reception begins at 11.45am (once the children are attending full-days at school).

PLEASE NOTE THAT WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL SO WE ASK THAT YOU CHECK ALL INGREDIENTS LISTS ON ANY FOOD SENT INTO SCHOOL.

## **Any Questions?**

Please don't be afraid to ask!

You can either:

- Email the main school office and the admin team will pass on the message, the team are happy to answer any questions or give you a call if needed.
- Catch a member of the Reception team, preferably at the end of the day but if it's urgent, in the morning.
- Send us a message on Tapestry

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## **School Readiness**

As part of our Early Years ethos, we in Reception feel that children's mental and physical wellbeing is at the forefront of all other aspects. Children learn best when they feel comfortable and at ease. It is for this reason that we suggest gentle, small steps to prepare your children for starting school. It is important to remember that every child is unique and all children will learn at a different rate. Children will do things when they are ready and we as a team are here to support children with these steps so please do not feel any pressure to rush through them. The links below talk about 'school readiness' and some things that you can do at home.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/how-to-prepare-your-child-for-school/zxpc8p3>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/how-to-prepare-your-child-for-primary-school>

<https://startingreception.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Starting-Reception.pdf>

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you in September.

***The EYFS team***

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **When will my child do full days?**

At Wigginton, all of the Reception children do half days for the first five days. They will start school at 8:50am and then will need to be collected at 12 noon. You will drop off your child on the Year 3/4 playground and pick them up by the gates leading up to the school entrance. After the first five half days, your child will do full days (8:50am - 3:05pm). Drop off and pick up will be from the Year 3/4 playground. Please note: your child will not have a school dinner on the 1<sup>st</sup> week at school but to help familiarise your child with the lunchtime routine, your child may have a trial meal at 11:45am on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September before being collected at 12noon. Your child's meal will be free. Parents/carers are also welcome to join their child in the dinner hall at 11:45am on this day to see how the lunchtime routine works. If you will not be joining your child on this day, they will need collecting from school at 12 noon.

### **What if I am running late to collect my child?**

If you are going to be late, please ring the school office as soon as possible. You will then collect your child from the school office.

### **Can I park at the school?**

The school carpark is for staff only.

There is limited parking around school but you can park on residential streets, but please be mindful of residents access and yellow hashed road markings. We encourage children to walk/bike/scoot to school if possible. We have a bike storage unit near the main school gates for bikes and scooters.

### **Do I need to pay for school lunches?**

School dinners are free for children in Reception, Year One and Year Two. Children can also bring their own a packed lunch.

### **Do I need to provide my child with a snack?**

Please sign up to Cool Milk to ensure your child receives milk at school- please remember to enter the date you want your child's milk to start, which will be 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025. Information was provided in the registration pack and is also available on the school website: <https://www.wiggintonprimary.co.uk/school-milk-scheme/> . Milk is free until their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday. They can still continue to have milk but it will need paying for online directly to cool milk. We offer fruit/vegetables to the children every morning for a snack. They do not need to bring in their own snack. Please send water in water bottles and NOT juice.

### **What do I do if my child is ill?**

Please see page 24 to 25 of the Wigginton School Year Book: <https://www.wiggintonprimary.co.uk/wigginton-school-yearbook/> for details of what your responsibility is and what action the school will take.

Please note if your child has sickness or diarrhoea, they MUST stay off school for 48 hours after the last episode.

### **Administration of Medicines (including the use of Inhalers)?**

Please see page 24 to 25 of the Wigginton School Year Book: <https://www.wiggintonprimary.co.uk/wigginton-school-yearbook/> for details of what your responsibility is and what action the school will take. Please also see the Medicines in School Policy on the school website: <https://www.wiggintonprimary.co.uk/policies/>