



Preston Primary School

Starting School Information Booklet



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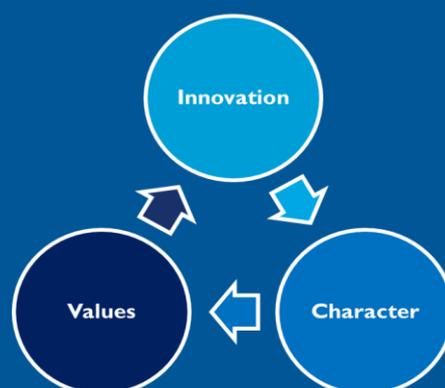
Website: www.preston.torbay.sch.uk

We are delighted to welcome you to our Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). Here at Preston Primary, we pride ourselves on ensuring the best possible start for all of our Reception children. We know that a child's development at this crucial stage has a fundamental impact on their happiness, school journey and shapes the young person they will become.

Our dedicated team of experienced Early Years Practitioners care deeply about the children in our school and form close relationships with children and families. Our vision is for children to be confident learners who are excited and inspired by the people who surround them and the experiences they encounter. Children are valued for who they are and the knowledge they bring. We have high expectations and believe that all children can achieve their goals. Staff are passionate, enthusiastic, and children are at the heart of every decision we make.

We treat every child as a unique individual. Above all, we want our children to feel happy, secure and safe. Praise and clear boundaries contribute to building confidence and resilience. We believe in praising effort and valuing the little steps that really make a difference to the children's progress and self-esteem.

Our curriculum design is exciting, innovative and flexible. We are committed to teaching 21st century skills, communication, collaboration, critical thinking and creativity. Key to our children's progress are the high quality interactions from our staff. When children are engaged in what they are doing, in that moment of curiosity, puzzlement, effort or interest, our skilful staff can make a difference. Our teachers are always ready to listen, communicate, role-model, assess, explain, demonstrate, question and challenge the child's learning that is appropriate to the individual pupil. Staff will ensure that obstacles are overcome, and new possibilities are available, so learning is meaningful and fun!



We hope this information booklet answers most of your initial questions.

We are currently following Government guidance and will be regularly updating our risk assessments. With this in mind, we may need to confirm some details closer to September. We will communicate via e-mail, therefore if your contact details change, please e-mail the school office.

Introduction



Your child is in Foundation Stage, Unit 1, with class teachers Mrs Bastin and Mrs Clague. The unit leader is Mrs Bastin. We have two foundation classes, Puffins and Penguins. Whilst we have two classes, EYFS work as a shared team meaning that staff work across the classes getting to know all 45 children really well. Children can at times independently access either classroom via open inter-connecting doors and outside areas. This allows for a shared vision of inspirational learning, greater interaction between the children and increased opportunities for shared resources and experiences.

What will happen at the start and end of the day?

Your child's first day at school is Thursday 2nd September and their school day is 9.00am – 3.00pm. This will be the timings until further notice so we can avoid crowding with other year groups. You will receive a copy of our term dates in the welcome pack, but they are also available on our website.

In the morning, please bring your child to the Key Stage 1 playground and the teachers will meet you there by the yellow pirate ship. You can then say your goodbyes and the children can walk into class with their new friends. At the end of the day, please collect your child the same way. Please be patient as we ensure each child has a grown up.

What do they need to bring?

Your child will need to wear full school uniform and bring a coat, book bag and a water bottle every day.



They will also need to bring a PE kit, welly boots and a waterproof suit (for the Woodland Camp). These items can be left in school, but the PE kit will be sent home to wash during the holidays. Please ensure everything is clearly named.



Please do not bring in toys from home, it would be a shame if they got lost.

Snack time

A healthy fruit or vegetable snack is provided daily for your child right through to the end of year 2. Children who are four years old also receive free milk in school. The milk is delivered direct to school. However, in order for your child to receive the milk you must return the Cool Milk registration form (found in the welcome pack) to school or register your child online.

<https://www.coolmilk.com/>

Once your child turns five, if you would like them to still receive milk you will need to reregister and pay for it via the Cool Milk website.



Lunch time

Puffins and Penguins eat lunch together in the hall with familiar adults. Your child can either bring a healthy packed lunch (no sweets or fizzy drinks) from home or school meals are free for children in Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2. You will receive an e-mail from school with a link and information on how to register with Aspens, our catering company. Once your child is registered you can then view and order online for school meals. Meals can be ordered in advance but no later than 9am on the day of requirement.



Breakfast and After School Club

Our Breakfast Club is open from 7.40am, and we have an After School club which runs until 6pm. This can be booked and paid for using our schoolmoney/eduspot site. Breakfast Club is £4.50 a session and After School Club is £8.50 a session. You will not be able to register for this site until after the first day of term. Therefore, if you require either of these provisions on the first two days of school, please e-mail the school office admin@preston.torbay.sch.uk to book a place.

Communication



We use an app called School News. We recommend you download this app on your phone as this is where we post useful information for the whole school. You can download the app from either itunes app store, google play or windows store searching for School News. Launch this free app and click on 'find my school' using GPS or using our postcode TQ2 6UY. You should then be able to click on News to view the latest news items and unit letters. You can view any upcoming calendar events by clicking on the events button.

The school website has lots of useful information. Please remember to regularly check here for updates. <https://www.preston.torbay.sch.uk/>



In Foundation we feel it is important to build good communication links to give you an insight into your child's first year at school. We produce a regular newsletter which will be e-mailed to you and can also be found on the School News app and school website.

The mornings can be very busy so if you do have any messages could we request that you either e-mail the class teachers via the dedicated e-mail address foundation@preston.torbay.sch.uk or speak to them at the end of the day. However, if the message is urgent, please e-mail your message to the school office admin@preston.torbay.sch.uk

We use an online learning platform called Seesaw which has proved very successful for home/school communication. We will use Seesaw during the Summer holidays to support your child's transition to school. You will be sent an e-mail with further details and a password for your child. We will post

Medical

Where possible medical and dental appointments should be made outside of school hours. If for any reason is not possible, please e-mail the school office admin@preston.torbay.sch.uk with the details of the appointment.

If your child requires prescribed medicines during the school day you will need to complete an Administration of Medicine form which can be downloaded from the school website or can be emailed to you from the school office.

Uniform

Please see below a list of the uniform required for your child:

School Uniform

- V necked burgundy jumper/cardigan with the Preston Primary logo (available from Riviera Schooldays)
- Preston School tie (available from Riviera Schooldays)
- Grey School Trousers/Shorts/Skirt/Pinafore dress
- White Shirt/Blouse
- Grey/ black Socks for boys
- Grey/white socks or grey tights for girls
- Black Shoes
- Burgundy gingham dress for the Summer term



PE Kit

- Plain white t-shirt/polo shirt
- Navy blue shorts or skirt
- Plimsolls/Trainers
- A PE bag



Additional items

- Book Bag (available from Riviera Schooldays)
- Wellies (for woodland camp etc)
- Waterproof Suit (for woodland camp and mud kitchen)
- Water bottle

Please ensure all items are clearly named. Some of the uniform items are only available from:

Riviera School Days
186 Union Street
Torquay
TQ2 5QP
Telephone Number: 01803 293650
www.rivieraschooldays.co.uk

We hope your child will be very happy during their time at Preston. If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to let us know.

**Love to
Learn**

**Be good
Citizens**

**Ready to
Work**