



Early Entry At Hunsdon

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What you will need for school

School Uniform

Uniform and accessories with the school logo on them can be ordered from School Trends (link on our website) or from the Office.



Girls

- Blouses pale blue or white or white polo shirt
- Pullovers/cardigans navy blue
- Skirts/pinafore dresses grey or navy blue
- Trousers black or grey
- Summer dresses striped / check pale blue and white
- School cardigan/sweatshirt
- School fleece navy blue
- Short or long white socks
- Plain grey or blue tights
- Black shoes – not trainers please

Boys



- Shirts pale blue or white, or white polo shirt
- Pullovers navy blue
- Trousers grey
- School sweatshirts navy blue
- School fleece navy blue
- Black shoes – not trainers please

Please remember to label all of your child's clothing. Use an initial capital letter and then lower case for the rest: Eg. Jonathan

PE Kit

Your child needs a uniform PE kit in a PE bag. The kit is a white t-shirt, blue shorts, socks and plimsolls. Please ensure that PE kit is at school in a 'sensibly sized' bag Monday to Friday as last minute changes to the timetable sometimes occur.



Book Bag

Your child needs a sturdy bag to bring their reading book to and from school.

Water Bottles

We ask that our Reception and Early Entry children don't bring in water bottles as they tend to get lost or leak.



Milk and Fruit

Our Early Entry receive free milk and fruit which they have at playtime.

Money

Any money that you need to send in should be taken to the Office rather than given to your child to bring in.

Illness and Medicines

Occasionally your child may be unwell, if this is the case then in order to avoid the illness spreading we ask that you notify the school and follow these timings:

- Sickness and Diarrhoea – 48 hours absence
- Chicken Pox – absent until 5 days from the onset of the rash
- German Measles – absent for 6 days from the onset of the rash
- Mumps – 5 days absence from the onset of the swelling
- Conjunctivitis, Slapped Cheek or Nits – parents discretion

Medicines

Please take any medicines to the Office with your child's name and fill in the details on the required form.

School Trips

During their time at school your children will go on a number of trips. These are a very important way of enriching your children's school experiences. We always try to keep the cost of trips to a minimum but if you are having difficulties paying please come in and speak to us.

Getting ready for school



Bedtime and Morning routines

If you haven't already, now is the time to put a strict bedtime routine into place. Children need a good nights' sleep in order to be able to give school their full attention. Once school begins in September you will also want to build a good morning routine, so that they have time to wake up and have breakfast before you set out to school.



Talk, talk, talk, talk...

Reading stories, talking and singing together build your child's vocabulary, confidence and readiness for school. Talk things over at home so that at school they are more able to express their needs and communicate their ideas. The more stories, songs and rhymes they hear, the more receptive they will be to early reading skills, and by answering all those questions they pose, you are helping to build their general knowledge.



Communicating with us

Please fill in your email addresses and phone numbers on the forms in your folders. We are aiming to become a paper-free school and send out letters and reminders electronically when possible.

Holidays

We recommend that you do not take holidays during term time as this can disrupt your child's learning.

The School Day

Coming into school

Parents are asked to wait with their children until the bell rings at 9 o'clock when the children line up and are brought in. This can be quite a difficult time for our Early Entry children but it is an important part of the transition into school.

There will be a few tears – some of them from the children – but once they are in and immersed in the classroom they soon pass.

Lunchtime

Our Early Entry children go home before lunchtime but as their time in Apple Class goes on and they become more confident, we will occasionally ask them to stay for lunch to help with preparing them for September.



The End of the Day

Please be there for your child at the end of the morning – 12.00 and when they come out, make that time for them, not for chatting to other mums. If you are going to be late, please give us a call and let us know.

We cannot let your child leave with anyone else unless we have had your permission.

The first few weeks at school are likely to be very tiring for your child, as they have a lot of new routines to remember in a building they may not be very familiar with. Bear in mind that they may not have the energy next term for whizzing off to football practices and swimming lessons after school every night, although a good run in the garden may be just what they need!



And finally...

If something is worrying your child - at school or at home – please do let us know, although do bear in mind that something which upsets your child one day may be completely forgotten by them the next, while you may remain anxious for days!

If you do have any worries we are a very friendly and approachable team so please come and speak to us.