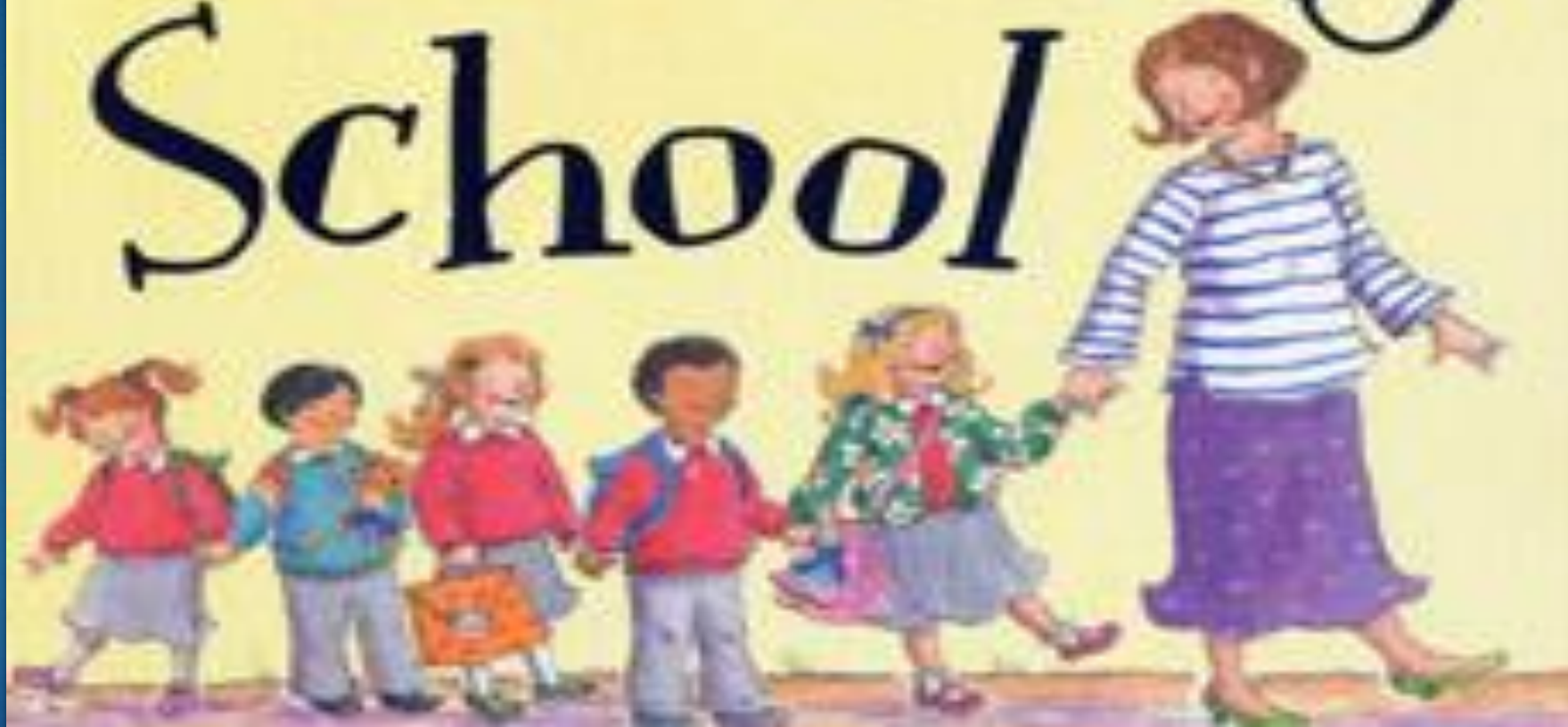




Welcome to  
The  
Whartons  
Primary  
School

# Starting School



# Welcome!

- ▶ **Welcome to The Whartons Community**
- ▶ **We want to work together in partnership with you.**
- ▶ **We operate an open door policy and are always pleased to see any parent requiring information or advice.**



# The Reception Team!

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**Ms. Matthews (teacher)**

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**Mrs. Manderville (teacher)**

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**Mrs. Rockliff (teaching assistant)**

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**Miss Wilkinson (teaching assistant)**

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**Mrs. Dickson (Head teacher)**

# Getting to know you!

We are really looking forward to meeting you and getting to know you all.

