

Useful info and contacts:

<https://www.cavalry.cambs.sch.uk> Look for the tab 'New to Reception Sept 2021'

Contact the school office by telephone 01354 652814

Email the school office admin@cavalryprimary.org

Email the Reception staff reception@cavalryprimary.org

Keep an eye on our social media

<https://www.facebook.com/CavalryMarch>

https://twitter.com/Cavalry_Primary

<https://www.facebook.com/CavalryPTFA>

Starting Reception at Cavalry - FAQ's



How will you know my child?

We want to know your child BEFORE they start in Reception. We speak to their pre-school in the summer term to learn what they enjoy doing in pre-school and to know other information like who their friends are. We will meet you and your child this term too, a brief meeting to give you our 'welcome to Reception pack' and to arrange a time to meet you at the start of term in Autumn.

On Thursday 2nd or Friday 3rd September we will meet with just you and your child in the classroom for 15 minutes so that you can tell us all about your child, anything and everything we need to know!

Of course, we are always available throughout the year for a chat, a phone call or an email should you need to update us on anything too.

We have found the emails extremely helpful. We feel we can email about anything & are sure of a rapid response to any questions. We have even received emails to let us know they are fine throughout the day, when we have been worried about anything medical at drop off. This has meant a lot to us. The duty of care has been amazing, beyond what you would expect & a huge comfort.

The first class visit which was 1 to 1 with the teachers gave the perfect opportunity to express any concerns privately, or talk about any medical / personal issues you may want to discuss without the worry of being in earshot of other parents. This for me personally helped a great deal. I worry more than I need to over anything and everything, so having this opportunity to talk 1 to 1 in private, really made me feel at ease.



What will my child need?

The only things they will need when they start school are a school uniform, a water bottle, a sun hat and a pair of wellies. They will not need PE kits until after the half term in October. We run a uniform exchange so we have a stock of good quality, second hand (and a few brand new!) items that you can request free of charge throughout the year.



Will my child be with their friends?

Where possible we try to keep groups of children together. If your child is coming from our Nursery they will move up with most of the children in their bubble. If your child is coming from another setting then they will be in the same class as other children from the same setting. We do make sure we have a balance of boys and girls, older born and younger born children in each class so there is a small element of mixing the children but your child will be with at least a couple of friends. The children do very quickly settle into life in their new class and we work hard in the first few weeks to make sure they make lots of new friends.



How can I prepare my child ready for school?

- Get a good bedtime routine in place
- Encourage them to be independent with toileting and getting dressed
- Watch the videos on our website and talk to your child about them

The videos with information about starting school at Cavalry were fantastic and very informative providing us with all the information we needed. I particularly liked the virtual tour of the classrooms showing us the equipment and toys they could explore, the watched those several times.