



Preston Primary School

Starting School Information Booklet



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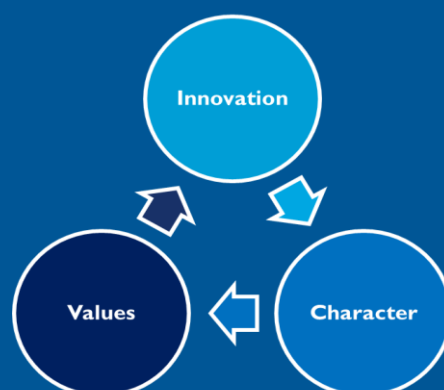
Website: www.preston.torbay.sch.uk

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 your initial starting school questions. We will often communicate with you via e-mail, therefore if your contact details change, please e-mail the school office to inform us (contact e-mail address is on the front page).

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?

The school day is 8.50am – 3.15pm. In the morning, please bring your child to the Key Stage 1/Foundation playground. The playground gates will open at 8.40am and the teachers will meet you there by the yellow pirate ship at 8.50am. 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 need to 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 register your child online with Cool Milk.

<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 termly 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. You will need to 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.



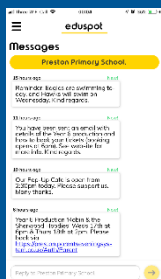
The mornings can be very busy so if you do have any messages could we request that you either e-mail the class teachers via the dedicated e-mail address foundation@preston.torbay.sch.uk or speak to them at the end of the day. However, if the message is urgent, please e-mail your message to the school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

Messages regarding absence need to be reported by the correct channels (please see the absence section).

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 videos and activities for your child to enjoy and help them to become familiar with us before they start school. We will then continue to use Seesaw to keep you informed of all the wonderful learning your child enjoys in school.

School Payments

With trips, swimming, residentials, and after school activities where a payment is required, we notify you that a payment is due using our schoolmoney/eduspot site. You can access the parent login using this link <https://login.eduspot.co.uk/public/portal/parent/?app=schoolmoney> You will be asked to enter your child's first name, your email address, mobile number and a password that is supplied to you via text after the first day of term. Once you have received your password this site is also where you book and pay if you need to use our Breakfast and After School club provisions. You will need to complete an initial registration form before your child attends, this can be downloaded from the school website.



First Aid

If your child has first aid administered whilst at school, we will text you using our Teachers2Parents site to advise of this. If we need to contact you further regarding an incident, we will call you in priority order according to the Pupil Registration form to discuss the next steps.

Absence

Should your child be absent due to illness please call the absence line on 01803 607589 and leave a message with your child's name, class, and reason for absence. Alternatively, you can text this information to 07537 455343 or e-mail the school office (admin@preston.torbay.sch.uk). If your child has sickness or diarrhoea, they will need to be absent from school for 48 hours after the last episode of illness. For planned absences of any nature, you will need to complete an absence request form - these are available on the school website or can be emailed to you from the school office.

Car Park and School site

The car park is for the use of staff only and only guide dogs are permitted on the school site.

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
- Black / navy blue shorts or skirt
- Plimsolls/Trainers
- A PE bag



Additional items required

- 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:

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**