

Welcome to d'Auvergne School Reception



Information Booklet

Headteacher: Mr S Cooper

Staff:

The people you will meet in Reception are:

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Morning drop off and afternoon pick ups

Reception children are to arrive at 8.15am and register closes at 8.30am. Please bring your child to the Reception Gate where a member of staff will be there to greet them.

Their day ends at 2.45pm and pick up will also be from the Reception Gate. Should someone other than yourself be collecting the children we ask that you contact the office in plenty of time with the name of the person authorised to collect your child. If this is likely to be a regular occurrence, we do have a Collection Form which you can complete.

During the day the doors to the school are closed to keep the children safe. Should you need to collect your child for an appointment, please advise the school office. You will need to come to the school office and a member of staff will phone the classroom. We would also ask that you provide proof of your child's appointment for school records.

As the school is a secure site all visitors must make themselves known at the office where they will be asked to sign in and will be given a visitor's badge.

Arrive at 8.15am

Register closes at 8.30am

Pick up at 2.45pm

Food in Reception

Drinks:

Children must bring to school a named water bottle to keep in class, which they can access during the school day and use at lunch time.

Snacks:

Please provide your child with a small snack in a named bag or Tupperware. Snack needs to be either a piece of fresh fruit or vegetable. You may wish to cut up this up to make it easier for your child to eat.

Lunch:

All children will have thirty minutes to eat their lunch and thirty minutes playtime outside.

We are delighted that our children will be able to have the option of a cooked hot lunch and we have enclosed a sample menu in our welcome pack, along with further information such as booking instructions. This option becomes available after half term when the children have settled into their lunchtime routines.

As a school we encourage healthy eating options. Should your child prefer to bring a packed lunch, here are a few ideas:

- Sandwiches, pasta, pitta pockets.
- A piece of cheese.
- Yogurt.
- Fruit / Vegetables.
- Water.

Sweets, chocolate or fizzy drinks are not permitted.

Please note that the school operates a **"No Nuts"** policy in case of severe allergies and this includes items such as peanut butter and chocolate spread.

The children are encouraged to return uneaten items of their food to their lunchboxes so that you have an idea of what they have / or have not eaten when they come home.

Please name lunch boxes and water bottles clearly.

d'Auvergne Uniform

The d'Auvergne school uniform consists of:

- Charcoal grey skirt, grey skort, grey pinafore dress or charcoal grey uniform trousers.
- Navy blue polo shirt with the school logo.
- Red sweatshirt or cardigan with the school logo.
- Black school shoes (not trainers) with grey socks or grey tights.

Additional uniform required:

- Navy baseball cap for the summer and woollen hat for the winter. Both with the school logo on.
- Navy Boiler suit and Wellington boots to be kept in school.
- d'Auvergne red or navy-blue book bag.
- d'Auvergne navy blue bag to be kept in class with spare clothes.

Optional summer Uniform:

- d'Auvergne striped summer dress (to be worn with white socks).
- Grey shorts (to be worn with grey socks).

P.E. Kit:

On days when the children do Physical Education (P.E.) they come to school wearing their PE kit. This consists of:

- Red T-Shirt with d'Auvergne logo.
- Navy blue shorts.
- d'Auvergne School tracksuit.
- Trainers, suitable for sport.
- White socks.

You will be advised at the start of each term as to which days of the week the children will be taking part in P.E. lessons.

Clothing:

We encourage suitable black **velcro** school shoes and **elasticated waisted** trousers. All items of uniform with school logo can be purchased from Lyndale Sports. Other items may be purchased elsewhere.

Our PTA also run a small second-hand uniform shop and sell quality items of uniform at the price of £1.00 per item. We occasionally stock discounted new items of uniform and prices vary from £4.00 for a school cap, to £15 for a zipped PE jacket.

Please ensure that all clothing is clearly and permanently **named**. This includes coats, shoes, hats, gloves and scarves, and all bags.

When ears are pierced, small, studded earrings may be worn. No other jewellery is permitted at school as it can be a safety risk.

Long hair must be tied back at all times with discreet accessories. These should be in either dark blue or red. Haircuts must not attract unwarranted attention or be a distraction in school e.g. 'Tramlines', 'Mohawks' or similar are not acceptable.

