

Admissions and transitions into Reception:

If you are interested in a Reception place for your child, you can contact the main office and speak with Mrs Mohammed who will be delighted to hear from you and can share some key information about our Early Years base. You can then arrange a visit to view the setting.

Admissions are arranged via the Leicester City Council Admissions. You can find more information about this here:

<https://www.leicester.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-and-colleges/school-admissions/starting-infant-or-primary-school/apply-for-an-infant-or-primary-school-place/>

Once your child has been allocated a place by admissions, we will contact you to arrange a home visit. These visits are important as they help your children become familiar with key staff and for families and staff to build relationships.

At the visit we will find out some information about your child's current interests and use this to prepare their transition into the base. We will also invite you to a parent information meeting and 'Meet the Teacher' event, where you will be able to find out more about Reception at Mayflower Primary School and more information about the school. This is usually held in the Summer Term.

Getting your child ready for Reception:

In the summer break before your child starts at the nursery, please have a go at some of these things to get your children ready:

1. Practising putting on shoes, socks and other clothes

Encouraging your child to put on their shoes and socks is a great skill to develop. Velcro shoes are best at this stage, until they can manage shoes with other fastenings.

2. Practising taking off and putting on their coat

As we engage in free flow, this skill will support our children to become independent as they choose when they want to go outside or come back inside. At the start of the year, we can support with fastenings, however we do aim for children to be able to manage fastenings independently during their Reception year.

3. Establishing a good morning and evening routine

This is really important that children develop good routines. By having a more structured routine in place which will become familiar for school days, it will help your child feel secure and prepared for the routines for the day.

4. Sharing books together

This will help develop your child's listening skills, vocabulary and enjoyment of books.

5. Developing a good toileting routine and develop self-care skills

It is essential for children to develop a good routine for toileting, knowing when they need to go, how to manage the motor skills in

managing clothing and then managing self-care skills for toileting. Practising washing hands with soap is also a great skill to achieve.

6. Talk, talk, talk!

7. Get your child familiar with the school uniform

This may be your child's first experience wearing a uniform. Talking about and showing your child their school uniform can be helpful, so that children will remember what they will need to put on for school.

8. Talking about school lunches

Our school menus are available to view on the school website. Talking about school lunches are a great way of preparing children to know what to expect. When your child starts Reception, we encourage you to talk about the choices the night before and select the option on your Scopay app. Please ensure your child is aware of the choice, so they remember and know what to expect to receive at lunch time.

9. Practicing using cutlery

This is an important skill to practise and can take time. Allowing children to practice and have a go using utensils e.g. fork and a knife for cutting would help them to build their skills, which would support them at lunch time.