

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What if my child is late?

All pupils who are late should report to the main reception has access to Torrington Rd or Class Links will be closed ten minutes after the session begins.

What happens if I am late picking up my child?

It is vital that we know as soon as possible if you are going to be late picking up your child. Please call us on 0118 937 5425 as members of staff are being paid to stay with your child until you collect them.

If you are consistently late picking up your child from the afternoon clubs, you may incur a late charge payment.

What if my child is absent from school?

For safety reasons, it is vital that we know as soon as possible if your child is going to be absent from school. Please call us on 0118 937 5425, option 1, and leave a message stating your child's name, Key Group and, where possible, length of absence.

What should I do if my child is not well?

If your child is unwell then s/he should be kept at home. Please telephone school to let us know why your child is absent.

How long should my child be kept off school if they have chicken pox?

Once all the spots have scabbed over then they can return to school as they will no longer be contagious.

My child has just been sick and has diarrhea, but seems Ok can I still bring them into school?

No, you can only bring you child into school 48hrs after they were last sick or had diarrhea?

What happens if my child has an accident at school?

Unfortunately, sometimes children do have accidents or become unwell whilst they are at school and we need to call you. It can add to your child's distress if we are unable to contact you. Please ensure that we have up to date contact telephone numbers for you and tell us straight away if these change.

School Dinners

We do not provide school dinners for 30hrs children. Parents are required to provide a pack lunch for their children to bring into school.

Is drinking water available?

Children are able to bring water into school to drink in the classroom during the day. This water should be in a clear plastic container that has a securely fitting lid. It should be labelled clearly with your child's name.

Do you have a school uniform?

No.

What if something gets lost?

Please make sure all clothing is clearly marked with your child's name so that it can be returned if found. We collect lots of lost property items each term. Lost property is stored in the Cherry Tree Classroom link.

Can my child wear jewellery in school?

For safety reasons children should not wear any jewellery in school. However, if your child has pierced ears, small studs may be worn.

Is there any shade in the playground?

There is some shade in the playground. We recommend that during the hot weather your child brings a sun hat to wear in the playground.

What time does school start?

Children should be outside the classroom by 8.55 a.m. It is important to develop good habits by arriving punctually every day.

How can I help my child settle into school?

Bring your child to school on time. Arriving late can mean that your child misses important information about the learning. It can also be embarrassing for your child and is disruptive for the class.

What else can I do to help my child at school?

Please ensure that you attend parent/teacher consultation days, special events, stay and play in school; help out with fundraising; offer to go on school trips; notify us of absences; read all the letters that your child brings home; support your child with homework; read together; give praise and encouragement.

What happens at the end of the school day?

Session finishes at 12.00 and 3.45 p.m. Children must be collected by a known adult. Please let us know if someone different from usual is collecting your child and provide us with a password.

Can I park on the premises?

No. There is no parking available for parents and carers. Please park your car away from the school gates and never park on the yellow zig-zag lines or on resident's driveways. The area outside school becomes very congested and is then unsafe for children arriving and leaving school.

What else is my child allowed to bring to school?

Children should not bring toys, sweets, valuables or money into school. We cannot be responsible for children's property.

Do you provide snacks?

Yes, we also ask parents if they can kindly donate a bag of fruit to be shared with the class.

When can I talk to the teachers?

Teachers are busy settling their classes first thing in the morning and can only receive the briefest of messages at that time. They are more easily available at the end of the day when the children have left. Teachers are happy to make appointments to see you if you would like a longer chat. Teachers also meet parents informally at stay and play sessions and formally at parent/teacher consultation days.

Do you have extended services?

Yes, we have a breakfast club, 8am - 9.00am, drop off at Apple Tree Classroom Torrington Rd.

How much do extended childcare cost?

Breakfast is £5 per day.

What if my child has special needs?

We can meet a variety of special needs in school. Please discuss your child's needs with the teacher. Please talk to your child's Key Person if you have any concerns regarding your child.