This year has been a very difficult year for most people because of the problems COVID-19 has brought. We hope this new academic year will bring a little more normality for our children.

You and your child have hopefully enjoyed a visit to school today and will have a stay and play on Thursday afternoon.

We offer a Home-visit at the beginning of September.

We hope the information we give you this evening will answer any concerns you have. If not, please come and see us.

We will hopefully have an information evening at school in October to give you more details about the curriculum when the children have settled into school.



# Areas of Learning...

## 3 prime areas

- ▶ Communication and language
- ▶ Physical development
- ▶ Personal, social and emotional development.

These prime areas are those most essential for your child's healthy development and future learning.

As children grow, the prime areas will help them to develop skills in

## 4 specific areas

- ▶ Literacy;
- ▶ Mathematics;
- ▶ Understanding the world; and
- ▶ Expressive arts and design



# A 'typical' day in Reception?!

“Each area of learning and development must be implemented through planned, purposeful play and through a mix of adult-led and child-initiated activity. Play is essential for children’s development, building their confidence as they learn to explore, to think about problems, and relate to others. Children learn by leading their own play, and by taking part in play which is guided by adults.”

Statutory Framework for the EYFS

- ▶ Welcome the children / self registration / Morning activities
- ▶ Phonics
- ▶ Maths
- ▶ Lunch
- ▶ Topic / Nature garden / RE / PSHE / Golden Time

\*In between this, the children play with indoor and outdoor resources.

\*\*PE once a week- no PE kit needed in Reception

# Uniform

White polo shirt

A choice between:

- Grey skirt or pinafore
- Grey, black or navy blue jogging bottoms
- Grey trousers

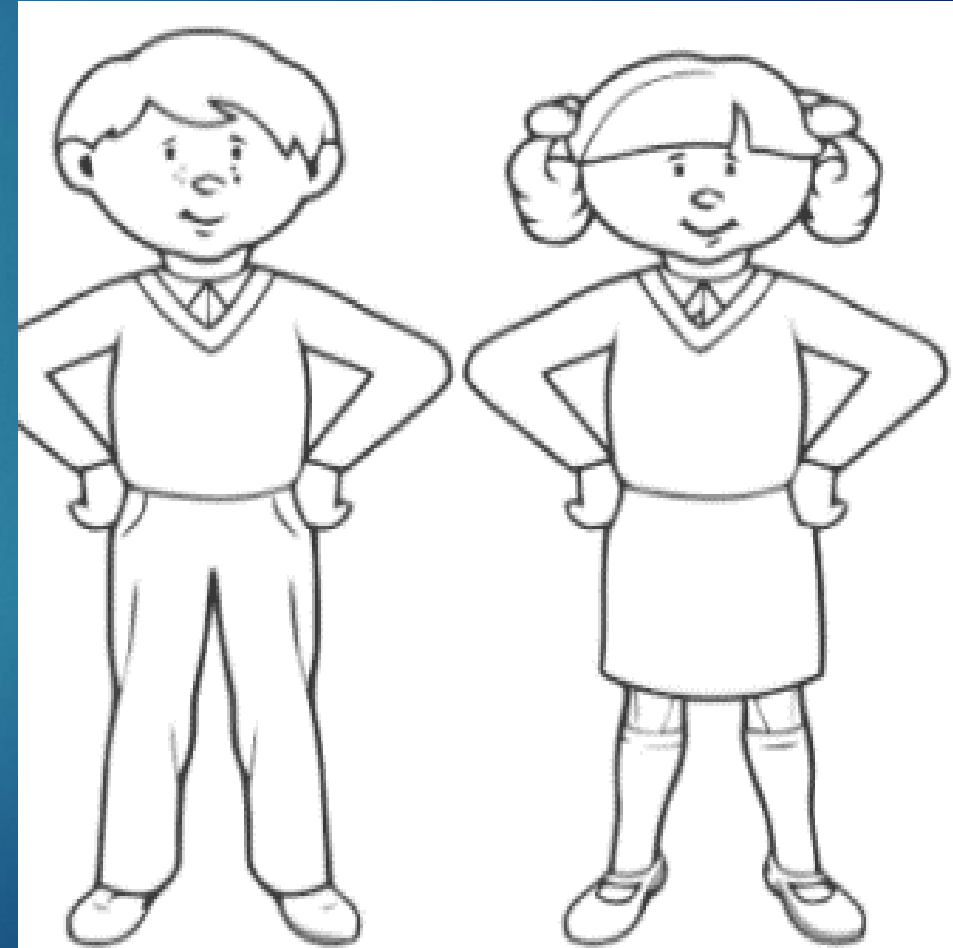
Navy blue cardigan/jumper or school sweatshirt

