

Archibald First School

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Dear Parents, Carers and New starter

We are so excited to be able to tell you a little more about what school and Reception will look like in September.

Following the recent government guidelines Early years will look slightly different to the way we would normal run. However, our focus will continue to be about having a happy, fun and stimulating place to learn.

Unfortunately, we will be unable to run as a big Early Years Unit, instead we will be forming two separate bubbles of children, one of solely Nursery children and one of solely Reception children.

Nursery children will use half of the unit and Reception children will use the other half. They will not mix. However, both sets of children will have access to a range of indoor and outdoor learning opportunities which support the 7 areas of learning for the EYFS curriculum. We will have a strong emphasis on PSED, settling in and building relationships.

Due to the current COVID19 situation and following guidelines we are putting in place a one way system around the school grounds. This is for all of the children and their parents at drop off and pick up. Start and finish times of the school day will therefore need to be staggered in order to reduce the amount of people on site at any one time.

Below please find information about your child's first day in Reception and the times that follow for the days after. We are also in the process of putting a video on Tapestry to help you to understand the ways in and out of school. You will find maps and other year group videos available on our school website too.

Please see your original Reception invitation for your official first day at school. The time of this day has slightly changed due to the arrangements for the rest of school.

All children on **their first day of school** are asked to attend from **10am till 2pm**.

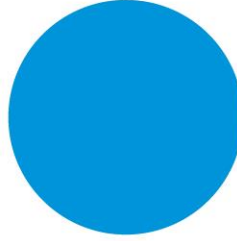
From that day onwards, Reception children's start and end times are **8.55-9.00am till 2.55-3.00pm** to fit in with the staggered times of the rest of the school.

Reception Start Time— **8.55-9am** We ask that children are brought to school by one adult only. For Reception you need to enter through the school main gates (opposite the school office), walk around the corner and wait at the blue gates. A member of Early years staff will be there to meet and greet you. Unfortunately, no parents are allowed into the classrooms.

Reception Finish Time is **2.55-3pm** We ask that children are collected from school by one adult only. You need to enter through the school main gates (opposite the school office), walk around the corner and wait in the centre yard close to the blue gates (Mrs Nelson's class 1 come out through the centre, Mrs Jones' class 2 come out through the side blue gate). We will endeavour to make home time as quick as we possibly can.

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On both occasions you need to exit the school grounds via the staff carpark. Please see the map available on the school website.

If you have more than one child at Archibald you will receive different start and end times. These have been carefully arranged so that you are able to drop the child with the earliest drop off time first and then follow the one way system to drop any other children. Class teachers are aware there will be children arriving and leaving slightly earlier and later. Please be patient with us as we to get used to a new system. Each child will receive letter outlining their staggered times and entrances/exits.

Reception children will have their lunch up in the school hall 11.30-12.00 supervised by lunch time staff. They will be able to have a school dinner or a home packed lunch. After lunch they will have time to play in the main school yard 12.00-12.30.

Please see your Tapestry account for videos showing you the entrances and explain the procedures a little further. If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

We thank you for your time and cooperation

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Nelson and Mrs Jones

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