



Frequently Asked Questions

What happens when my child starts school?

All children begin school in September regardless of their birthday or age. All children are usually in full time by the end of the first week. If your child is particularly tired or struggling with full time attendance, there is an option of part time attendance in discussion with school staff.

What will happen if my child is anxious when starting school?

Visits to the school before your child starts, usually help to settle most children and they are generally excited to begin school. If your child finds it hard to separate from you or is anxious, we ask you to give them a kiss and cuddle, say goodbye and leave quickly. The child is then distracted and whisked away and usually settles very quickly. We will always ring you to let you know your child is now settled and were there to be any prolonged periods of crying, you would be informed.

Q: Will my child be with their friend in their class?

A: Great care is taken to balance the classes according to gender, spread of ages and Special Educational Needs. Our staff speak to all the nurseries and pre-schools for information about friendships and take recommendations into account. Please understand that if your child is not with their very best friend, it doesn't mean that they won't be able to see them. There are plenty of times during the day for the children from both Year R classes to learn together. Also, they will soon make friends within their new classes.

Q: Does this school always have room for children within its catchment area?

A: That is almost always the case and we often have room for quite a few children from outside our catchment area too. You can look on the HCC Admissions page of their website to find a catchment map.

Q: What do I do if my child needs a special diet?

A: There is a meat and a vegetarian choice every day as well as a different filled jacket potato; however, if your child has a medical reason for needing a special diet, we will need evidence from a doctor.

Q: What does my child need to wear for P.E.?

A: All uniform information will come in a Starting School pack; however, we like them to wear a white t-shirt and black shorts. They can have jogging bottoms during the winter.

Q: What will happen at lunch time?

A: Year R children go into the hall for lunch, where places are set at tables. They collect their plates from the servery and our Lunchtime Supervisors will help them and then take them in to the playground for their playtime.

Q: Will my child be mixing with children from other classes?

A: Normally, yes depending on the infection protection arrangements by then.

Q: How is transition from Year R to Year 1 managed?

A: Children have a number of opportunities to spend time with their new Year 1 teacher before the summer holidays. In the first half term of Year 1, children have shorter learning sessions and opportunities for child initiated learning tasks.

If you have any further questions please call or email the school

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