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Dear Parents and Carers,

When your child starts Reception in September they will be in either London Class or Surrey Class. You would have received an email with this information already. We wanted to take this opportunity to outline how Reception classes will operate next year.

The children will take part in learning activities within their class and will also have the opportunity to integrate with the other Reception class. This ensures that children are able to maintain friendships and to build their social skills with a range of children as well as interacting with a large and engaging environment. As well as this, the children will have access to the nursery setting and garden during the afternoons. This is a great opportunity for the children as it means they can still interact with children they formed friendships with in the nursery and with familiar adults in nursery, as well as engaging in physical activities in the large nursery garden. Below is an outline of what a typical day in Reception will look like. Hopefully this will give you more of an insight as to how the early years will operate in September.

Morning Session 9.00-11:30am

- Children will arrive at their class and will be registered by their class teachers.
- Children will take part in a whole class phonics session in their class.
- Children will then free flow and participate in self-selected learning enhancements. They will have access to both Surrey and London class and the outside courtyard connected to London class. During this time, the class teacher and/or LSA will work with groups of children on focus activities such as literacy tasks or number activities.
- Children will then take part in a whole class literacy lesson following the Power of Reading scheme implemented by the rest of the school in their own reception class. The children will then have the opportunity to free flow once again between Surrey and London class and the outside courtyard connected to London class. During such time the teacher/LSA will support children with group or individual learning activities and support them in their play.
- Children will go to lunch in the main hall, Covid restrictions permitting, and will have playtime out on the KS1 playground.



Afternoon sessions 1-3:30pm

- Children will register in their Reception classroom.
- Children will then take part in a whole class maths session following the White Rose scheme implemented by the rest of the school.
- Children will then have access to both reception classes and the nursery base and garden. This will allow them the opportunity to engage in physical activities such as riding the bikes, building with the large blocks and to access the sand pit. During this time teachers/LSAs in both nursery and reception will be able to support children through one to one and group intervention activities such as speech and language, fine motor skill development for writing and phonics.
- The children will return to their reception classes for the end of the day where they will have a story and get ready for home time. Children will be dismissed from their reception class at 3:30pm.

If you have any questions, please speak to Mrs Riches who will be happy to answer them.

Kind Regards,

The Early Years Team

