



**Welcome to  
Kilmorie**





# Purpose of information

- Give families the opportunity to know more about their new school
- Become familiar with the transition process, between their current setting and Reception
- See what it is like to be in a Kilmore Reception class



These are the **Kilmore Qualities**.

They are taught and encouraged throughout the school. We expect all members of our school (children, teaching staff, families etc.) to aim for these.



# Welcome to Reception

- We have three classes:  
Lions, Tigers and Bears



- All three classes will be able to mix with each other during 'choosing time'
  - these are the children's self-initiated learning times, which can occur either inside the classroom, outside or a mixture of both.



# May and June: Information

- **April:** You will be emailed a **welcome letter** and asked to fill in a form to tell us the Nursery (if applicable) your child is currently attending and any friends you would want your child to be with – we will try our best to meet these requests. Please don't worry if your child doesn't know anyone starting in Reception, there will be other children/families in the same situation and they make new friends very quickly!
- **May:** 3-4 weeks later, after the deadline for friendship requests, a **letter** will be sent informing you of the **class** your child will be in and the date/time of your class' **stay and play** (This will be a one hour session on 7<sup>th</sup> September, to provide your child with the chance to explore their classroom whilst the parents and carers attend an information presentation to find out more about the Reception year)
- **June:** Around the second week you will receive a letter informing you of your **home visit date and time** (a 20 minute slot on either the 8<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> September) along with the name of the adults in your class.



# September: Settling In

- Stay and Play: 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023

(for 1 hour, each class will be sent a letter with the exact time slot)

- Home visits: 8<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023

(Whilst we appreciate the difficulty of some families arranging time off, we can not swap home visit times and days which is why we try to give plenty of notice)

- Starting dates will be staggered over three days – 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

(roughly 10 children each day so by the third day all 30 children are in their class)

- You will be given a start time of either 9.00 or 9.30 for your first day
- Children are in school until 1.00pm for the staggered days, starting 13<sup>th</sup> (this includes lunch) and full time the following week
- You are welcome to stay and settle your children - You are the experts!



# The School Day

- **Start times\***

- Lions 08:50
- Tigers 08:55
- Bears 09:00

- **Finishing times\***

- Lions 15:20
- Tigers 15:25
- Bears 15:30

- You can come into the Reception outdoor area and wait outside your child's classroom but please ensure you arrive at your assigned time.

\* These times are currently being looked at, if they change we will let you know.





# Eating in School

- Each class has a **snack table** where children can help themselves to fruit or vegetables
- **Water and milk** are always available at lunch
- Please send your child in with a **filled bottle of water** each day (please label with their name) which they can access at any time
- There are 2 options for lunch – **free school dinner (dietary requirements catered for) or packed lunch** from home
- The school menu can be found on the website under the parent tab
- We are a **No nuts** school – please be vigilant about spreads and pesto which can often contain nuts





# Food Allergies & Dietary Requirements

- You must inform staff and the office
  - this should all be completed in the forms that you will receive. Once completed the kitchen will be informed to ensure all dietary requirements are met.
- Asthma and Allergy medication
  - this can be kept in the classroom but you must inform the office first (you will be sent forms to fill out)



# Clothing

- No uniform
- Painting / messy activities happen often in school
- Please provide spare clothes in case they become wet/messy (labelled and left on child's peg)
- Outside all day once a week  
**week** (we will let you know which day this is at your home visit)





I'm sorry that my clothes got dirty today but it helps to show what I have been learning

This grass stain shows that I have been using the outdoor area to develop my physical skills.

The Mud Kitchen is very messy but it helps me to develop my imagination and of descriptive language.

