

Keeping in touch

We like to inform you of how your child is progressing and have regular parent's evenings, stay and play sessions and a yearly report.

If we have any concerns we will let you know of these immediately and hope that you will do the same. We are all parents, so we know exactly where you are coming from.

There are also regular 'Sharing' assemblies where children share their achievements with family and friends. We do hope that you will be able to come to some of these.

See you soon!



Starting School Brochure



Welcome to Eagle Early Years

Whether this is your eldest child or you are used to the school way of life, starting school is a very big step, both for you and your child. A happy start is very important.

You are your child's first and best teacher and by learning from you, school and home will be able to work together, forming a lasting partnership of quality, which will help to ensure that your child's learning continues to be as successful in school as it has been at home.

At Eagle we pride ourselves on our caring family atmosphere where each child is nurtured and valued. Please make sure that any concerns are brought to our attention. Remember that we are here for the parents too.

This booklet should hopefully answer any immediate questions, feel free to ring or pop in with any other issues.



The Team

We have a happy team of staff with many years of classroom experience between us.

We are: Sarah Luddington (Class teacher) Richard Mason (Class teacher) and Donna Egan (Senior teaching assistant) There are usually at least two of us with the children at any one time.

Snack time and drinks

We encourage our children to bring a healthy snack to help them through the morning. They will quickly learn to put this in their own named bag every morning. They will also be encouraged to eat free fruit and will be able to have free school milk until their 5th birthday. Also your child may bring a water bottle (water only please,) which they can access when required. Please let us know of any food allergies.

Lunch Time

All infant aged children will be entitled to a free hot school lunch. Please ensure that you have filled in the relevant forms if you wish for your child to take part in this scheme. If you do not wish your child to have a hot lunch, please provide a labelled lunchbox containing a reasonable amount of food that they will eat (we do encourage them to eat it all.)

All our children eat together and it is lovely to see them using table manners that you have taught them at home. They will be supervised and if they do not eat some of their food, we will let you know, but unfortunately we are unable to offer alternatives.



Toilet Time

We have our own toilets next to the classroom which the children can access at any time. Please prepare your child for school by encouraging them to take care of their own hygiene. They should be able to wipe themselves and wash hands independently.

Please also put some spare underwear in your child's PE bag in case of accidents. It is quite normal for any child to have an occasional accident, we don't make a fuss. Do let us know of any medical conditions that may affect this.

Book bags, Reading and Homework

Reading is a very important skill and at Eagle School we provide your child with the tools for a life long love of books. Friends of Eagle School also kindly supply new children with a smart book bag. Your child may wish to personalise this for easy identification with badges and keyrings. They will be able to store this in their classroom tray. Each child will be given a reading book which is changed after your child has read it. You can read with your child and make comments in the diary provided. The book is intended to help practise skills learnt in class and will be monitored regularly for suitability.

For homework your child will also be given a sound book to practise letter sounds and other “helpers” such as reading games and spellings as they progress. It is important that you do these with your child (little and often), skills learned now last forever!

Throughout the year we will collect information for a ‘Learning Journey,’ which is a book about your child’s learning in Reception. You are encouraged to contribute to this with photos or comments about their experiences at home during this time. We might also send out a questionnaire to help us with this from time to time. You will get to keep this at the end of the year. It is a lovely thing to keep and look back on.

At our school we also teach phonics (the building blocks of reading and writing) through a scheme called PHONICS BUG. The beauty of this scheme is that each pupil can access specially written books online via any PC, laptop or ipad, to help them to practise reading through phonics. Your child will be given a password and instructions to access the website when they start in September.



Uniform

Our school has a uniform that can be purchased from Uniform Direct on Lincoln High Street or Tesco on the Internet. Any other items (trousers, pinafore, skirt etc) should be grey and can be bought from supermarkets etc. Please label you child’s clothing as sweatshirts and other items all look the same to us. Also, provide your child with sensible shoes which can be worn on play equipment (no open toes, heels or difficult fastenings.) Your child will need a warm coat in winter and a sunhat in the summer. It would be helpful if you could practise dressing and undressing with these items to help them to get the hang of it.



PE kit

Friends of Eagle School provide all new pupils with a PE bag. Please personalize it with a key ring that your child can recognise. Our PE T-shirts can be bought from Uniform Direct. These must also be labelled. Please also provide plimsolls or trainers. Your child will need suitable outdoor kit for cooler weather such as a hoody and tracksuit leggings. These do not need to be in school colours and can be purchased from supermarkets, Primark or similar shops.

The school day

Your child can arrive at school from 8.45 onwards where a member of staff will be on hand to supervise in the playground.

You can stay with your child until 8:55 when the whistle will go and your child will line up.

Please use this time to speak to your child's teacher if you wish.

When the whistle blows you may help your child into school if they are at all fretful (this is quite normal in a new environment). You may stay until you feel your child is settled. We will ring you if we are at all concerned.

Your child will be ready to leave school at 3.15. Please collect them from the classroom.



Routines

In class 1 the focus is on enjoyment in learning. There is as much emphasis on social development for example as there is on reading and numbers. Our teaching and learning is very much based on the government guidelines for the Foundation stage, a copy of which can be borrowed from the office or accessed on the web (Just google 'EYFS guide for parents.')

When your child enters in the morning, they will be encouraged to put their own things away, and get on with play type activities. They will come to the carpet to listen and find out about that day's routine after about half an hour.

Your child will typically do literacy and numeracy activity in the morning with a topic type activity in the afternoon. These are teacher led and last for a short period depending on the child's level of concentration. Other activities are also on offer for your child to do throughout the day. These are usually play based, and are supervised, and encourage social skills, independent learning and reinforcement of taught skills.

There will also be many times when we come together as a class, such as for songs, PE or a story.

There is now a greater emphasis on learning in the outdoor environment. Your child will be able to access our outdoor classroom at all times. Please ensure that they are dressed appropriately.

Some days we have a break from the routine. We go on trips and have themed days such as "Yellow and Green" day at the beginning of spring. We like to think that your child will look back and have some lovely memories of their early school days.

