



Reception New Starters Information Booklet 2021

Welcome to The Vale Primary Academy!

We eagerly anticipate meeting our new Reception children and look forward to welcoming your families into our school community.

Vision and Values

We thread our school visions and values through everything we do.

Our school vision is together believe, accomplish and prosper.

Our school values are: respect, excellence, compassion, aspire and pride.

School Timings

Our school day for the Reception children will be 8.45am – 3.15pm. The children will enter the classroom through the gate in the outdoor area.

Transition Week

For the first week back, we use staggered starts to welcome our children into Reception. The timings will be as follows:

Monday 6th September – Inset Day

Tuesday 7th September - 8.45am until 11am

Wednesday 8th September – 8.45am until 11am

Thursday 9th September – 8.45am until 12.30pm

Friday 10th September – 8.45am until 3.15pm

What do you need to know?

- Your child is entitled to free school meals. We encourage you to choose this option. Children have a choice of: a jacket potato, sandwich, a vegetarian meal or a meat dish. This is to be chosen on the Parent Pay app. If you are new to our school, this information will be provided when your child starts in September.
- Milk and snack are provided each day. Please refrain from bringing other snacks into school.
- At the beginning of the year, we are aware accidents happen. Please pack spare clothing such as underwear and pants if you think your child may have accidents when starting full-time school. Please ensure your child's name is also on all their clothing.
- As a school, we provide a book bag (to children new to the academy) and a water bottle for your child. If your water bottle

becomes damaged or lost, you can purchase another on Parent Pay for £1.

- The children are encouraged to be outside in all weathers. So, please ensure your children have appropriate clothing for the weather. This may include a rain coat in Autumn or sun hats in Summer.

Uniform

- Royal blue V-neck jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan. (with or without Delta logo)
- Black skirt or pinafore. (This should be plain and about knee length)
- Black trousers. (These to be plain school trousers, not jeans/sport trousers)
- White polo shirt or white shirt. (with or without Delta logo)
- Plain white or black socks (black tights are acceptable)
- Flat black shoes with no heel, or black trainers.

Uniform can be purchased from www.sptuniforms.co.uk. Please ensure all uniform has names on. In Spring 1, we encourage our children to change into P.E kits for our lesson. Your child will receive a t-shirt for P.E. On their bottoms, they will need black or navy tracksuit bottoms for colder weather. In Summer, they will need black or navy shorts. Your child will also need trainers or pumps.

Phonics

In Reception, we teach phonics to help our children become confident and fluent readers. We will learn our phase two and phase 3 sounds during the year. To help our children develop, we will send home phonetically decodable reading books alongside phonics sounds your child may find difficult.

Every child is read with each week and their phonics sounds are checked. We use these checks to target children for extra interventions to help them gain a better phonetic knowledge.

Number

Throughout the year, we will help your children understand their numbers 0-10. We help the children to understand different ways to represent numbers and understand what makes up a number. Alongside number, we learn about weight, length, shapes, patterns and capacity. We teach discrete maths lessons but also put multiple activities out in provision to encourage a love of Mathematics.

As a school, we are part of a White Rose Maths trial, alongside NFER. With this pack, you will receive information about this trial and an option to 'opt-out'.

Safety

When your child enrolls at The Vale Primary Academy, they will be given a form. This is to provide 4 contacts in case we need to contact you throughout the school day. Please ensure the first contact is able to be reached throughout the day.

We will also ask for a password. This password will be used if an unfamiliar adult picks up your child at home time. They will need to tell us this password for us to allow your child to go home.

Tapestry

We currently use the app 'Tapestry' to track your children's learning and progress. Alongside this booklet, you will have a Tapestry consent letter. As parents, you can also post on this app to show us what your child engages in outside of school. Therefore, we will require an email from you to attach you to the app. This allows



you to see what your child does whilst at school and upload your own images for us to see.

Class Dojo

Across whole school, we use the app 'Class Dojo' to share information with parents. You can also upload pictures of your child outside of school, for example, reading their book from school. You will receive a QR code within your first week at The Vale Primary Academy, this will link you to our class page so you can see important messages.



Who to contact if you have any queries

We understand that your child starting full time school can be overwhelming and you may have lots of additional questions. If you have any further questions, please email info@thevpacademy.org.uk