

Dear Parent / Carer

Welcome to Reception!

As the children settle in; we will encourage them to develop their ability to be more independent, build on their confidence with peers and staff, manage their emotions and start to engage for longer periods of time with specific learning activities. Please help your child to become more independent at home, by letting them get changed by themselves, feed themselves, clean up after themselves, put on their own coat, shoes etc.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our expectations in Reception.

At School:

- School gates open at 8:20am and close at 8.30am, class doors open at 8:25am. End of day collection is at 3:00pm from the class door. Please refer to the Safe Collection Policy.
- Your child will need to bring a labelled bottle containing **only water** each day.
- Please ensure your child has a weather appropriate coat with them each day; as the weather becomes colder, they will need a winter hat, gloves etc.
- Your child will read daily as a part of their reading group. They will read the same book for a whole week. This book will be sent home in their school bookbag each night for you to read at home.
- On Mondays, children are required to wear a PE kit, which they will wear all day.
- On Fridays, children will join either forest school or an outdoor walk and will need to bring Wellington boots. They may wear black joggers/ leggings with their school jumper and white polo shirt. Please ensure they have school shoes to change into as well as spare trousers and socks as these sometimes get wet/muddy.
- Children will brush their teeth at school each day, their school provided toothbrush will remain at school with their name on.

At home:

- Children should spend some time each night reading their reading book. Don't forget to sign their reading diaries! This way your child can be given a raffle ticket each day to be entered into the Friday draw to win a book.
- Your child will also bring home a book of their choice for you to read to them. Again, sign their reading diary and they can get a raffle ticket for the Friday draw.
- Your child will bring home their homework book each week containing homework related to their latest phonics sounds taught and activities you can do at home related to our topic. We look at these each Tuesday.



Aspire, Attend, Achieve



"THIS MORNING, HE WAS WORRIED ABOUT SCHOOL... BUT LOOK AT HIM NOW!"

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.



HM Government

Head to the Education Hub to find out more.



NHS



Tudor Grange Academies Trust

every school day counts

0 days missed	0 hours of learning missed	Perfection
3 days missed	15 hours of learning missed	Starting to slip
5 days missed	25 hours of learning missed	Slight concern
8 days missed	40 hours of learning missed	Concern
10 days missed	50 hours of learning missed	At risk of persistent absence
15 days missed	75 hours of learning missed	Serious risk of persistent absence
19 days missed	90 hours of learning missed	Persistently absent

every minute counts

LATENESS = LOST LEARNING
(Figures below are calculated over a school year)

5 minutes late each day	3 days lost!
10 minutes late each day	6.5 days lost!
15 minutes late each day	10 days lost!
20 minutes late each day	13 days lost!
30 minutes late each day	19 days lost!



Be
READY
to
LEARN

Communication

- To communicate with your class teacher, you can: Email (office@samworth.tgacademy.org.uk) or phone (0116 278 0232) to arrange an appointment or request a call back. (Please be mindful teachers will be in class or meetings and will require 48 hours to respond).
- Use the Reading and Communication Log to pass on any non-urgent messages. For all urgent messages please contact the school office.
- All communication from school will be directed via My Child at School (such as, school reports, parent evenings, trips, term dates, etc.) For support to set up your account, please contact the school office.
- All trips will need to be paid via My Child at School.
- Please remind yourselves of the Parent Code of Conduct and all communication needs to be respectful.
- <https://www.samworth.tgacademy.org.uk/primary/curriculum/reception/> Curriculum information is available on our school website
- **Uniform:** <https://www.samworth.tgacademy.org.uk/primary/parents/uniform/> Please visit the school website to check the uniform.
- No earrings or jewellery can be worn to school.
- PE: Green T-shirt, black jogging bottoms, leggings or black shorts with black trainers - Velcro is preferable for their independence. PE Day is Monday and children should come to school in PE Kit on this day. They can wear their green school jumper if it is cold.
- School uniform: Charcoal grey trousers, pinafore or skirt. Bottle green sweatshirt/cardigan and white polo T-shirt. Black polishable shoes - Velcro is preferable for their independence.
- A green book bag. Please do not send your child with a rucksack as children can trip over them and we do not have the space to store them.

There will be **FAB Fridays** each term. This is when parents/ carers are invited into school to join children for activities, usually from drop off at 8.25 until approximately 9am.

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to the class teacher.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Walsh and Mrs Tzanos

Reception Teachers