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# Welcome to Our School

A family welcome pack

## A note for the family

Welcome. We are so glad your child is joining our school. This pack explains how a typical day works, what to expect, and how to get in touch. School can feel very different in different countries — there is no question too small.

## Our school day

Time	What happens
8:30 – 8:45	Children arrive. Drop off at the classroom door.
8:45 – 10:30	First lessons (usually English / Maths).
10:30 – 10:45	Morning break — outdoor play, healthy snack.
10:45 – 12:00	More lessons.
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch. School lunch or packed lunch from home.
1:00 – 3:15	Afternoon lessons (topic, art, PE, science).
3:15	End of school. Children leave from the classroom door.

## What to bring each day



<p><b>Book bag</b></p> <p>A small bag with school name on it. Used for reading book, letters home, water bottle. Goes home every day.</p>	<p><b>Water bottle</b></p> <p>Reusable, named, refilled at home. Children drink throughout the day.</p>
<p><b>Healthy snack</b></p> <p>A piece of fruit is best. No sweets, chocolate or crisps please.</p>	<p><b>PE kit</b></p> <p>Stays at school all term. T-shirt, shorts and trainers in a labelled bag.</p>
<p><b>Reading book</b></p> <p>Sent home most days for at least 10 minutes of reading. Bring it back the next day.</p>	

## Useful words to know

Word	What it means
Break / Recess	A 15-minute outdoor playtime mid-morning
Lunch	Midday meal, then more playtime
Assembly	Whole-school gathering, usually 10–15 minutes
PE / Gym	Sports / movement lesson
Phonics	Learning the sounds letters make (for reading)
Topic	A whole subject taught over several weeks
Trip	When the class goes somewhere outside school
Parents' evening	A scheduled meeting between you and the teacher
Half-term	A week-long break in the middle of each school term
Term	A teaching period — usually 6 weeks

## Talking to the teacher

If you want to speak to your child's teacher, you can:

- Catch them at drop-off (8:30–8:45) or pickup (3:15) for quick questions
- Phone the school office to book a longer conversation
- Send a note in your child's book bag
- Email the school (the office will pass it on)

If English is difficult, please tell us — we can arrange a translator for important meetings. We want you to feel comfortable.



## If you have concerns

Please tell us. Children sometimes:

- Are upset about school but can't say why
- Refuse to come to school
- Are very tired in the evenings
- Don't want to speak their first language anymore
- Seem confused about what's happening

These are all common when starting at a new school in a new country. Tell the teacher early — we can help.