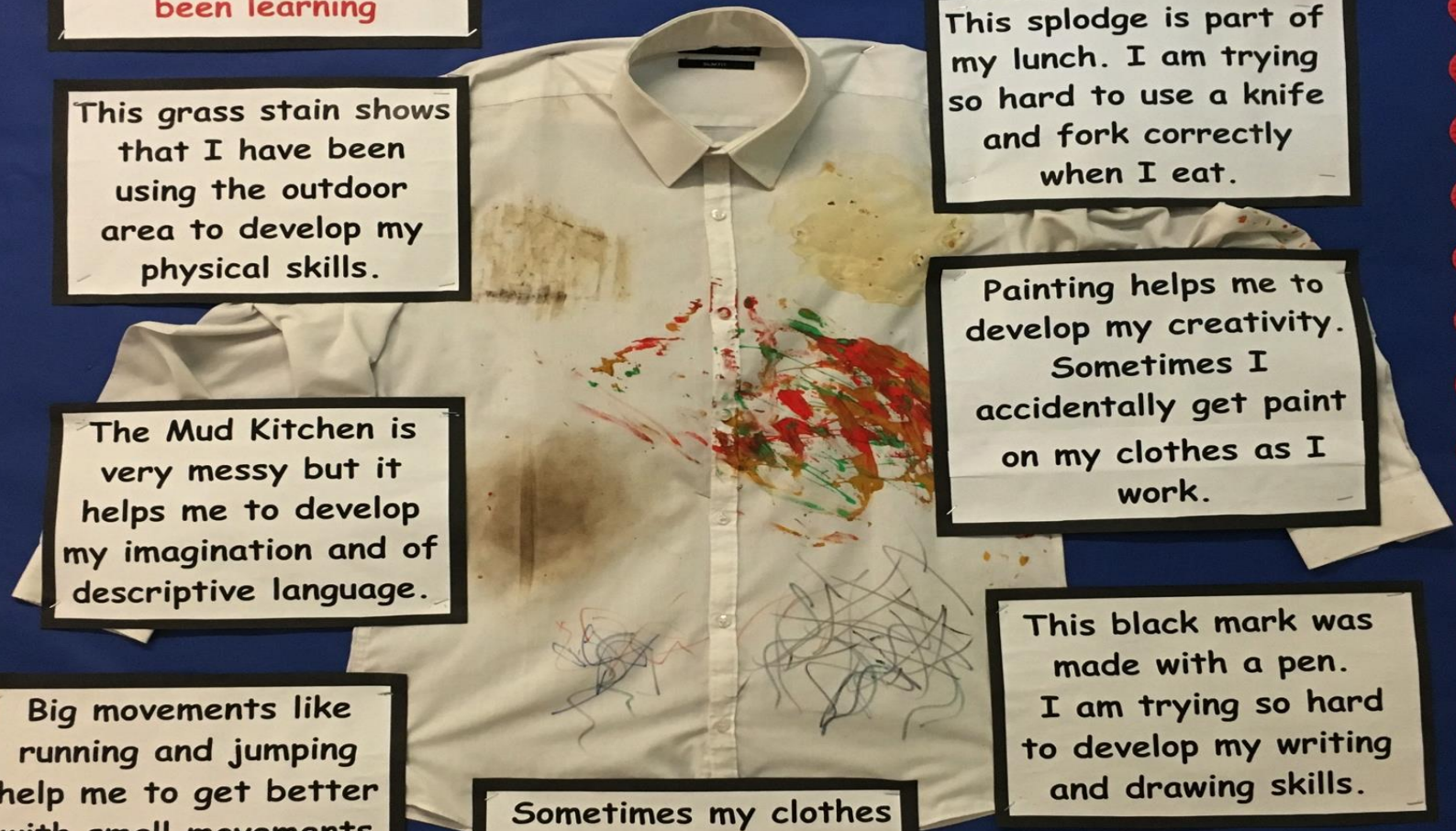
Big movements like running and jumping help me to get better with small movements like writing!

Sometimes my clothes come home a little wet. I learn huge amounts of Science and Maths when I play in the water tray!

This splodge is part of my lunch. I am trying so hard to use a knife and fork correctly when I eat.

Painting helps me to develop my creativity. Sometimes I accidentally get paint on my clothes as I work.

This black mark was made with a pen. I am trying so hard to develop my writing and drawing skills.





# Extras

- **Book bags** (provided by us) will contain your child's **reading journal** and **two books** (a phonics book and one of their choosing) Please send in on your child's designated reading day (you'll be given this day on your home visit).
- **Home Learning letters** will be sent out every Friday via email to inform you what your child has been learning, any suggestions of what you can do to support this at home along with up coming dates and requests. **Please read** this each week to keep up to date.
- **After-school activities – start after Christmas**



# What you will need for September

- Name labelled water bottle
- Spare clothes in a bag (to be hung on their peg)
- Name label their coat, hat and scarf
- Velcro shoes/trainers (please no laces if your child can not do these independently)
- A good bedtime routine (your child will need plenty of sleep as they will be exhausted that first term)





# What you can practise ready for September

- Getting coats on and off (including zips)
- Start trying to use cutlery
- Independently using the toilet (don't worry if they are not quite ready)
- Encourage your child to ask for help
- Reading stories to your child everyday
- Singing Nursery Rhymes





# Welcome to Kilmoreie!

We look forward to meeting you all very soon.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us.

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