



FAQ'S for Prospective Parents 2020.21

Admissions

As a Local Authority maintained school, Rivermead follows the Wokingham Borough Council admissions guidance. All placements and allocations are through the WBC Admissions Team, the school has no influence over any decisions.

School uniform

The school uniform with the school logo and the school's PE t-shirts are available to order and buy from within school
Children should wear:

Girls

- Brown jumper or cardigan
- Black or dark grey skirt, tunic, shorts or trousers
- White blouse or polo shirt
- Black or cream/white tights
- Black or white socks
- Black shoes

Boys

- Brown jumper
- Black or dark grey trousers or shorts
- White shirt or polo shirt
- Grey or black socks
- Black shoes

Sports clothes

- Black shorts/tracksuit bottoms
- Yellow t-shirt or house coloured t-shirt (based on colour of house child belongs to)
- Plimsolls for indoor/trainers for outdoor
- Black jumper/hoody for outdoor

School lunches

School meals are provided by Caterlink and cooked each day in our own kitchen. For children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 they are free. We have a system called Scopay in which you order school dinners.

Allergies and food intolerances can be catered for and forms will be provided once you join to enable us to work with you to ensure we and the kitchen are aware of your child's needs.

Lunch for EYFS is at 11.45 until 1pm. And 12pm until 1pm for KS1 and KS2. Our menu is available to view on our school website.

Snacks during the day

The school is part of the School Fruit and Vegetable scheme with MWW and Cool Milk. A piece of fruit is provided free for all children in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2. Parents also have the option to buy into the Cool Milk scheme and a carton of milk is also provided for your child. They get this free until they turn 5 years old. We encourage parents in all year groups to provide a healthy snack and lunch for their child/ren.

Extended day provision – Breakfast and after school club

We offer Breakfast and after school club Monday to Friday, term time only and it is run by our own staff members. These can be booked by completing a form that can be requested from the school office or found on our school website. Breakfast Club starts at 8am and After School Club starts at 3.15 and finishes at 6pm Monday – Friday. We charge £5 per day for Breakfast club and £10 per day for After School Club.

How does our EYFS work?

There are two registration classes in EYFS, with 30 children in each. The day begins with registration and phonics in groups, and then the whole unit is free-flowing and the children experience a balance of teacher led targeted activities and free learning choices. Throughout EYFS, the children follow a curriculum called Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) which is broken down into 7 key areas which your children will learn through play, teacher led groups/lessons and targeted activities throughout the day.

Your child will bring home books that help them to practice the letter sounds they are learning, along with books for you to read with them to foster a love of reading. We ask you to read with your child every day; this may be through reading stories, or their phonics books from school.

When would my child start school?

If your child is offered a place at Rivermead, they will start full-time from September. The children start school with half days for the first 8 school days to support the transition process. The children will be in with their class group during this part time day, and then come together as whole cohort. This has been very successful over past years. If you wish to defer your start to later in the school year or begin the year part time for your child, an appointment will be required with the Headteacher. We encourage all children to begin full time where possible.

Parking

Unfortunately there is no parking for parent's onsite. We do encourage parents to be respectful of residents who live close to the school; requesting parents not to park on resident's property, in front of driveways, parking inconsiderately or blocking cars in. If you are registered as disabled and have a blue badge you are permitted to park in the disabled bays in the layby outside the school.

We have an electronic gated system at the staff car-park entrance and at the pedestrian entrance to our school.

Communication

All letters are sent via email using a system called Teachers2Parents so it's really important we have your up to date email details.

Contact details for the school

Should you have any further questions please contact the school office:

School Office tel: 01189540770

School Office Email: admin@rivermead.wokingham.sch.uk