Please note that children **are not** permitted to bring **toys or backpacks** into school. The spare set of clothes must be kept in the d'Auvergne navy blue bag.

Health and Hygiene

Toilet:

Children need to be independent toilet users. Accidents do happen, so we ask that all children have a couple of pairs of spare underwear and socks/tights in their d'Auvergne bag to keep in school at all times.

Illness:

If your child is not well or is suffering from something that may be passed on to another child, please keep them at home and contact the school secretary prior to the start of the school day. This can be done by phone on 625858, where there is the option to leave a voice mail message or by ParentMail.

It is especially important that children who have highly infectious conditions such as gastro-enteritis or who have vomited several times, **stay at home** until the condition is clear; this is usually after a minimum of **48 hours**.

However, some children may vomit once due to physical activity, travelling in a car or eating too much. In such instances, we would welcome the children back to school.

Inhalers for asthmatic conditions and EpiPens for allergies must be labelled and placed in the hands of Reception staff. When your child starts Reception, it is very important that you inform us of any conditions, ailments or allergies that your child has or may develop subsequently.

Areas of Learning in Reception

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

- Our primary focus is to build a strong community within our classroom, a whole Foundation Stage and as part of the school. We work on building relationships and friendships and will further develop skills such as turn taking and sharing.
- Children will be encouraged to become independent with their dressing and toileting, organisation and planning.

Communication, Language and Literacy:

- As an Oracy School, language is developed through communicating with each other and adults, such as through role play, group learning activities, and discussions.
- Children will have daily story sessions and become aware of print and letter sounds in words.
- Children will have daily Read Write Inc phonic sessions where they will learn the letter sounds and sight words.
- There will be lots of opportunities to help develop writing skills and learn how to form letters. Please encourage your child to recognise and write their own name.

Mathematics:

- Mathematical concepts are acquired through a variety of learning opportunities around the classroom.
- Through real life role play such as using money in a shop.
- Number songs and games.
- Mental maths sessions where children solve real life problems.
- Children will be learning how to write numbers, to count and recognise numbers confidently.
- We will also explore shape, measure and pattern.

Understanding the World: (Science, Geography and History)

- The children will be given opportunities to have first-hand experiences that encourage exploration, observation, problem solving, prediction, critical thinking, decision-making and discussion.

Physical Development:

- Physical Development takes place in all our learning environments both inside and outside. Children will have the opportunity to have PE lessons on a weekly basis.

Expressive arts and design:

- The children will be given a variety of opportunities to express their ideas through a wide range of media such as paint, glue, fabric, clay, plasticine, wood and natural materials.
- We enjoy using our role play areas which develop imaginative, social and language skills.
- We will sing every day, play and make instruments as well as listen to different styles of music and dance.

How can you help at home:

- Read books with your child and talk about everyday events.
- Ask your child questions and encourage them to ask you questions.
- Encourage your child to colour, draw and write.
- Practise numbers, counting and number formation.
- Teach your child to look after and put away all toys and books after playing with them. "Choose it, Use it, Put it away".
- Play matching games together.
- Encourage your child to persevere with activities that they find tricky.
- Encourage your child to be independent, offering support and praise.

Home School Communication

- Here at d'Auvergne we correspond via email and text messaging. A form for you to complete will be available in your starter pack and this will enable us to ensure we have all the necessary contact information we require. Please check your email regularly for information.
- Home learning and notes from the teachers will be communicated via their school planner which they receive in September.
- Please check our school website for information and dates.
- Follow us on Facebook and Twitter for regular updates.

School Travel Information

We strongly encourage children to arrive at school on foot or by bus as the area gets very congested with traffic.

Walking: Being active on the way to school is the best way to start the day and gets the brain ready for learning. We encourage everyone who can walk, to do so.

Bus: There is a bus stop right outside school in La Pouquelaye, which comes up from town via Broad Street and back via Chestnut Lea. Pupils can get cheaper fares until they are 19 years of age.

Car Use: If you are using a car, please drive slowly and take special care of the children crossing the roads.

Please ensure your children remain with you once you have collected them at the end of the school day.

And finally:

If you have any worries or concerns about your child, or their progress within Reception, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance. We would also like to hear how you feel your child is progressing and any developments you feel they have made at home.

We are sure your child will be very happy, enjoy making new friends and make great progress at d'Auvergne School.

We welcome you all to our community.