

WELCOME TO GORDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

A Guide For New Parents and Carers
and Children entering Reception

September 2026



Welcome to our School

- A very warm welcome to all our new parents, carers and children
- Starting Reception is an important time for children.
- We would like this important transition to be as smooth as possible for all children and their parents and carers.
- We know that settled and happy children become enthusiastic, confident and independent learners; this is every child's right.
- Here is some information regarding Gordon Primary School's Reception which will help you to prepare your child for their exciting journey ahead.
- We look forward to developing strong home-school links with all our parents and carers.





Starting School

- Helping you and your child to settle into school happily is an important part of your child's journey.
- This term, we provide opportunities for you and your child to meet with school staff and visit the school prior to the start of the academic year in September 2026.
- The school will be handing out a pack which will include a letter confirming your appointment times and dates.



The School Day

- The school welcomes children each weekday morning from 8:45am, with registration beginning at 8:55am.
- It is important that all children are in school by 9:00am, so that they do not miss out on essential learning.
- The school day ends at 3:15pm.



Induction

- For children currently attending Gordon Nursery, and for children **not** currently attending Gordon Nursery, there will be *Stay and Play sessions* on **Thursday 9th and Friday 10th July**.
- This is an opportunity for you and your child to explore their new Reception classroom and meet all the teachers.
- You will receive a letter detailing your time.
- You will stay with your child whilst they familiarise themselves with the new environment.



Induction Week 1

- **From Monday 7th September 2026**, children with birthdays from January to August will begin school.
- They will spend all morning at school, and have lunch in the dining hall.
- They will learn how to use cutlery independently
- Please collect your child at 12.30pm each day.

Induction Week 2

- **From Monday 14th September**, children with birthdays from September to December will join those children who started school the previous week.
- They will spend all morning at school and have lunch in the dining hall..
- Please collect your child at 12.30pm each day.





Induction Week 3

- **From Monday 21st September**, all children will start school, full time.
- Please collect your child at 3.15pm each day.

Uniform

- All children will need to wear school uniform to Reception. Wearing a uniform creates a sense of unity and belonging as well as helping with transition into school.
- The school colours are green, white and grey .
- Children will need a pair of **wellington boots** which can remain at school as children will access outdoor learning during the different seasons.
- Only stud earrings and watches may be worn at school for health and safety reasons; earrings should be removed on PE days or covered with microtape.
- Green and white dresses may be worn in the summer months.
- Our school uniform can be purchased from the [MyClothing](#) website and from Rupens' School Outfitters, Mead Lane, Seven Kings. Full details can be found via our [school website](#).
- *MyClothing* sells a range of items that include the school logo such as book bags and PE kit bags.



Uniform List

BOYS

Grey School Trousers
White embroidered Polo
Shirt
or plain White School
Shirt
Green embroidered
Sweatshirt
Grey Socks
Black School Shoes

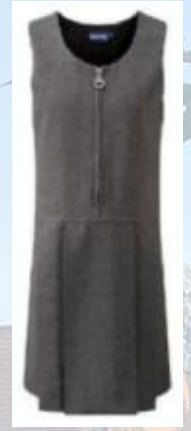
GIRLS

Grey School Trousers, Skirt or
Pinafore
White embroidered Polo Shirt
or plain White School Blouse
Green Sweatshirt
Grey Socks or Grey Tights only
Black School Shoes

*If head scarves are worn they should be
green*

PE KIT

Plain White T Shirt or Polo Shirt
Black Shorts or Grey Tracksuit Bottoms
Black trainers for outdoor PE





Meals

- All children will have access to free milk everyday until they turn 5.
- Lunchtime is an important time in your child's development. The children learn to socialise and build friendships during this time.
- They will also learn how to eat independently, such as using cutlery by themselves. Please support them with this skill at home.
- All of the children will eat together in the lunch hall and go home after lunch at 12.30pm until **Friday 18th September**; after this day, the children will be in school full time.
- Currently, all primary school children receive Free School Meals.
- *Pabulum Catering* will be providing the school meals. Parents will need to register with *Arbor* to pre-book school meals. Full details will be sent out before the end of the term and will also be available on the [school website](#).



Pupil Premium Funding

- Your child may be eligible for *additional Pupil Premium Funding*.
- You must complete the eligibility checker via the Redbridge website: [Redbridge - Pupil Premium Funding \(FSM\)](#).
- This may also entitle your child to reductions in other fees during their school life, such as the cost of music tuition and school trips.



Medical Conditions

- Please make staff aware of any medical conditions your child may have.
- Please ensure the school has your child's medication .
- Ensure the school has any medical care plans or medical protocols that your child might need to follow.



The Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum

The EYFS curriculum is made up of 7 different areas:

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Communication and Language Development

Physical Development

Literacy Development

Mathematics Development

Understanding of the World

Expressive Arts and Design

Once the children have settled into school, we will offer a range of workshops for parents and carers, to support you to help your child with their learning.

Helping your Child to Get Ready for School

- Build up your child's independence by supporting them to put on their coat and zip it up by themselves.
- Practise walking little distances with your child as they will be expected to walk to school.
- Establish good routines such as sharing a bedtime story every night.
- Talk to your child about what they are most looking forward to at school.
- Play with your child and narrate your day together.
- Sing songs and recite nursery rhymes together; share picture books and story books.
- Encourage your child to interact with new environments and new people.
- Play games that involve turn-taking; provide opportunities for your child to use playdoh, scissors, pencils, letters and numbers.





“My favourite place in Reception is the mud kitchen because I like to make things with my friends, it’s so fun!”

“When I was playing on the slide, I was scared at the top. I asked for help and then one of my friends helped me. Now I can do it by myself!”

“The volcano erupted! Woah, we used vinegar and food colouring and made an explosion, I love science experiments”

“It was ice. It came there by itself because it was freezing. I touched it and it was cold.”



Checklist

- Your child **MUST** be toilet-trained before starting in Reception.
- All items of school uniform must be labelled with your child's name and class.
- Provide your child with spare clothes (t-shirt, trousers/skirt, underwear, socks).
- Provide wellington boots.
- Provide a labelled water bottle with sports cap.
- Ensure that you let us know, in advance, if you can't pick up your child; introduce any other adults who will be collecting your child from school.



Keeping in Touch

- All parents and carers need to keep informed about what is happening in school using *ParentHub* and *Arbor*.
- *ParentHub* is completely free to download and set-up is easy; visit the App Store or Google play to download the free app and start receiving all the messages, letters and newsletters directly to your phone.
- *Arbor* is the current communication tool that the school uses to send emails and text messages, from. You will be able to set it up once your child starts at Gordon.
- Call the school office if you need any help setting it up.

- **The School Website** address is <https://www.gordonpri.uk/> .
- The website contains regularly updated information about the school.
- You will also find copies of curriculum maps, the weekly school newsletters and essential information for parents and carers, such as term dates and information regarding school uniform and school meals.
- The website also contains a wide range of learning resources to help you support your child's learning.

Home-School Partnership

- A strong home-school relationship is key for your child to transition smoothly into our Reception classes and for them and yourselves to have a positive year.
- If you have any questions, then please speak to a member of staff at the beginning of the day or ask to book an appointment to see the class teacher at the end of the day.
- If you have any queries, you are welcome to call the school office on 020 8478 2977.





Thank you for taking time to attend
this meeting

If you have any questions, please feel
free to stay behind to discuss these or
call the school office for further
details.

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