



FAQ's for Reception 2021 Welcome Meetings

- **School Uniform**

Uniform with the school logo is available to order directly online from the manufacturer at <https://michaelhope.co.uk>.

They charge £4.20 for home delivery (correct at time of writing) or it is free delivery to school.

Children should wear:

- Grey school skirt or pinafore
- White or grey socks or navy blue, grey or black tights
- Dark grey or black trousers or shorts
- White shirt or polo shirt
- Royal blue South Lake sweatshirt or cardigan – available from <https://michaelhope.co.uk>.
- Blue and white checked or striped dress, during warmer months.

Children don't need PE kit until year 1, but they need to wear shoes that are suitable for running and outdoor activities. A waterproof splash suit and wellies are a good idea too!

- **School Lunches**

School meals are provided by Caterlink and cooked each day in our own kitchen. For children in Reception, year 1 and 2 they are free. We have a system called Scopay in which you can order school dinners online or your child can be order them with your class teacher on the day.

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 kitchens are aware of your child's needs.

Lunch is at 11:45am until 12:45am, and menus are available on our school website. There are three options available each day, one of which is vegetarian.

- **Snacks during the day**

A healthy snack is offered to our children throughout the day at our snack table. You do not need to provide it.

- **Welcome visits to the classes**

Before the end of the summer term you will receive a couple of dates, one being for your child to come and play for an hour, meet their teacher and familiarise themselves with the reception area and the other their start date which is usually the week later. These will be included with your welcome pack.

- **Extended day provision – Breakfast and After School Club**

We offer Breakfast and After School Club Monday – Friday, term time only and it is run by our own staff members. These can be booked online through the Scopay system. Breakfast club starts at 07:50am and After School Club starts at 3:15pm and finishes at 6:00pm Monday – Thursday and 5:30 on a Friday. We require a registration form prior to using the extended day provision which will be included in a welcome pack before you join us.

We charge £5 per day for Breakfast Club and £10 per day for After School Club.

- **How does the Reception unit work?**

There are two registration groups in Reception, 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 supervised targeted activities and free choices. Throughout Reception, the children follow a curriculum called the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) which is broken down into 7 key areas which your children will learn through play and targeted activities throughout the day.

Your child will bring home books that help them to practise 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 South Lake, they will start full-time from September. The children start school in small groups, so you will be given a start date for your child that will be within the first two weeks of September.

- **Parking**

There is no parking for parents and carers onsite. We have an arrangement with our local pub/restaurant 'The Waterside' that our families are welcome to use their car park. It is then a short walk to our rear gate.

If you are registered as disabled and have a blue badge you are permitted to park on site.

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

- **Communication**

We communicate mainly through our school app which you can download from the play store or the app store. It is called 'School News'. You will need the school postcode which is RG5 3NA.

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

There is lots of information on our school website too, all app messages also appear on the website. Please find it at www.southlakeprimary.co.uk

- **Contact details for the school**

Should you have any further questions please contact Mrs Jacques (pronounced Jakes), in the school office;

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