What if my child can't speak English?

We have many some children in our school who are learning English. The School is able to support children to speak English.

How am I kept informed of my child's progress?

We keep you informed of your child's progress by Tapestry an online journal where you can access your child's learning. We have parent consultation weeks where we will discuss your child's learning. You will receive your child's yearly report at the end of the school year.

What is Tapestry?

We use Tapestry online learning Journal which your child's Key Worker will use to record photographs and observations of your child and you can add your own observations if you wish. Your Key Worker will show and explain the systems we use to plan for your child's continuing development. We will provide you with log in details when your child starts nursery. You will be able to comment on your child's photos and also upload your own photos to share your child's achievement outside the nursery. We value your contributions to your child's online learning journals. We believe Tapestry provides a complete record of your child's progress whilst at Blagdon Nursery School.

What should I do if I am worried about my child's progress?

Ask for an appointment to talk to your child's Key Worker about your concerns. If you are still anxious, please ask to see the Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator, the Head of School or the Headteacher.

How am I kept informed of school events?

We keep our parents informed via Newsletters, Teacher2Parents text messaging service, our Facebook page and our Website.

When will my child start in Reception?

This will depend on their age and parental preference, usually children moving to Reception Class is in September before their 5th birthday.

Our Transition Co-ordinator will be supporting the children in preparing for their Primary School in September. The Transition Co-ordinator will contact all the schools and invite the reception teachers to come and visit your child at Blagdon. As well as invitations you will receive from the school to visit with your child. Our Transition Co-ordinator will arrange to take the children on visits to their Reading Primary Schools. Unfortunately we are unable to take children to the Wokingham Schools.

How do I pay for my child's childcare?

You will be sent an invoice at the beginning of each term, via your email or via your child. You can pay by BACS online banking and our details are on the invoice. Childcare extended services are paid for in advance on receipt of your invoice.

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Please ensure that you use your **child's name as reference**, otherwise we are unable to track the payments. Payments are made to us electronically directly into our Bank Account. Payments are used for:

- Breakfast Club

How do I book breakfast club?

Booking forms are kept in Reception, and it is on a first come first serve basis as we have limited number of places. However, once you have booked your sessions, these will be permanent until you cancel.

We do not refund sessions if your child is unable to attend or that you go on holiday.

How do I know if I am eligible for 30hrs Education?

You can apply 8 weeks before your child is 3 years old and you need to complete an online application form on HMRC website at <https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/par/app/applynow>

What are session times of the 30hrs?

Term Time Only. Sessions: Monday–Thursday 9.00–3.45pm and Friday 9.00–12.00pm. You can top up via Extended Services
The 30 hrs are for educational hours only.

How do I know if I am eligible for 2 year old funding?

You need to apply and complete a registration form online at

<https://bf.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/SynergyWeb/Enquiries/Citizen/EarlyYears.aspx>

You can apply 4 weeks before your child is 2 years old.

When can I register my child for a 3 year old place at Nursery School?

When your child is 2 years you can book an appointment to view our school and complete our registration form. Our Registrations are on a Wednesday Afternoons. Once you have registered at Blagdon Nursery School your child will be placed on our waiting list and we will contact you prior to your child's starting school before they are 3 years Old.

When can I register my child for a 2 year old place at Nursery School?

You can also register for a 2 years old funded place in the Nursery School as soon as your child is born. Please ring the Office on **0118 937 5425** to be put on our 2 year old funding waiting list or you can complete the sections in yellow in our Registration Form and email to admin@blagdonnursery.reading.sch.uk.

We will contact you before your child is 2 years old to offer you a place, a show a round and complete the registration forms.

Do you have a lending library?

Yes, parents/carers and children are encouraged to borrow books from the library. Each child will be given a book bag when they start at the Nursery and children can borrow books as frequently as they would like. These books should be returned when a child leaves and a charge will be made for any loss or damage of books