

Welcome to our School and Parish
Community



New Intake 2020- Preparing for
School

Thank you for choosing Our Lady
of Fatima Catholic School for your
child's education

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arrow key to move through the slides*



We welcome everyone into our
community to live, love and
learn together in the light and
example of Jesus Christ





Impact due to COVID-19

- At the present time we simply do not know what school will look like in September
- The following information is based on normal Reception intake
- We will keep you updated when further Public Health and Government advice has been released.



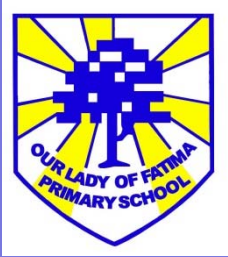
School and Parish Community

- Life is a journey of faith
- Starting school is a marking point
- There will be others along the way!
- Children begin to learn more about their faith, they are part of a community based upon the life, teaching and example of Jesus
- The school only exists because of the parish, please support the Church.



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We ask all parents to contact the school office to provide us with an email address so that further information can be sent this term and if necessary during the summer holidays



Preparing for School

- Talk about school positively, tell happy stories of you starting school
- Read books about starting school
- Enjoy getting ready, making shopping trips fun!





Personal Skills

To help your child build confidence and independence:

- dress and undress independently - it is a vital skill (that takes time to learn) make a game of this at home, i.e. beat the clock
- turn clothes the right way out
- put socks into shoes

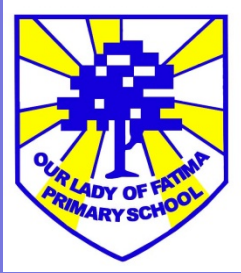


Parent Preparation

Pace your preparations over the summer. Buy things gradually (bearing in mind that your child will be constantly growing). Things to get:

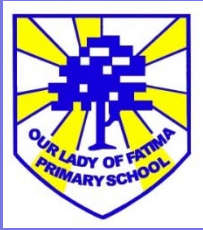
- Uniform and P. E. kit
- Ties **
- Pump bag **
- School sun hat**
- Book bag**
- Spare pants and socks in PE bags

***buy from school*



- Elastic ties
- Buy shoes with velcro not laces
- Gusset or velcro strapped pumps,
- Short sleeved shirts and blouses to avoid cuff buttons
- Help children to recognise their things
- Label clothes
- Praise, praise, praise!





When your child starts school

- Prepare the night before
- Give yourself plenty of time so that it can be calm and relaxed
- Dinner money - universal free school meals KS1 **but we still ask everyone to register on FSM site:** <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/birmingham>
- Can bring own packed lunch
- School fund £5.00 per family per term
- ParentPay- electronic system for paying for events and items- cashless school (with the exception of fundraising)



General

- We have three entrances to school; Word Hill, Winchfield Drive and Hagley Rd
- Neighbours - keep to pathways, not on grass, park thoughtfully - please don't block access points
- Word Hill - never park at the top
- Winchfield Drive - never park on zig-zags or opposite zig zags- safety reasons
- Safety in the playground - keep to playground areas including younger siblings
- Culture of good manners starts with our example to our children





Before & After School Club 'Early Birds & Evening Owls'

- 7.45 a.m. onwards - 5.45 p.m.
- Flexible arrangements
- Annual joining fee (£15 per family)
- Booked sessions must be paid for
- Mrs Rickerby - Club Manager
- Miss Walker - Deputy Club Manager
- Mrs Khatun, Mr Hinton- Senior Play Leaders





Start in September

New school year begins on Tuesday 1st September

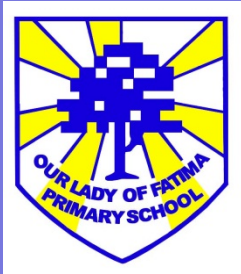
- Two INSET days for staff on 1st and 2nd September
- **Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September** - an opportunity for parents and children to meet with Reception Class staff - Mrs Lake, Mrs Liddy and Miss Deen (this may have to be conducted remotely)
- Reception children will start on **Monday 7th September half days only**, no lunch
- First 'full' day (with lunch) will be Friday 18th September
- Children in full time from **Monday 21st September**
- Half day session times for the first 2 weeks:
a.m. 9.05 - 11.20 am
p.m. 1.05 - 3.20 pm

