



Class 1's
starting school
book

Welcome to Brewster Avenue Infant School!

This book is for you and your family to look at. It tells you some things about starting school. We hope that you enjoy looking through it, and look forward to seeing you when you start in September.

You will be in Class 1.



Which grown-ups will look after me?



Mrs Busby



Miss Dickens



Mrs Allan



Mrs Pickup



Mrs Riley

Can you ask for help when you need it?

What should I wear to school?

Children wear a uniform at Brewster Avenue. You will need to wear a navy jumper or cardigan, white or green polo shirt and grey trousers, shorts or a skirt. You should have black shoes too.

Ask your grown-ups to put your name in your uniform and everything else you bring to school in case it gets lost!

What do I need to bring?

My book bag



A water bottle



You can keep your own wellies at school or you can borrow a pair. We have lots!

Can you get yourself dressed, including doing buttons and zips (and tights and laces if you have them)?

What happens when I arrive at school?

When you come to school you will wait on the front playground with your grown-up.

At 8.50am the door will open and your teachers will welcome you into school. You must be here before 9am.

Where will I keep my things?

You will have your own coat peg with your name and a picture on it. You can hang your coat and PE kit bag (when we ask you to start bringing it in) here.

You will have a tray with your name on it. Your book bag will go in here. You can also keep things like hats and gloves in here so that they don't get lost.



Are you excited about coming to school?

What will I eat and drink at school?

During the morning you will be able to have a drink of milk or water and a snack.

We all have something healthy to eat. This might be fruit like an apple, pear, banana or satsuma or vegetables like carrots or tomatoes.



All the children eat in the hall at lunchtime. You will go for lunch with friends in your class. Most children have school dinners. Mim is the cook. She makes things like pasta, sausages and mash, fish fingers, jacket potatoes and the best pizza! There are choices every day, including vegetarian options and if you are allergic to something, she will make sure there is a special meal for you.

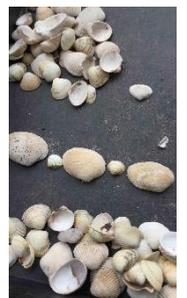
Are you happy to try new foods?

Can you use a knife and fork?

What will I do at school?

At school there are lots of things for you to play with. If you go to nursery or pre-school lots of things will be familiar. Here are some of the things you will find:

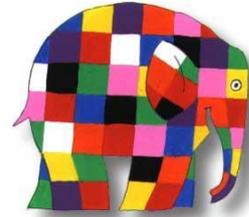
- lots of books to read
- a home corner
- dressing up clothes
- construction kits
- large and small building blocks
- games and jigsaws
- number and phonics activities
- playdough
- a sand tray and a water tray
- cars and trains
- trikes, bikes and scooters
- 'small parts' like stones and shells to make all sorts of pictures and models
- musical instruments



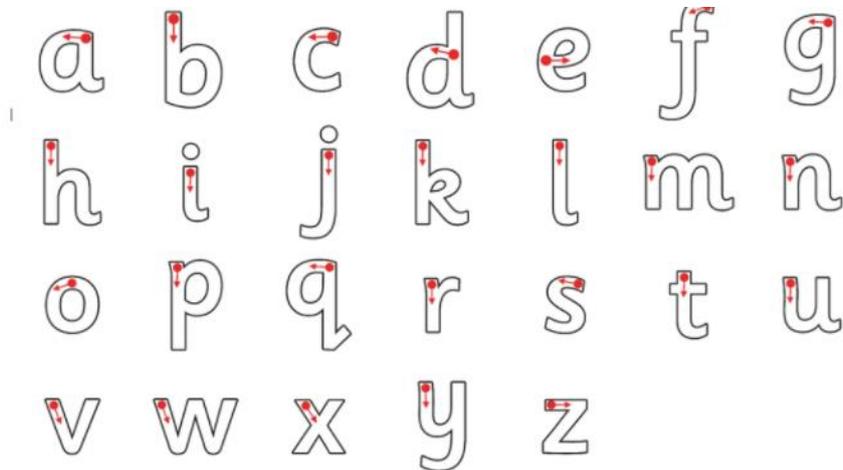
What are you looking forward to doing at school?

What's your favourite story?

We hope you already enjoy sharing books with your friends and families and are getting to know lots of stories. At school you will hear stories every day.



You will learn to read and write when you are at Brewster Avenue. We do something called phonics every day to help you learn the letters and sounds for reading and writing.



Can you recognise and write your name?

If you want to practise your name, use the letters above to help you. **Only use a capital letter at the start of your first and second names.**

What happens if I need the toilet?

You can go to the toilet when you need to, but you must tell a teacher where you are going. When you start at Brewster Avenue, the teachers will show you where to go.

When you have been to the toilet, you must flush it to leave it nice and clean.

Then wash your hands with soap and water to get them really clean.



Can you use the toilet by yourself?

Do you like playing outside?

We love to play outside at Brewster Avenue and you will have an inside and an outside classroom that you can use every day.

We also have a woodland area and you will go to the woods every week with your class.

We have splash suits and wellies for everyone to wear as it can be wet and muddy!



Can you put on and do up your shoes and your coat?

What happens at the end of the school day?

At the end of the day, you will sit together on the carpet for a story.



Then you collect your coat and book bag ready to go home.

You will go home at 3.15pm. Your Mum, Dad or someone else you know will wait for you outside the classroom door. Your teacher will make sure they see your grown-up and then call your name to tell you that you can go.

If your grown-ups are at work, you might go to after school club. Netty will collect you from the classroom and take you to the club where you will have a snack and then play until your grown-ups collect you from there.

Are you looking forward to coming to school?

We hope this booklet has helped you and your family to know what will happen when you start school.

Remember, when you come to school you will learn lots of new things and have fun with your teachers and your new friends.

If you have any questions or worries, your grown up can phone or email Mrs Reynolds who works in the office and she will help.

See you in September!

Miss Thompson

