

## **Observations**

Across our EYFS classes we use an observation system to monitor the ongoing progress of the children. These will be shared with you at various stages throughout the year.

## **Passwords**

Please set a password with your child's class teacher to ensure a safe collection whilst we get to know you and in event that someone else comes to pick your child up.

## **Paperwork**

Please make sure that you have handed in your admissions pack to the school office before your child's start date.

**We warmly welcome you to Valence Primary School and hope that your time with us will be happy and successful.**

Should you have any questions, your child's Key Worker and Class Teacher are your first point of call.

If you have any further enquiries please make an appointment via the office.

**EYFS Lead:** Miss K Lilley

**Headteacher:** Mr R November

## **Spare clothes**

Please make sure that you provide your children with a spare set of school clothes in a named bag. On occasions the children do get wet or dirty and they MUCH prefer to wear their own clothes when changed.

All items, including school bags and PE kits need to have your child's name clearly marked on them.

## **Breakfast and After School Club**

We offer a Breakfast Club from 7:30am and an After School Club (Gems) which finishes at 6:00pm on both sites. Please see the office staff if you are interested in reserving a place at one or both of these facilities.



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# Reception 2019-2020 Information for Families

## Class Information and School Times

At Valence we believe the foundation years help the children to learn to fly. So our classes are named after birds.

Each site has -

### **Owls Class and Robins Class**

School gates open at **8:40 am**  
Doors open at **8:45 am**  
Children should be in for **8:50 am**  
Doors will close at **8:55 am**

Teachers and support staff will always be available between these times to talk to parents/carers and to settle your child. Staff are also available after school once children have been seen, safely, to their parents and carers.

Lunchtime: **11:45 – 12:45 pm**  
Home time: **3:00 pm**

At home time children are led into a safe place in order to see them safely to the adults collecting. Please wait outside this space.

## Induction and Settling in

It is very important that your child feels happy and secure as they start their school life. For this reason we have a carefully planned induction programme to prepare your child for school.

If your child requires more settling time, a member of staff will contact you to discuss.



## School Uniform

For information on our school uniform please visit the school website. A PE kit will also need to be provided.

## Our Curriculum

We follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum which is firmly rooted in learning through play, our areas of learning are:

Personal, Social and Emotional development  
Physical Development  
Communication and Language  
Understanding the World  
Literacy  
Mathematics  
Expressive Arts and Design

Alongside the areas of learning we make observations of the children's "Characteristics of Learning", these tell us how they learn and enable us to plan activities to suit them. The Characteristics are:

Playing and Exploring  
Active Learning  
Creating and thinking critically

## **More curriculum information is shared through our half termly Curriculum Forecast.**

If you would like to donate towards cooking money, to enable us to provide food tasting and cooking activities throughout the year, we ask for a voluntary contribution of £10 per child.

As a school we teach children to write in the cursive script. Examples of this formation can be seen below. We ask that children learning to write their name and other words use lower case letters as shown (except for the first letter in their name i.e. *Jack* not JACK).

We can provide you with cursive letter formation mats on request.

## Mr Ted

In order to develop links between home and school, we send home the class teddy bear throughout the year. Mr Ted visits for the weekend to share in the adventures that you and your child have at home.



**Please note that we are a nut free school.** We are unable to give out sweets or cakes to celebrate birthdays. If you would like to share something on your child's birthday, we encourage fruit only. Thank you.