Winchfield Drive entrance only for morning entry / exit

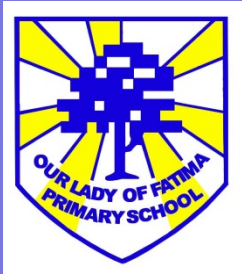


First Days in September

- Arrive on time. It is just as important not to arrive too early as it is not to arrive too late as this can be upsetting and disruptive for the child
- Come into the cloakroom with your child where there will be a peg named with a picture - look out for the picture and make sure your child recognises it and knows where their belongings go
- No photos or videos in classroom - please take photos at home



- Come into the main classroom area with your child
- When you can see your child has settled, leave (don't linger too long)
- Reassure your child that you will be returning
- At the end of the session, wait in the playground. We will hand your child over to you



After Day One

- Try not to arrive more than 10 minutes early
- Your child can wait with you on Reception playground until the class teacher calls you in
- *Importantly, we will comfort/distract/sort out problems, tears and tantrums, but please go! We can guarantee that your child will be all right and if there is a serious problem we will be in touch*



- When your child starts full time, the class door is opened at 8.45 a.m.
- Say goodbye and try to leave promptly
- For everyone's security - if you arrive after 8.55 a.m, the main office entrance is the only entrance that will be open. The teachers will not open classroom door for you after 8.55 a.m. so please make your way around to the main entrance. Punctuality is very important part to your child's education



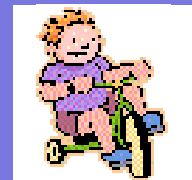
Autumn Term

- This is very much a settling in term, but of course the children are learning all the time from the moment they arrive in school
- Our main aim is to ensure that each child is happy, secure and enjoying school
- That they get to know each other
- They get to know and learn about school routines, such as changing for P.E, playtime, dinner time and moving around the school



Playtime

- Reception class have their own playground
- It is a gradual process, learning to play and share with others
- Help your child to learn how to deal with a push or a quarrel
- Help them to understand an accidental bump, accept apologies and say sorry





- Under fives are eligible for free milk at break
- The children are allowed to bring water to drink throughout the day. As part of a Government scheme, fruit will be provided for the children during morning break time
- *Cooks provide mid morning snacks but not initially - more details in October*
- Fizzy drinks, sweets, chocolate bars, nuts and chewing gum are not allowed even for children who have a packed lunch.



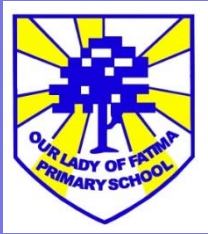
In the Classroom

Appropriate behaviour such as:

- Learning to share the equipment, pencils, crayons
- Take turns, wait turn to talk
- Learning to play independently and through structured play
- Learning to take care of school equipment, tidying up is a high focus!



- There will be a strong emphasis on learning through practical activities - Art, P.E. and Technology, and through 'Play'
- To ensure that these are enjoyable activities, the children need to use equipment with due regard for others, ie. handling scissors, glue, paint brushes, computers
- Please ensure that you check your child's book bag every evening for letters



Concerns?

Genuine Problem:

- Contact school between 8.15 a.m. - 8:35am, after 3:35pm and ask for an appointment.
- If you notice a problem, please come in and sort it out promptly, initially with class teacher - don't wait

Feeling unwell

- If your child feels a little unwell, we advise you to send them to school and we will contact you if necessary
- First day of absence - telephone the school office in the morning.

Ring between 8.15 - 9.30am 0121 429 2900



A little extra support?

The school regularly works with a very broad range of support services for the benefit of the children and families:

School Health Advisor (Nurse)

Malachi Family Support

Pupil and School Support

Speech and Language

Educational Psychologist

CAT (communication team)

CAMHS

Children's Services

Our Inclusion Leader is Mrs R Harlow who is available from
Tuesday to Friday

A short tour of Reception

To meet Mrs. Lake and view a short tour of Reception Class
please see the school website for an Introductory video.



Thank you and we look forward
to meeting you.

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