

<p><i>Do you run a Breakfast and Afterschool club?</i></p>
<p>No but there are local providers in the area who offer this service. For information please visit the Redbridge website - FiND (Families Information Direct) or contact via email find@redbridge.gov.uk.</p>
<p><i>My child cannot speak English. What will happen?</i></p>
<p>We will help your child settle into school whilst communicating with you. We encourage non-English speaking families to try and speak some English at home if possible, which will help develop your child's spoken English even further. Young children develop their language skills very quickly so please feel assured we will do all we can to support them in this area.</p>
<p><i>Why do you have a strict uniform policy?</i></p>
<p>We ask that families support our uniform policy. Uniform gives children a sense of belonging at school and also ensures all children are "on a level playing" field with no differences to background highlighted. Our Parents' Association have some good quality second hand uniform which you are able to obtain if you would like some. Please contact the office if this is the case. Information regarding our Uniform is on our website or via the Reception starter website page.</p>
<p><i>Why are you asking me to apply for Free School Meals when my child already gets a free lunch in Reception?</i></p>
<p>The school receives extra money if your child becomes eligible for Free Schools Meals. This is a benefit related provision and will also mean the school will fund any trips etc for your child whilst they are in receipt of the benefit. This is different to the <u>Universal</u> Free School Meals that all infant children receive.</p>
<p><i>Why do I have to send my child in with a water bottle?</i></p>
<p>We ask that you send your child with a bottle filled with plain water (no juice, squash or milk please). This keeps your child hydrated which helps them concentrate on their learning.</p>
<p><i>Why do I have to read with my child five times per week?</i></p>
<p>Developing reading skills, vocabulary and understanding builds a foundation for all learning. We ask that you listen to your child read five times per week and ask them questions about what they are reading to help their understanding. Your child's first books in Reception will have no words so please encourage your child to describe what they think is going on in the story which helps develop their vocabulary, storytelling and comprehension skills.</p>
<p><i>Will my child get a snack at school?</i></p>
<p>All Reception children are offered free fruit for their snack and those under 5 will also be offered free milk.</p>
<p><i>Does my child have to have a school lunch?</i></p>
<p>No they don't. You can send your child in with their own health packed lunch if you wish to. We ask that you do not include fizzy drinks, sweets, or large sugary snacks with them. You can pre-order their lunch (see the school meals section of the school website</p>

for a link to registration for this) or your child can order their lunch in class when they arrive.

My child sometimes has a toilet accident? What will happen?

We ask that you put spare underwear, socks/tights, spare trackie bottoms in your child's bag just in case this happens (Please ensure these items have their name in them). If it is a minor toilet accident, we will arrange for them to change into the spare clothes. If it is a major toilet accident, you may receive a call from the office to collect your child in order to make them more comfortable. Please do not worry if this happens, they are still very young.

What happens if my child does not behave at school?

Please see our Behaviour & Discipline Policy for more information regarding how we support children in school with their behaviour. We will work with you if your child needs support with their behaviour.

My child didn't attend St Bede's Nursery. What happens if they don't make friends?

Most children settle very well into the school routine and make friends quickly. If your child doesn't settle in, we will support them in class. We try and mix children who attended our Nursery with those that did not in order to get a mix across the classes.

What class will my child be in?

We are allocating all children to Reception this year. We will mix the children over the first half term in order to try and get the mix of children right in each Reception class. We may also make further changes if necessary, throughout the year. This will also help the children to get to know all the adults that are in Reception.

What happens if my child receives first aid at school?

If your child has first aid for a minor incident, they will be treated and given a green wristband. This alerts the collecting adult to the incident. If your child has a minor bump to the head, they will receive an orange wristband and you will also receive a courtesy text home regarding this in order that you can keep an eye on them at home. If the bump is a little more serious, the office will call you to alert you to it. You may wish to collect your child if this happens.

What happens if my child is too unwell to attend school?

Please report your child's absence to the school office via telephone (0208 590 1376 option 1) or email (admin.stbedes@redbridge.gov.uk) clearly stating your child's name, class and reason. You should re-report the absence if it continues. Once your child returns to school, please ensure you have confirmed the reason for absence in writing.

How do I keep up to date with news about school life?

Mr Nott writes to parents regularly and this is sent via email and is also on the school website. Your class teacher will also load information to their class blog on Fronter.

How does my child access learning platforms used?

Pupils will be issued with a log in and password which will be stuck in the back of their reading record book.