



F1 New Starters

Welcome to Queensmead Foundation 1!
We look forward to meeting you and your child.

Here are a few things to remember before your child starts school:

- Your child will need a pair of wellington boots for outdoor play. These will need to have your child's name in and to stay in school if possible.
- Your child will need a waterproof coat as we play outdoors daily. Please make sure it has their name in.
- If your child will be staying in school for lunch, help them to choose a lunchbox/lunchbag and get them used to healthy packed lunch style food, eg. sandwiches, fruit, yogurt.
- All children will need a bag of spare clothes to be left at school. We are used to messy play and little accidents!
- Please label every item of school uniform and all coats so that staff know who to return them to.
- You will not need to purchase a P.E. kit this academic year but your child will be running and climbing outdoors daily, so please remember sensible school shoes.
- We encourage all children to be toilet trained if possible, but understand that every child is different, so we ask for pull-ups if they are not quite there. Please ensure that they always have spare pull-ups in their spare clothes bag at all times. You can chat to staff about this if you have any queries or concerns.
- Your child will have a snack at school mid session every day. This will be a piece of fruit and milk (or water if they do not like milk). But we have a no juice policy at school. If they do not drink milk, please let a member of staff know when they start.

What you can be doing to prepare your child for school;

- Count with them, start with numbers 1 to 5. you can count the stairs, toys, cars, anything.
- Talk to them about the world around them. Listen to their comments.
- Ask your child to help tidy up their toys; make it fun!
- Expect your child to respond to you and do as you ask them.
- Read a daily story with your child, it is great for their language development, concentration and future literacy skills. Make it a fun/special part of their routine.
- Read the picture booklet about their new classroom with your child frequently and chat to them about what school will be like.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

