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Welcome:

Welcome to Shaftesbury Primary School. We are really pleased that your child will be joining our school in September and we are looking forward to a long, happy and productive partnership with you.

Starting full time school is a huge step for any child and for you as a family. At Shaftesbury we keep the whole child in mind and work closely in partnership with families to achieve the best outcome for each child throughout their time here. Induction into school is the beginning of this journey. We understand that parents may be excited and perhaps a little anxious about their child's first days in school. If there is anything you are concerned about or have any questions you want to ask please feel free to approach us. Please feel free to email, telephone or arrange a meeting with one of us at school. We are committed to ensuring that every child has the very best, happiest and smoothest start to their school life and that mums and dads find it as painless as possible too!

Transition into school:

- The date of starting school has been confirmed to be **Friday 2nd September 2022**. Your child will attend part time either in the **morning AM** or **afternoon PM** session for the first week. Please look for the allocated session on the front of the folder.
- **During week 1 (wb: 5th September 2022)**, the **AM session** will run from **9.00am to 11.30am** and the **PM session** will be from **12.30pm to 3.00pm**.
- **From week 2 (wb: 12th September 2022)** children will attend full time: 9.00am-3.05pm and they will be dropped off and collected from the small Reception playground.
- This programme may be revised for children who are finding it more difficult to settle and we will be as flexible as possible to support individual needs. If you feel your child may experience difficulties with this programme of transition, please speak to a member of staff as early on as possible.

Uniform:

Our uniform can be purchased with the school logo on a badge for navy jumpers, white polo shirts and navy cardigans. These are available from Fashion Stop (02085523200) or Ian Howard in East Ham (0208 4721729). Please see the school prospectus for full details on school uniform.

The uniform is as follows:

- Grey, navy or black shorts/trousers/skirts/leggings
- white shirt or polo shirt with logo
- Navy jumper/cardigan with logo
- Plain socks/tights
- Gingham blue dresses for the summer
- Black school shoes – velcro fastenings are much easier for little fingers! **(No trainers)**
- PE kit – white t-shirt, black/grey/navy shorts and plain tracksuit trousers/sweatshirt (winter), black velcro plimsolls or trainers. **(Again no laces please)**

We ask that children bring their PE kit to school in the first week of the term. The PE kit will be sent home for washing at the end of the first half term. We also request you provide a spare set of clothes for your child in case of accidents. These can be placed inside the PE kit.

Book bags will be on sale from reception all year round so you can purchase in advance. They are £4.50 each.

We encourage all children to wear school uniform as it gives them a sense of belonging and pride in their school as well as looking smart and part of our extended school family.

Lunchtimes:

At lunchtime the children eat their packed lunch or school dinner in the dining hall before going outside to play with years 1 and 2. Children can stay for a school dinner or a packed lunch. We encourage parents to send a fresh and healthy lunch each day without sweets or fizzy drinks. School dinners are free of charge, and a range of options are provided including Vegetarian and Halal options. A menu can be found on our school's website but we will send those out too. If your child is a fussy eater but you want them to have a cooked dinner then we suggest you send a small packed lunch with supplementary food they can eat if they will not eat the school dinner. This is perfectly fine for them to have both. Children are also given fruit as a snack each afternoon in class and this is free. In addition, we ask that you provide a plastic water bottle for your child with their name on which can be re-filled throughout the day. It is important that they stay hydrated throughout the day even in the winter months. The bottle should be non-spill as children may keep these on their desks. Dinner menus will be included in your pack or sent out so that you can discuss the daily options with your child before they come to school. If your child has any kind of allergy or food intolerance you must inform the school so we can make all lunchtime staff aware. Please ensure this information has been provided to the school on your information form and verbally. This information will also be kept in the kitchen.

Playtimes:

During morning playtime the children will go out to the small playground located outside of the YR classrooms. They will be accompanied by teachers and teacher assistants. If your child falls over or is injured during playtime they will be taken to the medical room for immediate attention. Unless it is a serious injury such as a bang to the head we will not contact you. If your child is very upset and cannot be comforted we will let you know. Please try not to worry.

During the day your child will be offered a free carton of milk which is available for under 5s and a piece of fruit. If you wish for them to decline this then please let us know and they will have water instead. During the summer encourage them to try different fruits for tasting to prepare them for this in school. We will offer this but of course there is no obligation for them to have it.

Curriculum:

In Reception, children begin to develop their skills in Reading, Writing and Maths. They also develop their Communication and Language skills, Expressive Arts and Design (Art, Making and Music), Physical Development, Understanding the World, and Personal, Social and Emotional Development. More information on the Curriculum may be found at <https://www.gov.uk/early-years-foundation-stage>. In Reception we focus on learning through play, including outdoor play. Children choose activities from a range provided and activities are free-flowing particularly in the afternoons.

In the 2nd week, your child will bring 2 books home:

- a decodable / phonics book or a wordless picture book to retell
- a reading for pleasure book.

Please read with your child daily for at least 10 minutes. Homework will be sent every Friday and will need to be completed and returned by the following Thursday at the latest. This will be a very small amount but will consolidate the skills your child has been learning in school.

In the first half term, we aim to organise a workshop for parents to share and discuss our strategies and teaching methods particularly for reading/phonics and Maths. We will notify you as soon as we are able to arrange it.

In the first 2 weeks you will be given login details to access our online learning platform called GOOGLE CLASSROOM.

This portal will be used as an online teaching and learning tool. It's important that you familiarise yourselves with this online platform as we will also use it to set homework on a weekly basis. You will be sent a homework book to record your child's work.

You will also be asked to download a home-school communication application called Marvellous Me. It's an online platform to receive messages and notifications from your child's teachers or other members of school staff. These messages can be picked up via your mobile phone. Your child's teacher will provide you with the access details at the beginning of September. If you are unable to set up your account the office staff will be happy to assist you as they have their own children in the school.

Over the summer, if you wish to undertake activities to prepare your child for Reception, we recommend:

- Lots and lots of purposeful talking! The more language a child has, the better they do in all subjects.

- Dressing – encourage your child with their self-help skills such as dressing themselves and taking themselves to the toilet.
- Reading – please read to your child so they learn to sit and listen to a story and develop a passion for stories. Give your child time to look at books and talk about the pictures.
- Counting and comparing objects (for example - count out pasta shells or everyday objects you have in your home) Start to recognise numbers to 10 and match them to numbers of objects.
- Preparation for writing – cutting with child scissors, drawing lines, colouring and painting, play dough.
- Naming colours and shapes.
- Spending time with different adults and children as well as play dates with those who may be in the same class.
- Talk to them about starting school with enthusiasm and tell them about all the exciting play opportunities there will be when they begin.

There is a wealth of resources on the internet for your child to practise their basic skills before they start their learning journey with us; here is a small list of ones you may find useful:

Reading - <http://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/en>

Writing - <http://www.kidslearningstation.com/>

Maths Counting - <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/3-5-years/counting>

Online games for learning -

http://www.learninggamesforkids.com/preschool_games/colouring.html

We understand that you and your child might feel anxious and confused. Please don't hesitate to email us if you have further questions or queries. We'll try to assist you to the best of our abilities.

We look forward to getting started with you in September.

Kind regards,

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