# Faith Primary Academy

# Reception starters

## Induction booklet

## 2025-2026

'Loving and Learning in the Light of the Lord'

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Faith Primary Academy

We are delighted that your child will be joining our Reception class, and we look forward to welcoming you and your family into our school community.

Starting school is a significant milestone for both children and parents, and we understand that it can be both an exciting and emotional time. At [School Name], we are committed to making this transition as smooth and joyful as possible. Our experienced Early Years team is dedicated to creating a warm, nurturing environment where every child feels safe, valued, and inspired to learn.

Our Reception curriculum is rich in play-based learning and discovery, encouraging children to develop confidence, independence, and a love of learning from the very beginning. We place great importance on building strong partnerships with families, and we look forward to working closely with you to support your child's development.

We are thrilled to be part of your child's learning journey and look forward to getting to know you all.

Warm regards,
Miss Fox
Head of School

We are excited to start welcoming the new Reception class of 2025! Below is some important dates and times for the first week of school.

**Wednesday 3rd September**

8:45am–11:30am

**Thursday 4th September**

8:45am–12pm (Children to eat lunch in school)

**Friday 5th September**

8:45am–3:20 pm

Children are expected to come to school in full inform and bring a water bottle with their name clearly written. Children will enter through the Reception classroom door. On Wednesday and Thursday children will leave through the main school Reception.

# THE EYFS TEAM

We are so excited to start our new academic year in September and can't wait to meet you all!

EYFS Class Teacher

Science & ICT school Lead

EYFS Teaching Assistant

RWI Reading Teacher

Miss Rimmer

Assistant Nursery Teacher

Mrs Blenkinsop

EYFS, Phonics & Reading Lead

# GETTING SCHOOL READY

Its nearly time to start school. Here are some things that you can practice at home to help you get ready for school.

## Self care and independence

- I can wash and dry my hands
- I can wipe my nose
- I can use the toilet
- I can put on/off my shoes and coat
- I am happy to be away from my parents/carers. I know they will be back soon.

## Playing with others

- I join in with games and activities with other people.
- I can share and take turns.

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## Speaking and Listening

- I can talk about my needs, ideas and feelings.
- I can ask a grown-up for help.
- I can follow simple instructions.

## Eating and drinking

- I can use a spoon knife and fork.
- I can drink from a water bottle and open cup.

## Numbers

- I can count a small number of items.
- I am learning to say numbers to 20.
- I like singing number rhymes and songs.

## Reading and writing

- I can hold a pencil to draw
- I can recognise my name

# SCHOOL UNIFORM

At Faith, we pride ourselves on looking smart and presentable at all times. We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy.. Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, If Parents require support with providing school uniform, support is available, please ask in the school office.

Uniform can be purchased from :

**Trutex @AMJ Schoolwear**
**48-50 London Road**
**Liverpool**
**L3 5NF**
**0151 709 7009**

Reception uniform consists of a burgundy tracksuit set with the school logo and a blue polo shirt.

In summer children can wear blue summer dress / grey shorts with blue polo top with a school cardigan or jumper. Children will need a schoolbook bag to carry their reading books, letter and homework to and from school. School backpacks that contain the school badge can also be purchased.

# SNACK AND LUNCHES

Children will receive fruit and milk and toast for their snack. This will be available throughout the day in the snack area. Children will be developing their independence during this time and will encouraged to pour their own drinks and assist in tidying the area and preparing fruit.

All children in Reception receive a meal at lunchtime and there is an offer of a hot or cold option each day. Children eat their lunch in the school hall with their year group. If your child wishes to bring in a packed lunch this MUST be a nut free meal including products labelled 'traces of' or 'may contain' nuts.

FOOD for thought

FareShare

Week Commencing 07/06/21

DAILY CHEF SPECIALS!

| Week 1 | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday VEGPOWER | Thursday | Friday |
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| Main Meal We Provide A Variety of Seasonal Hot and Cold Dishes for Children to Freely Choose From | Homemade Pizza with Wholemeal Pizza Base served with Homemade Wedges and Salad | Homemade Sausage and Mash Potato with Onion Gravy and Garden Peas | Spaghetti Bolognaise in Fresh Tomato Sauce served with Crusty Bread | Chicken Stir fry served with Noodles and Stir fry Vegetables | Fish Fingers with Chips and Baked Beans |
| Alternative Jacket Potatoes with Tuna and other Fillings Available Daily | Tomato and Basil Pasta | Vegetable and Cheese Quesadillas | Roasted tomato Bruschetta | Veg Samosa and Spring Rolls | Homemade Salmon and Leek Fish Pie |
| Homemade Soup | Leek and Potato | Chef Choice | Cream of Tomato | Broccoli and Cheddar | Chef Choice |
| Starchy Food Various Bread Choices Available | Pizza Base | Mash Potato | Pasta | Noodles | Homemade Chips |
| Vegetables Salad Bar with Hummus | Mixed Salad | Seasonal Vegetable | Tomatoes | Broccoli | Baked Beans |
| Dessert Fresh Fruit, Selection of Low-Fat Yoghurts and Homemade Puddings Available Every Lunch time | Fresh Fruit Salad Yoghurts | Cherry Bakewell Slice served with Ice Cream Fresh Fruit | Homemade Scones with Jam or Cream Yoghurts | Fresh Fruit Pavlova Fresh Fruit | Cheese and Crackers Fresh Fruit |

All our meat is farm assured from local suppliers, we use free range eggs, organic milk, pasta and flour. All of our fruit and vegetables are locally sourced where possible.

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## Water bottles

Children may bring a water bottle into school with them. These must be filled ONLY with water and MUST have the child's name clearly written on. Water bottles will be sent home with your child at the end of each day to be cleaned and refilled.

# DAILY ROUTINE

8:45-8:55am: Arrive at school (9am school gate locked)

9am: Register

9:15 am: Phonics & Literacy activities

9:30 am: Continuous Provision and rolling snack

11am: Story Time and preparation for lunch.

11:30am: Lunch time

12:15pm: Meditation and Register

12:30pm: Carpet Time

12:50pm: Activities and outdoor/indoor continuous provision

1:50pm: Carpet Time

2:10pm: Activities and outdoor provision

3:00pm: Story time and preparation for home.

3:20pm: Home Time

## Carpet Times include:

Music, Art, Geography, History, Science, Maths

# CHRISTIAN VALUES

Our mission statement is "Loving and Learning in the Light of the Lord".
Here at Faith, we aim to promote and live out our core Christian values: Love, Generosity, Compassion, Courage, Forgiveness, Friendship and Respect. We reflect on these values in Collective Worship, during RE lessons and by immersing ourselves in Bible stories during whole school events. Our Christian values are at the heart of our school, enabling everyone here to understand themselves, to learn to reflect on experiences and to know how to treat others. We aspire to enable the whole school community to live by these values in order to live like Jesus.

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

As we are a joint Church of England and Catholic school, we teach Religious Education through an amended version of the 'Come and See' curriculum. The Come and See programme gives children the chance to explore, learn about, learn from and reflect upon what it is to be human and live as God wants us to. Religious Education is a core subject and is central to the life of our school. Central to the programme are three basic questions and the three Christian beliefs:

- Where do I come from? Life-Creation
- Who am I? Dignity-Incarnation
- Why am I here? Purpose-Redemption

# AREAS OF LERANING

Exploring through play and fun engaging activities is our approach in Reception and we base these activities through 7 areas of learning.