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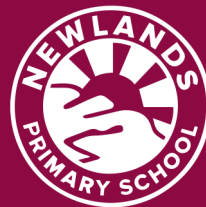
Starting school is not just nerve-wracking for your child, it can be for you too! However, children settle in much better if parents send them in confidently, smiling and wishing them well; you can then go and weep round the corner. We know we did!

Remember to make sure you're early to pick up your child as it can be upsetting for them not see you there. Children are usually hungry by home time, so you may want to bring a snack and drink to the school gate.

When your child gets home, let them have a rest and snuggle with you. You may want to let them watch tv for a while to unwind. It's natural to want to ask what happened at school but be prepared to hear 'nothing'; there's a lot to take in on the first day and they may not remember much of it!

If you have any concerns, please speak to your child's class teacher or call into reception.

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Welcome to Reception



We want your children to feel comfortable from day one at Newlands so we've put together this leaflet for you to share with them, to help address some common fears for those starting reception.

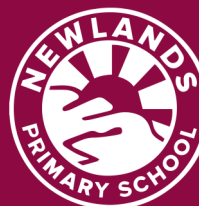
Starting school is exciting but it can also be a bit scary.

We hope this leaflet will answer any questions you have about your first day at Newlands.

Talk to your adults if there is anything worrying you and between us we'll do our best to make you feel confident starting school.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Your Reception Teachers



We want all Newlands children to have **RESPECT**, for themselves and for others.

R.E.S.P.E.C.T stands for:

RESPONSIBILITY

- to look after themselves and their learning

EMPATHY

- to strive to understand and share the feelings of others

SUCCESS

- to work hard to achieve their aims

PERSEVERANCE

- to keep going when things are difficult

ENTHUSIASM

- to maintain an interest and enjoyment in their learning

CREATIVITY

- to use their Imagination and ideas to create something new

TEAMWORK

- to work together to achieve their aims

What will happen on my first day?

On the first day, your teacher will meet you at your classroom door and welcome you in, then your day will go something like this...

8:40 - Gates open - morning activities

9:00 - Morning registration

9:15 - Phonics

10:15- Break time

10:30- Maths Mastery

11:15- Shared writing

11.30- Lunch time

12:15- Afternoon registration

12:25- Maths Meeting

12:40- Child initiated learning and snack bar

2:30- Storytime

3:00- Home time

What is a snack bar?

The snack bar is available every afternoon during child initiated play. An adult helps you to prepare your own snacks from a range of delicious treats.

One day a week we will have 'Big Snack' this involves cooking and tasting your own creations!

What happens at lunchtime?

At lunchtime you will go into the school canteen. There will be tables set up ready and our lovely dinner ladies will be waiting to help you.

For the first week, your class teacher will also join your class at lunchtimes to help you get settled. If you choose to have school dinners, you will queue up with your tray to choose what you want from the cook then sit down to eat with your friends.

When you have finished, take your tray to the bin to scrape any leftovers. Then our lunchtime helpers will be able to wash it up and you can go out to play.

Will I have to do work at home?

You will get to take home some school reading books to look at with your adults and eventually you will get daily phonics sheets with things to try at home.

Practicing at home will really help your reading in school and will give you a chance to show off your learning!



What if I need the toilet?

The toilets are not too far from the classroom, we will show you the way on the first day. If you need to go just let a teacher know

(If it's carpet time, pop your hand up and the teacher will let you go)

And what if I have an accident?

If you do have an accident, just let your teacher or teaching assistant know and they will sort out getting you some clean clothes.

If you want, you can bring some of your own underwear in your bag just in case.

What if I don't have any friends to play with at lunchtime?

At lunchtimes we have some games and equipment laid out so there's always something to do and no one should feel left out.

If you are feeling shy, there are always plenty of adults on the playground at break times - you could try saying hello to one of them.



What will I need in school?

Our school uniform:

- Dark grey/black trousers, shorts or skirt
- White polo shirt
- Newlands maroon school jumper or cardigan
- White, grey or black tights or socks
- Black shoes

Our P.E kit:

- Black shorts and/or tracksuit bottoms
- House t-shirt
- Plimsolls (indoor p.e)
- Trainers (outdoor p.e)

Other things:

- Water bottle
- Book bag or backpack
- Coat