



# Merchant Taylors' School

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# Welcome

to Stanfield Preparatory School, Merchant Taylors'



**GETTING READY FOR YOUR CHILD'S FIRST DAY**



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Welcome to Reception. We look forward to meeting you and your child in September.

Your child's start date is:

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022**



## HANDY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Absence from School  
(please phone by 8:40am)  
Buses/Change of Contact Details/  
School Office: **0151 924 1506**

Aftercare: **0151 924 8452**

School Shop: **0151 924 0975**

We have put together this information booklet which we hope will answer some questions you may have about your child's first day at school.

However, if you have any further concerns please do not hesitate to contact the School Office on 0151 924 1506, where Mrs McKie-Thomson will be happy to answer any queries you may have.



# What your child will need on their first day



## Uniform

Uniform can be purchased from the School Shop, which is situated at 138 College Road, Crosby, L23 3DP (0151 924 0975). We also have several Nearly New Uniform sales throughout the year, so please check the website regularly for details.

The winter uniform consists of:

### Girls

- Navy blue school skirt (knee length)
- Long sleeved school blouse
- School tie
- School pullover (navy with pale blue stripes)
- Navy tights or navy knee length socks
- Sensible black or blue shoes (no ballet-type pumps)
- School hat with badge
- School blazer
- Navy blue duffle coat OR navy blue waterproof jacket
- School scarf (optional)

### Boys

- Grey shorts (long if very cold)
- Long sleeved pale blue shirt
- School tie
- School pullover (navy with pale blue stripes)
- Grey socks with blue hoops
- Sensible black or blue shoes
- School cap
- School blazer
- Navy blue duffle coat OR navy blue waterproof jacket
- School scarf (optional)

If we continue to have sunny weather in September your child will also need a sun hat or legionnaires cap.

## PE Kit

On the days pupils have PE they are to come to school wearing their PE kit, which consists of:

- Navy Blue crested polo shirt
- Crested school tracksuit
- Navy blue shorts
- Velcro trainers (outdoor PE) and black pumps (indoor PE)
- Pump bag



This will not be necessary in the first week of school and you will be informed which days this will be in September 2022.



**Spare underwear and socks or tights** (in case of the occasional accident)

**Water** (clearly labelled)

Children will be provided with a reading book bag, however, you will also need to purchase a **Merchant Taylors' backpack** from the school shop.



Please also make sure that you bring your child's **Me and My World book** which you will have been working on over the summer, so that he/she can share it with other children in the class.

Please bring your child's **Transition Profile** with you on the first day of school (although it would be helpful if you are able to return it prior to the start of term).



# Who to look out for...



**Miss Lynan**  
Headmistress



**Mr Roberts**  
Assistant Head  
of Operations



**Mr Benbow**  
Assistant Head  
of Pastoral



**Miss Watkin**  
Head of Early Years  
& Class Teacher



**Mrs Williams**  
Nursery Nurse & Designated  
Safeguarding Lead for EYFS



**Mrs L Cunningham**  
Class Teacher



**Mrs Mckie-Thomson**  
Administrative Assistant



**Mrs Graham**  
Teaching Assistant



**Mrs Dunkley**  
Teaching Assistant



**School Nurse**  
Ms Bickley



# Medical Information

If your child is unwell and not able to come to school, please let the School Office know by 8:40am. In the case of any infectious illnesses, the School adheres to Public Health England guidelines. In particular with diarrhoea and/or vomiting, it is vital children are symptom free for 48 hours before returning to school.

## Medical Information

Please ensure that all medical forms and questionnaires have been returned to the School. Please bring any medication with you on the first day ensuring it is clearly labelled with your child's name and class and kept in date.

Ensure school is informed of any updates or changes regarding medical information and, if appropriate, please also inform your child's class teacher.

## **A note on Hair and Earrings**

All long hair must be tied back (including the boys'!). Children are not allowed to wear earrings when taking part in games lessons. Please make sure that any piercing takes place at the start of the summer holidays so that you are able to remove your child's earrings on the day of PE lessons.



# What to expect on your child's first day

For your child's first day (5th September) you will be allocated a 10 minute time slot during which you can accompany your child into their classroom. These timings will be staggered so that we can maintain a calm and welcoming environment for your child. On arrival, you will be met at the school gate and directed to your child's classroom.



During the course of the morning, milk, water and a healthy snack will be provided. Please ensure we have details of any dietary requirements to ensure we can provide something suitable.

During their first day and for the first few weeks your child will engage in predominantly play-based activities as they get to know their peers, teachers and new environment. This time also gives the teachers a chance to learn more about your child and his/her interests.

If your child is coming on the school bus, a member of staff will be there to meet him/her and take them to their classroom.

## Lunchtime

Children will have a choice of meals - including vegetarian dishes - every day. Here is a sample of some of the options your child may have to choose from:



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main Meal	Italian Beef Meatballs	Southern Fried Chicken Goujons	Honey Roasted Gammon, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Beef Bolognese	Fish Fingers & Chips
Main Meal	Meatless Meatballs	Southern Fried Quorn Chicken	Quorn Roast	Vegeterian Bolognese	Quorn Vegan Nuggets
Main Meal	Penne Pasta with sweetcorn	Peas Basmati Rice Curry sauce	Baked potato and fillings	Spaghetti Broccoli Garlic Bread	Cheese and Pepper Sausage Roll
Dessert	Chocolate Cookie	Jelly Pots	Jelly Pots	Jelly Pots	Jelly Pots
Dessert	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit
Dessert	Assorted yoghurts	Bread and Butter Pudding	Apple cake and custard	Chocolate & Banana Muffin	Chocolate Ice Cream
Drink	Water	Water	Water	Water	Water



## Hometime \*

The school day finishes at 3:20pm (or 3:10pm on a Friday). If your child is taking the school bus, he/she will be taken there by a member of staff. Your child will be issued with a badge with their stop. Please make sure you have informed their teacher as to where they will be getting off. If any other adult will be collecting your child please inform your child's class teacher as your child will not be released to anyone unfamiliar. We can operate a password system if necessary.

## Aftercare

If you'd like to use the aftercare facility, please call **0151 924 8452**.

### Buses

For information about buses, please contact Mrs McKie Thomson on **0151 924 1506**.

If you have any concerns or would like to talk to your child's class teacher, please phone school or make an appointment as mornings and hometimes are often busy.

## What to expect during your child's first half term

Throughout a typical week at school your child will be taught by various specialist staff including:

### PE

Mr T Houghton

### MUSIC

Mr T Roberts

### ICT

Mrs A Coughlan

### MFL

TBA

Once we are settled into our routines we will send a more detailed timetable.

During the first half term we hope to have a new parents meeting (Wednesday 14th September at 2pm) and there will be a parents' evening which will provide an opportunity to meet your child's teachers in a more formal setting.



We will also be organising 'Stay and Play' sessions during the first term which will provide an opportunity for you to come and share in your child's learning environment.

After a short settling in period, your child will be given some reading homework and a Learning Diary to complete with you at home. We will give you further information about this at our new parents meeting.

We are very much looking forward to working with you as your child embarks on their life-long learning journey. From experience, the initial weeks of term can be very tiring for our new starters and it can take some time to adjust to the school routine. However, we will do everything we can to meet your child's individual needs and to ensure that their transition into Stanfield is as smooth as possible. If you do have any queries or worries in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us.

**The Team at  
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