# HOLY TRINITY ROSEHILL CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

# WELCOME TO RECEPTION

Thank you for joining us today. We are looking forward to getting to know you in September.

## School Uniform

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Blue polo shirt
Grey elasticated trousers, skirt or shorts
Burgundy cardigan or jumper
Blue summer dress
Velcro shoes

**PE Kit**
Children should come to school dressed in their PE kit on PE days **(add day)**

Blue polo shirt
Plain black shorts or joggers
Black hoodie
Trainers

Please ensure that all clothing is clearly labelled. This really helps us to return lost items and supports your child in developing their independence.

## How can you help?




Please turn over to read a summary of the Starting Reception booklet, produced by Kindred Squared and endorsed by the Department for Education. A full copy is available online by searching Starting Reception.
Don't forget to take a copy of our Reception Transition Booklet. Enjoy reading it together over the summer to help your child become familiar with our classroom and school before September.

## Start date and Timings

**School starts on Thursday 3rd September (Please note the change of date.)**

**8:40-8:45am**
For the first week, you and your child will be welcomed at the Reception door by a member of the Reception team.

**3:15pm**
At home time, children will be dismissed from the same place. Please bear with us as we get to know everyone's names and faces.

## What your child needs

Each day, your child will need:

School book bag (available from Tees Valley Schoolwear )
Small, named water bottle containing only water

A named, hooded and waterproof coat

## Free Breakfast Club

Our popular breakfast club offers a range of cereals and fruit. It is free from 8.10 a.m. and only £2.50 from 7.30a.m.

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# STARTING RECEPTION

Starting school is an exciting milestone, and every child develops at their own pace.

There is no expectation that children can do everything perfectly before they start Reception. However, helping them practise a few everyday skills can make them feel more **confident**, **independent** and ready to enjoy school.

## GROWING INDEPENDENCE

**Please encourage your child to:**

- Put on and take off their coat and shoes.
- Use the toilet independently and wash their hands.
- Use a knife, fork and spoon, and drink from an open cup.
- Tidy away toys and look after their belongings.
- Spend short periods away from parents or carers with trusted adults.

## TALKING, LISTENING AND MAKING FRIENDS

**You can help by:**

- Reading stories together every day.
- Singing songs and nursery rhymes.
- Chatting about your day and encouraging conversation.
- Practising taking turns and sharing.
- Helping your child recognise and respond to different feelings.

## PLAYING AND LEARNING

**The best learning happens through play! Encourage your child to:**

- Draw, paint, colour and use scissors.
- Build with blocks, complete puzzles and count objects.
- Enjoy imaginative play.
- Explore nature, notice shapes, numbers and patterns, and ask lots of questions.

## MOVING AND STAYING HEALTHY

**Children need plenty of active play every day. Encourage:**

- Running, climbing, jumping and balancing.
- Throwing and catching a ball.
- Regular bedtime routines.
- Healthy meals and trying new foods.
- Brushing teeth twice a day.

## MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL...

**Reception is about building confidence, curiosity and a love of learning—not arriving already knowing how to read or write.**

The greatest gift you can give your child is time:

- Read together every day.
- Talk, play and laugh together.
- Encourage independence through everyday routines.
- Celebrate effort, not perfection.

Every child starts Reception with different experiences and strengths. We can't wait to get to know your child and help them continue to grow, learn and let their light shine!

## NEED SUPPORT?

If you have any worries about your child's development or starting school, please speak to us. We are here to work together and ensure your child has the very best start.