



Portsdown Primary School and Early Years

Welcome to our new Reception Parents
2023 - 2024



Be Your Best

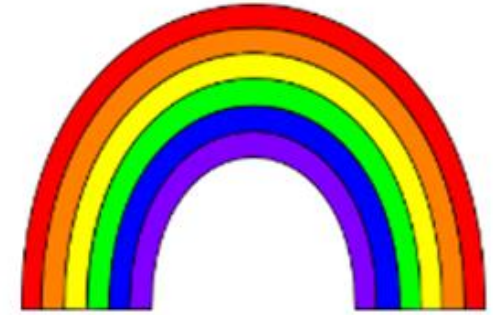


Our Core Values



**Come rain or
shine**

Be Kind



Be Safe



Be Respectful



Be Inclusive





190
DAYS
100%



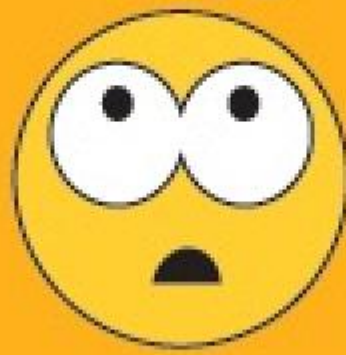
Very best
chance of
success

183
DAYS
96%



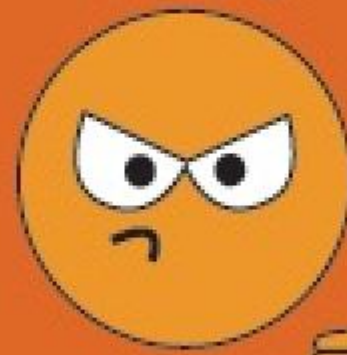
Off to
a flying
start

179
DAYS
94%



Less
chance of
success

175
DAYS
92%



Harder
to make
progress

More than
18 days
absence less
than 90%



Persistent
Absentee
(Not fair on your child)



Could your child be entitled to a

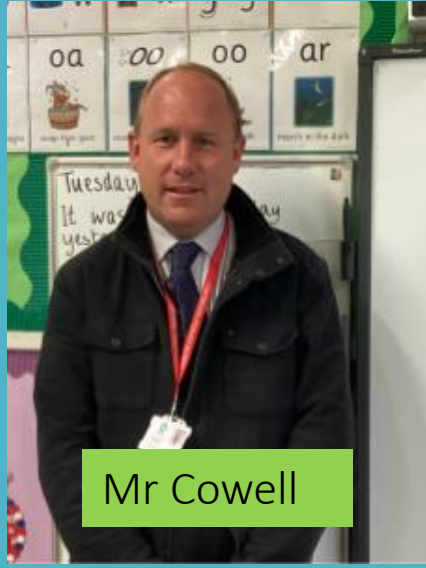
FREE school meal?



Meet the team



Mr Vaghela



Mr Cowell



Mrs Thomas



Mrs Corps



Miss Say

There are two classes in Reception:

Bumblebee class with Mrs Corps

Snails class with Miss Say

Each class will have a teaching assistant to support?

Clothes to wear for School



Our uniform

- White shirt or white polo shirt
- Black or grey trousers, shorts or skirt
- Easy to fasten black shoes that are safe to run and climb in
- Red sweat shirt, jumper or cardigan
- A warm coat in the winter and sun hat in the summer

PE Kit

Plain white t-shirt, black shorts and plimsolls or trainers for PE
Drawstring bag

Please remember to clearly label all of your child's clothes, including PE kit.

Children may have toilet 'accidents' as they get involved in play and leave it too late to go to the loo. It's always helpful to have a set of spare clothes in a bag on their peg.

Key dates

School part time: Tuesday 5th September
Wednesday 6th September

8.45 – 11.30 am

12.30 – 3.15 pm

Children will attend 2 half day sessions in small groups. We will let you now which sessions your child will attend.

Full time : All children will be full time from

Lunchtimes

Children have the choice of school dinners or bringing in a packed lunch

- School dinners are free for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.
- There are 3 choices each day. They can be ordered online using the scopay app or your child can choose in class in the morning.
- If you are providing a packed lunch, please clearly label your child's lunchbox.
- No sweets or fizzy drinks please.

Snacktime

In Reception, the children have a mid morning snack.

Fruit is provided and the children have a choice of milk or water to drink.

Your child will be given a named water bottle to keep in school.



A typical day in Reception

The day starts at 8.45 am and ends at 3.15pm.

The children are dropped off at the top of the drive.

At the end of the day they are collected from the classroom door.



The children are taught through a mixture of play based learning and structured learning—Phonics (Reading and Writing) and Maths

Stories and rhymes are a regular part of each day

Other experiences include trips and visitors, e.g. Cosham library, Staunton farm and music workshops

There is a greater emphasis on working outside so your child needs to be dressed appropriately for the weather

Children need to be on time and in school everyday.



Learning in the Early Years

At Portsdown we follow the revised Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum, following play based learning approach.

This provides a wide range of activities, including adult led and child-initiated learning.

This includes activities that support:

- Personal, social and emotional development
- Communication and language development
- Physical development

- Literacy
- Maths development
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

How can you help?

Can your child?

- Recognise own name
- Share and take turns
- Talk in full sentences
- Sit still and listen
- Enjoy books
- Say numbers 1-10

Are they?

- Aware of others
- Able to follow simple instructions
- Dress & undress without help
- Ask adults for help
- Toilet trained
- Able to wash hands

Breakfast club and after school club

Breakfast club

- Children are provided with a healthy breakfast, e.g. cereal or toast. Children then have opportunity to play supervised games
- Arrival time 8 – 8.20
- Booking essential
- Speak to front office to register
- Morning session fee is £2

Farlington Wrap Around Care

Farlington Wrap Around run an after school club here in school for children aged 3 to 11.

- offer regular and flexible childcare sessions for £11.50* per afternoon for childcare from when school finishes until 6pm, this also includes a light tea.

*an extra fee of £1 is charged for flexi sessions.

Check out their website for more information

Absences and safe collection