



*Learning together, growing together*

## **Dovecot Primary School**

**Welcome to Reception!**



## Our Vision in EYFS

- We strive for excellence in all areas of school life.
- We deliver a broad and challenging curriculum which is rich in opportunities and enables all children to reach their potential.
- Children are at the centre of our school and our team is dedicated to the education, safeguarding and wellbeing of each individual.
- We aim to engage and motivate our children so that they can experience the joy of discovery, the excitement of solving problems and the magic of creativity.
- Our children feel secure and valued and we take pride in their work and achievements.
- We expect high standards of behaviour and promote good relationships which provide a framework in which our children can grow into confident, conscientious and responsible members of society.
- We lay the foundations for lifelong learning and future success in life through high expectations.
- We recognise the pivotal role our school plays in developing community cohesion, creating opportunities for all and building strong and positive relationships within the community.

**Parents are partners in learning, and the key to children's success!**

## Starting Reception

- ✧ The morning learning session for **Reception** is from: 8:55 am until 11:45am
- ✧ The afternoon learning session for **Reception** is from: 1:00pm until 3:30pm
- ✧ Reception children all stay in school for lunch, and attend full time.
  - ✧ In order to settle the children into school life as easily as possible **all children will start full time from the same date.**
- ✧ Children will come in and leave through the first door on the Early Years yard. Late children (after the EYFS door closes at **9:05**) must report to the school office to receive their mark. If you are *collecting your child early* (i.e. for an approved medical appointment) they must be **collected from the office.**
- ✧ **We also have breakfast club available from 8:00am.**
- ✧ At Dovecot Primary school we aim to give the children the best possible start to their education and therefore ask you to be on time for every session. For children of this age routine is key, so please ensure your **child attends every day and is dropped off and collected on time.**
- ✧ **For safeguarding we will only release children to the adults named for drop off and collection. If another adult needs to collect your child please inform the school ASAP.**

## Uniform

- \* Our school uniform provider is **West Derby School Wear (239-241 Eaton Road, Liverpool, L12 2AG)**. Uniform is available from the store or via [www.alphaschoolwear.com](http://www.alphaschoolwear.com).
- \* West Derby School Wear also provide tracksuit pants in the school colours. These are excellent for Early Years children as they are easily able to change/toilet independently, as well as being comfortable for play based and outdoor learning. Children can also wear black or dark grey tracksuit pants, or leggings, available from supermarkets. Reception must wear school uniform not own clothes.
  - \* **Additionally, you will need:**
    - \* Black school shoes – Velcro is preferable to help support independent changing, please no laced sports shoes except on PE day.
      - \* Black, grey or white socks or tights
- \* Purple school book bag for homework and reading books (again available at West Derby School Wear)
  - \* Warm, waterproof coat.
- \* As we do a lot of our learning outdoors, in *all* weathers, we ask you to **send wellies, waterproofs and a change of clothes that remain in school, as well as a hat and sun cream in warmer/high UV weather.**
- \* *Please ensure long hair is tied back and jewellery is limited to stud earrings for health and safety.*

## PE Kit

- ✧ Shorts or tracksuit bottoms (children can remain in tracksuit pants if wearing as part of their EYFS uniform)
- ✧ T-shirt
- ✧ Black pumps or trainers
- ✧ **No football kits or boots please.**
- ✧ Currently children will wear their PE kit all day on PE day
- ✧ To help the class teachers we do ask that **all clothing is clearly labelled with the children's name, including PE kits, water bottles and book bags.**
- ✧ Although we will do everything we can to find lost property, we cannot be held responsible for missing items.
- ✧ Please do not bring toys in to school.

## Snack

Children in Reception receive a mid-morning snack of milk and fruit every day. We may also have toast or other additional snacks at various points. Children do not need to bring in their own snack, but should bring a water bottle each day. Please make us aware of any allergies your child has.

## Reading books

Children will bring home a bedtime story book from the first term. They will also bring wordless reading books home to practice their comprehension skills. They will then begin to bring home phonics sounds to practice, moving on to blending books and then RWI reading books. Please return books each week by Thursday morning to be changed.

## When I start in Reception, I will need...

- Completed emergency contact and permission forms
- A school uniform and suitable shoes, with all items clearly labelled with my name and class
- A school P.E kit labelled with my name and class.
- A pair of wellies and waterproofs, in a bag to be kept in school (labelled with my name)
- A practical coat with a hood to be brought to school every day (labelled with my name)
  - A book bag (labelled with my name)
  - A water bottle (labelled with my name)
- Spare underwear and clothes, in a bag to be kept in school (labelled with my name)