



Davington Primary School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We welcome you and your children to Year R. We are looking forward to a successful and happy year, full of enjoyable learning.

We will be using the outside area as much as possible so please make sure your child is suitably dressed for all weathers. A pair of wellington boots, to be kept at school, would be really helpful.

We shall shortly be starting our phonics program, focusing on the sounds that each letter makes. The first sounds we learn are the pure sounds *s a t p i n* followed by *m d g o c k ck*. The following link will show you how to pronounce each sound.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lwJxINSineE>

Once the children have learnt some sounds we will begin to blend letters together to make 2 and 3 letter words.

Indoor PE

Please ensure your child's PE kit is in school. Our PE day is **Thursday**.

Please ensure children with shoulder length hair or longer have their hair tied back. If your child has pierced ears, their earrings will need to be removed before this session.

Please ensure your child's PE kit is in a suitable bag and labelled clearly with their full name and class.

Independence

We encourage the children to be as independent as possible. This includes putting on coats, taking jumpers on and off as well as getting dressed independently for P.E. Please support your child by encouraging them to dress themselves, including putting on socks and doing up zips and buttons. You could further support your child by encouraging them to "have a go" at using a knife and fork to cut up their dinner.

Homework and Reading

Year R children need to read with an adult **every day**. This can be a shared story. Please talk to your child about the story. We aim to change reading books twice a week. Reading the same book several times helps support the children's fluency and confidence. We will also send home ideas for activities that support your child's learning in the home learning books.

Your child's plastic reading folder needs to be in school every day. Please place these in the boxes locate in each class. We visit the school library on a **Tuesday**.



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Water

It is important that children drink plenty of water throughout the day. In order to do this, children need a named water bottle which they can access throughout the day. Please make sure this does not leak and has a 'sports top' lid. These can be bought in the school office. The children are strongly encouraged to drink water, not squash.

Milk

Lots of our children have asked for milk. Unfortunately we cannot give milk to them unless you have signed up to *Coolmilk*. **All children under 5 are entitled to free milk.** You can register for this really easily online.

<http://www.coolmilk.com/>

Children over 5 have to pay. It works out at about £15 a term. Please see the website for more details. Mrs. Cavanagh in the office will be able to give you a registration form if you cannot access the website.

Break Time Snacks

Reception children currently receive a piece of fruit at break times. If you would rather provide your child with their own snack, please refer to the Parent Handbook for guidance as we like to ensure that we are promoting healthy eating within the school.

Lunchtime

As you are aware all reception children are entitled to a free school meal. If you have not already returned the menu with your child's choices highlighted, please do so as soon as possible. Extra menus can be collected from the office. Please inform the office if your child wants a school packed lunch.

Arriving at school

School starts at 8:45 and finishes at 3:15. We have an 'open door' policy and are always ready to discuss any urgent problems with you in the morning when you bring your child to school. However, if you want to have a longer discussion about your child, please make an appointment to talk to us after school – thank you.

Please ensure that all items of clothing, footwear and bags are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Bishop and Miss Kennett
Reception Class Teachers