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Reception New Starters

Information for Parents

September 2022



Do everything in love

(1 Corinthians 16:14)

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Welcome

Welcome to Long Preston, Robins Class!

Beginning school is a major event in the life of a four-year-old and it won't be long before your child is starting Reception with us at Long Preston Endowed VA Primary School, within the Ribblesdale Federation of Schools. The staff are very much looking forward to working with your child, enabling him/her to thrive during their first full time year of school.

There will be lots of new things for you and your child to learn, and we appreciate that you will want to ensure that your child is well-prepared for this important event. We hope that this booklet will provide some useful information that will help your child settle quickly into school.

Should you have any further questions, or wish to discuss anything in further detail, please do let us know via the school office.

Thankyou,

The Robins Team

Important Contact Details



Long Preston School Office

01729 840 377



Long Preston School Email

office@longpreston.n-yorks.sch.uk



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Meet the Team

The staffing structure for 2022 - 2023 is as follows:



Miss Kate Tulley *Reception/KS1 Teacher*

Hi, I'm Miss Tulley – I will be your Robins Class Teacher.

I love music, chocolate and Friday homemade curry nights – a family tradition in the Tulley household! I can't wait to see you in September.

Mrs Barbara Stirton *Reception/KS1 Teaching Assistant*

Hello, I'm Mrs Stirton – I will be your Robins Class Teaching Assistant.

I enjoy spending most of my time out of school with my daughter and her 2 horses. Otherwise I enjoy walking, cooking and visiting the Isle of Arran with my family whenever I can.



Miss Jenny Bousfield *Reception/KS1 Teaching Assistant*

Hello, my name is Miss Bousfield - I will be your Robins Class Teaching Assistant.

I enjoy spending time with my two daughters, walking our dog called Jackson and baking.



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The School Day

8.45am – The school day starts at 8.45am. We will support your child to come into the classroom and put their belongings away before choosing an activity. Registration closes at 9.00, so if you arrive after that time you will need to drop your child off at the main school office.

3.25pm – The school day will end at 3.25pm. The children will be released from school and any important messages will be passed onto you. This is also a good time of the day should you wish to speak with class teachers for an informal chat. Appointments will need to be made for more complex and confidential issues. Should you require another adult (who is not the main parent or carer) to collect your child, please let the class teacher know in advance.

Absences and Lateness

It is crucial that your child arrives promptly at the beginning of the school day. Should your child be absent due to illness, please make sure the School Office is informed as soon as possible. Equally, if you are going to be late at either the beginning of the day, or end of the day for collection, please telephone the School Office as soon as you can. The telephone number is as follows. If there are changes to collection arrangements please telephone the school office to let us know as we do require parental permission in order to release children.

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Preparing your Child for School

In order to prepare your child for starting school it would be really helpful if they could develop the following skills:

- Use the toilet independently and ask to go there in a recognisable way
- Recognise his or her own name (first name)
- Dress and undress him/herself independently
- Feed him/herself independently using cutlery
- Share toys and equipment
- Listen well and follow simple instructions
- Count to 10
- Tidy up after him/herself

First Day at School

- Arrive promptly and on time **(8:45)**
- Leave your child cheerfully (even if you're not feeling that way!)
- Be positive, and talk about school and the changes in a positive way, especially in the weeks and days before September.

Lunchtimes

Here at Long Preston we have our own kitchen, where fresh, healthy lunches are prepared daily. Each child in Reception is entitled to a free school meal every day, under the Government's Universal Free School Meals Scheme. The children have a choice of two hot options per day (including one vegetarian option), and can also choose from a dessert (usually fruit, yoghurt or pudding).

Our school meals are extremely popular, but if you wish your child to bring a packed lunch instead, please inform the School Office. If you decide to provide your child with the packed lunch option, please make sure this is healthy, in line with our 'Healthy Schools' status. We discourage fizzy drinks, chocolate, crisps and sweets.

Your child will also have access to fruit, fresh milk and water throughout the day.

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Uniform and Clothing

Please ensure that your child comes to school correctly dressed, in the following uniform.

Uniform can be ordered directly via School Trends:

<https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/uniform/LongPrestonEndowedVAPrimarySchoolBD234PN>

- White polo shirt
- Black or grey trousers/skirt/shorts
- Long Preston jumper/cardigan (with school badge)
- Black or grey school shoes (no trainers) (Velcro if possible)
- Waterproof, warm coat
- Weather dependent – warm hats/gloves/scarves/sun hat
- PE kit: Plain white polo shirt (long sleeved tops worn underneath are OK, and are encouraged in the winter); navy shorts (leggings underneath are OK); trainers (school shoes are not permitted for PE).

Due to health and safety reasons, no jewellery (including stud earrings) should be worn and all long hair tied back so it is off the face.

Please make sure all items are clearly labelled with your child's name.

At the beginning of the school year, please provide your child with a spare set of clothing and make sure this is in school each day. This must include spare underwear and socks, in case of accidents.

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Medication

Should your child require medication in school, please complete the relevant paperwork at the School Office or request it to be sent to you by email.

Without your consent and the relevant information, we cannot administer medication. Please note that all medication **must** be prescribed by a doctor or medical professional.

We are not able to administer over the counter medication, including Calpol.

Contact Details

It is crucial that we have up to date contact details for your child, should we need to get in touch with you during the school day.

Please make sure that the School Office is aware of any changes to contact details (including change of address and telephone numbers).

Texts are sent regularly, updating you of important events which are going on in school.

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The Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum (EYFS)

The period from birth to the end of Reception is known as the EYFS.

It is a crucial part of every child's education, and forms the basis of their later education.

Play, and active learning is at the forefront of the EYFS, and children will be supported in their learning and development through a range of adult led experiences, and by adults who follow the children's interests.

The EYFS Curriculum is split into 7 areas, which are all linked and interconnected:

- **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**
- **Communication and Language**
- **Physical Development**
- Literacy (Reading and Writing)
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

In order to support your child through each of these areas, we get to know your child and the best way in which he/she learns.

Your input as parents and carers is crucial in this process, please engage with any reading, home learning or phonics activities which are sent home.

For more information regarding our homework policy, please visit our Federation website at <https://ribblesdalefed.n-yorks.sch.uk/>

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Literacy (Reading and Writing)

- Phonics – the teaching of the skills involved in early reading and writing.
- Children in Reception will start to learn about letter sounds, and how these go together to make words, and then sentences.
- An information evening about how we deliver Phonics at Long Preston will be arranged for the Autumn term.
- Early in the school year, your child will receive a Home School Reading Pack, which will support your child in learning to read. This will go home each night, and must come to school each morning.
- In the meantime, please support your child by talking with them about everyday events, sharing stories and nursery rhymes, and learning to recognise his/her name. Playing games such as I Spy and rhyming games are also an excellent way of developing your child's early reading skills.

'All About Me'

So that we can really get to know your child's current interests, fascinations and what is important to them, we would really appreciate it if you could complete the 'All About Me' booklet and bag with your child. This can be printed, or emailed back to school before your child starts school in September. Please bring your bag with you on your first day at school.

Until then, we wish you a wonderful and relaxing Summer.

Stay safe and have fun; we are very much look forward to working with you in September.

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