

## Universal Infant Free School Meals

### A healthy, nutritious free school meal for every infant child.

This has been in place for several years and has been extremely successful in ensuring that all the children receive a hot school dinner along with all their friends, encouraging them all to expand the range of foods they eat and give them the right energy to see them through the rest of the day. Discussions with the current Reception children indicate that they very much enjoy their hot school lunches! When children eat a healthy, nutritious lunch their concentration and learning is much improved during the afternoon. It also has the added benefit of teaching children more about social interaction and to try new and exciting foods in a very supportive and safe environment. Families save around £400 a year, not to mention the time spent sorting a healthy packed lunch out. We will ask you to sign up to free school meals at our welcome meeting.



### Communications

- Please look out for our weekly newsletter which is published online every Friday.
- There may also be occasions when we need to telephone you so please make sure that we always have up-to-date contact numbers.
- If your child is absent please let us know as early as possible in the morning -

the office is open from 8.00 am.

- The Government do not permit any holiday to be taken during term time. It is a legal requirement for your child to attend school and all absences are followed up with an attendance clinic.

### Health and Safety

- Gates and doors are always kept shut and where possible, locked to ensure the safety and security of your child.
- No medicines can be administered by staff unless you have completed and signed a medical form. Medicine **must** be prescribed by a doctor and labelled by a pharmacist.
- If we are unsure of the collection arrangement for your child we will always contact you and check before letting them leave.
- Please do not use your mobile phone on the school site.



**WELCOME TO SCHOOL  
2022**



# Welcome to Indian Queens School

Starting school is a really exciting step and one which we hope everyone will enjoy. A happy child will learn quickly and cope well with the challenges school will offer - and relaxed, positive parents will be able to support and guide their child well.

## Our Foundation Stage Team

Our team are very much looking forward to working with you and your child. Our class teachers are Miss Gemma Fox and Miss Rhiannon Sabine. Miss Fox is based in Navaho Class and Miss Sabine is based in Hopi Class. Both classes are supported by a team of experienced teaching assistants.

## Keeping in touch with your child's class teacher

- Home-School Review meetings are held in the Autumn and Spring terms and will be a chance for you to talk about your child's progress with the class teacher.
- You will receive a written report on your child's progress towards the end of the Summer Term.
- If you ever have any concern about your child, please let us know and the class teacher will be delighted to meet with you at a time to suit you both.

## Preparing for school ..... ready for school

- It is really helpful for your child to get a good night's sleep, to have breakfast and to have plenty of time to get to school without a panic.
- Be positive about school and reassure your child that he or she (and especially you) will be fine.
- To save your child worrying about their possessions, please label everything, including all uniform and P.E. kit, coat, etc. Always, forever.....
- Always bring a bag and coat / hat / gloves as appropriate to the weather ..... wind, rain, sun or snow! Children get fresh air in all weathers!
- Please send in named wellies and waterproof clothing for outdoor learning
- Please encourage your child to be independent by teaching him/her to do as much as possible without help.
- Children do not bring toys, games or any precious, personal items to school. They will worry about them and losing them can be very hard.
- School uniform and book bags can be purchased from the My Clothing Website at <https://myclothing.com/>
- More information will also be shared on the school website, under the 'Parents' tab and then a section for 'starting school'.



## The start of the day

- Doors open at **8.40 am** and parents say their goodbyes in the playground. During the first week, parents can settle their children in to their classes, if they wish to.
- Any notes or messages should be given to a member of staff on duty in the playground, please. They will be handed on to the right person.
- Class registration is completed **by 8.55 am** - all arrivals after this time will be recorded as 'late'.
- Punctuality is very important - it is much better for your child to begin the day with everyone else. Please note that children who arrive after 8.55am, for any reason, will need to enter school via the office.
- Children will need to bring their reading book to school every day and to bring in their PE kit every Monday (and then take it home for washing on Friday).



## The end of the day

- School ends at **3.15 pm** and Reception children leave from the infant playground.
- It is vital for your child's safety that you collect your child from their class teacher or teaching assistant. Please watch out for your child being ready to be collected!
- If you are going to be unavoidably delayed collecting your child, or there are any changes to your usual arrangements, please let us know as soon as possible.
- Remember the importance of being interested in their day when you collect your child - they will have lots to share with you!