Grey or white socks

Black shoes

Grey shorts in summer

Summer dress in blue check





# PE: No need for a PE kit until Year 1

## Outdoor learning:

The children need some named **Wellies** to keep at school please.

They can bring named waterproof trousers to keep on their pegs if you like.



# Uniform

- Choose fastenings that will build your child's independence. For example shoes that fasten with velcro rather than laces.
- Your child will also need a book bag to keep reading books and library books in. You can buy one of these from school.
- Please bring book bags to school everyday. The children keep them in their own tray.



# Please ensure that names are in EVERYTHING!

- Please send coats every day.
- Could children wear sensible shoes and no jewellery please?



# Medical Matters

- ▶ Emergency contacts
- ▶ Any sickness, diarrhoea, must be followed by 48 hrs absence.
- ▶ Head lice are common! Please check regularly and treat as recommended.
- ▶ Any absence requires a note or telephone call explaining why.
- ▶ Any medicines can only be administered if prescribed and by filling in a medicine form.
- ▶ Current Covid-19 guidelines apply.

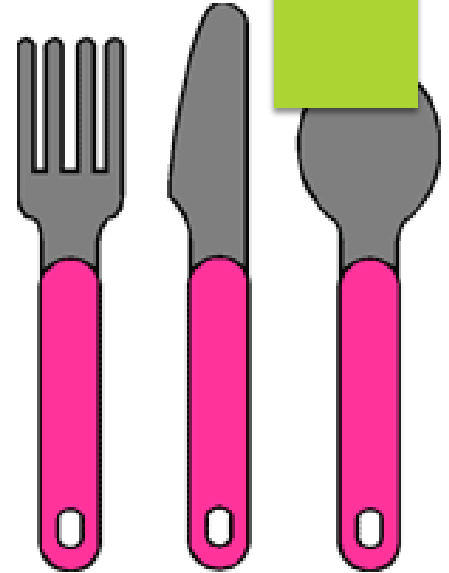




Here are a few things that can help your child prepare for school...

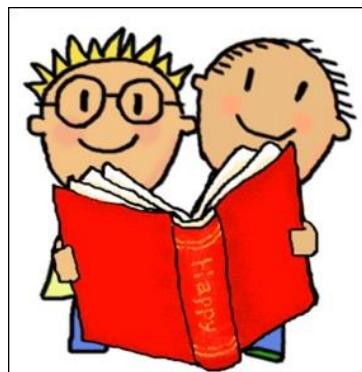


- ▶ Practise taking off and hanging up their coat.
- ▶ Practise taking themselves to the toilet, flushing properly and washing their hands.
- ▶ Practise using a knife and fork when sitting at the table.





# Helping at home...



- ▶ Share books together and enjoy looking at pictures and books and talking about them.
- ▶ Help your child recognise their first name.
- ▶ Encourage them count while they play.
- ▶ If they are writing, gently remind them to start the letters in the right place.

# Before we finish...



If, for some reason, someone different is picking your child up, please let us know. If anyone else will be picking up we need to know who from you.



Please sign any forms in you have received and return them to school ASAP

More  
information...

YOU SHOULD RECEIVE INFORMATION ABOUT  
THE FOLLOWING THINGS...

- ▶ BEFORE AND AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS
- ▶ WALKING BUS
- ▶ PTA

# Most importantly...

## Please don't worry!

Once your child is in school,  
come and talk to us if you have  
any concerns.

As government guidelines in  
relation to education are  
changing regularly at the  
moment, we will try to keep you  
updated as much as possible.

