



Hutton Rudby Primary School Reception New Starters FAQ

What uniform will my child need and where do I get it from?

Your child will need a Hutton Rudby jumper/cardigan/hoodie, a white shirt or polo shirt, grey trousers/skirt/dress or blue and white check summer dress in warmer weather. Black/grey tights or black/grey/white socks and black school shoes (Velcro ideally unless your child is comfortable to tie their own laces). They will also need a red Hutton Rudby PE top and blue shorts and trainers. Not all items need to be from our branded selection but most parents do buy a school jumper/cardigan/hoodie and a school PE top.

We also recommend that you buy a school book bag and many parents also buy the school PE bag to match.

Our uniform supplier also stocks other school branded items such as hats, caps, water bottles and coats if you wish to purchase such items.

Our uniform is available from our uniform supplier Motif8. The following link is there website: <https://www.motif8.co.uk/schoolwear/primary-schools/hutton-rudby-primary.html>. You can also visit our uniform supplier to try things on (please contact the company directly for more information)

Do I need to label my child's things?

We would really appreciate you labelling all of your child's clothes, clothes and items for school to help us identify which items belong to which child. Our uniform supplier is also able to offer an embroidery service for initials on many of our branded items, if you wish your child to have this on their clothes.

To help children identify their book bag we also suggest it might be nice to add a small keyring of your choice with something the child likes to help them identify their own book bag in the classroom.

Will my child need/be allowed a water bottle?

We are more than happy for your child to bring in their own water bottle with water in for them to drink during the day. This can be then filled up for them if needed. We will also have water available in the classroom to drink, however many of the children like having their own personal water bottle. This does not have to be a Hutton Rudby branded water bottle but these are available from our uniform supplier should you did wish to purchase one.

Where will my child keep their things?

Each child will have their own peg in our cloakroom area to hang their coat and PE kit on. We will also have boxes to store their book bags during the day/

Will children get a snack in school?

Children will get a snack of fruit during the day. The fruit available will vary depending on what is supplied to us by our supplier each week. Please let us know if your child has any specific allergies.



What is available for school dinners?

School dinners vary slightly each term. Usually we offer a choice of hot main meal, a pasta of the day (usually tomato and cheese or bolognese) and a jacket potato or sandwich option with a variety of fillings. There is also a salad bar for the children to choose what they would like to go with their meal choice. We also offer a choice of deserts including fruit. As an alternative, children can also bring a packed lunch from home if you would prefer this option. Please let us know if your child has any specific allergies.

Children choose what they would like for their lunch first thing on a morning each day.

Please follow this link to our school website for an example menu:

<https://www.huttonrudbyprimary.co.uk/school-meals/>

Who will treat my child if they get hurt?

Many of our staff hold a first aid qualification including Miss Martin who has a paediatric first aid qualification. We will have a first aid kit in the classroom and the majority of everyday knocks and scrapes will be dealt with in the classroom by someone who is familiar to your child and they are comfortable with.

If your child is unwell during the day we will contact you if we feel they are not well enough to remain in school.

Will there be a Teaching Assistant in my child's class?

Yes there will be a Teaching Assistant in class each day alongside the class teacher.

What are the school timings?

School doors open at 8:40 and children settle in classrooms by 8:50. Lunchtime is between 12:00 and 1:00 and the school day ends at 3:15.

What will happen in September in light of the Covid-19 pandemic?

At the moment we have not received final confirmation of exactly what school will look like in September.

We do acknowledge what a difficult year it has been for all children transitioning into school and we also understand how each family is experiencing this difficult time differently and that for most children their preschool experience has been disrupted in some way. We are keen to do our very best to ensure the best possible start for all our children. In light of this we will be thinking carefully of how to manage the first few weeks of school for the children and this may include staggered entry or shorter days. Once we have guidance on what we are allowed to do will inform you as a matter of priority.

Will my child get a reading book from school?

Currently due to government guidance we are not allowed to send physical reading books back and forward, however we are hopeful government guidance will change for September.



Under normal circumstances children will get a book linked to their learning in phonics and also a book for them to enjoy with you to help foster a love for reading and to expand their vocabulary and understanding of story structure.

My child is the only one coming from their preschool what will you do to support them?

In the first few weeks we will do lots of getting to know you activities and will support children in forming friendships. Children will have lots of opportunity to interact with their new friends in play based activities and our first topic 'This is me' will help children share things about themselves which make them special and will explore lots of themes including friendship and kindness.

What should I be working on in the summer to get my child ready for school?

We do not want any family to feel any pressure in doing anything extra to prepare your child for school as the most important prerequisite to learning is a happy child so try to fill your summer with lots of fun and exciting experiences that your child will enjoy.

The starting school checklist that I have provided (and is linked under this document) gives some tips regarding things that children will benefit from knowing or trying before they start with us, although each child is different and we certainly do not expect them to do everything on this list. I will be also adding some extra information in the coming weeks about supporting independence, physical development and early reading/writing and maths. If you need any further guidance just let me know.

I have a specific concern about my child's development what should I do?

Firstly, do not worry each child is special and individual and they all develop at their own rate. This said if you do have worries please do not hesitate to share your concerns with us and we will do everything we can do to support your child in their specific area of need.

I have other questions what shall I do?

This list is certainly not exhaustive and we know that this is a time where lots of questions come up so please do not hesitate to contact us at school if you need any further information or clarification or if you feel there is something I have missed.

At this difficult time, we are trying our very best to provide as smooth a transition as possible for all our families and welcome feedback if you feel there is anything we can be doing better.

Miss Ruth Martin

Reception Teacher and Assistant Headteacher

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