

Meath Green Infant School



MEETING FOR NEW RECEPTION PARENTS

June 2026

Aims of the Meeting

- To share information about school routines
- To help you to prepare your child(ren) for school
- To pass on some useful tips
- To put some faces to names
- To share important dates
- To answer any questions you may have

Important Timings

- Classroom doors open at **8.40am** and registers are taken at **8.50am**
- After this, you will need to go to the office and sign in
- Children need to come into the classroom on their own
- Lunchtime is from 12.00 to 1.00pm
- School gates open at 3.00pm. Pick up time for all children is 3.10pm
- Wait outside the classroom door at home time
- Please let the school know if someone different is picking up

What to Bring to School

- Named book bag
- Named water bottle (that your child can pick out). Please fill with water only
- A named change of clothes in case of accidents (bottom half)
- Reading diary
- Separate waterproof top and bottoms in a drawstring bag
- A pair of named wellies
- *School book bags (£5.00), drawstring bags (£4.00) and water bottles (£3.00) can be purchased from the School Office (card only)*

Uniform

Winter	Summer	PE
Grey skirt, pinafore or trousers White polo shirt School cardigan or sweatshirt Green or grey tights or socks Black school shoes	Green cotton check or striped dress Grey shorts White polo shirt Black school shoes	Green shorts White t-shirt Green jogging bottoms Green sweatshirt Socks, if girls wear tights Black Velcro trainers (no laces)

**Embroidered school uniform and PE kit can be purchased from
www.Mapac.com**

Children do not start P.E. straight away. We will let you know when it is starting. Children come into school in their P.E kit on P.E days

Food - Snacks

- A morning fruit snack is provided
- Milk is provided by Cool Milk at School Ltd (www.coolmilk.com Account No. S1005035). Please ensure you register online if your child would like milk. Once registered, your child will receive free milk until they turn 5 years old. After this, milk is available at a subsidised price of around £20 per term

Food – School Lunches

- School lunches are free to all infant school children
- We still need to know whether your child would like school lunches or will be bringing in a packed lunch as the school meals have to be ordered in advance
- Please involve your child in meal selections
- Please also let the school office know if you wish to change from one to the other, giving 10 days' notice
- Packed lunches must be nut free.
- We have new caterers from September

Attendance and Absence

- We are proud of our improving attendance records
- Please report any absences to the school office on 01293 772708 or e-mail the school at info@mgis.uk before 9.15 a.m. on the first day of absence
- Any unexplained absences will be recorded as “unauthorised”
- If your child is sick or has diarrhoea, they must be kept at home for 48 hours from the last time it occurred.

Attendance and Absence

- Prescribed medicines can be administered at lunch time if necessary. Please bring all medication to the school office and complete a Pupil Medication Request Form.
- In line with DfE policy and the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013, no family holidays or extended leave will be authorised in term time and any leave of absence will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances.

General School Site Information

- Parking – please do not park on our site and be respectful of our neighbours
- Children may cycle/scooter into school if they can do so safely and confidently
- No dogs on the school site
- No vaping/smoking
- Please do not allow children to play on equipment or go on the school field at the start of the day

Camp Glide

- ▶ Breakfast Club (infants only) takes place in The Bungalow at the end of the car park from 7.30am.
- ▶ After School Club takes place in the hall until 6.00pm (infants and juniors). Pick up is by ringing the doorbell on the main front door.
- ▶ Booking is via the Camp Glide website

The Friends of MGIS

- Registered charity that raises additional funds for the school
- All the money raised goes straight back to benefit the children and the school
- Events for children and families are held throughout the year.
- Money raised by The Friends has bought iPads for the children, books and PE equipment as well as our new outdoor classroom – the list is endless!
- In addition, The Friends subsidise school trips and pay for curriculum workshops for each year group.

Preparing Your Child for School

Encourage Independence. Your child needs to be able to . . .

- Dress and undress themselves e.g. coats, shoes
- Use the toilet and wash their hands independently
- Use a knife and fork
- Recognise their name and their belongings

What you can practise between now and September...

- Sharing books and learning simple nursery rhymes
- Remembering and following simple instructions
- Focusing on a task for at least 5-10 minutes
- Playing games, waiting, using memory, sharing
- Answering simple questions; what?, where?



Our Curriculum

- ▶ Our Phonics programme is Essential Letters and Sounds (ELS)
- ▶ We focus on mark making and letter formation
- ▶ We ask you to read at home with your child every day
- ▶ In maths, we focus on number skills based around counting
- ▶ We will hold an important curriculum meeting in early October

Help and Support

- ▶ Please talk to the staff in the School Office – they have lots of experience and know the school inside out.
- ▶ Your child's class teacher is your first point of contact
- ▶ The Lead for Reception is Mrs Edwards who is also an Assistant Headteacher
- ▶ Our SENDCO is Mrs Lang who is also an Assistant Headteacher

Induction – Why We Do It

- To build confidence with unfamiliar adults
- To get to know the school environment within smaller groups
- To help the children to get used to new routines
- To make sure that your child has the best possible, most positive start to their school life

Induction – Come & Explore

- Tuesday 30th June is Come and Explore when you will find out your child's class
- Children to visit with **one parent or family member** at either 9.45-10.30am or 11.00-11.45am
- Please sign up for one of the two sessions before you leave today

Induction - The Home Visit

- You have been given a time and date – please speak to us if there is a problem. It will help us greatly if you are able to stick to the time specified
- Takes place on 2nd, 3rd or 4th September
- A 20-minute visit
- We don't expect a tour of your house or to be entertained!
- It is a chance to meet staff again
- A toy/book or something to show the teacher might be helpful
- A chance to talk and ask questions in private

Induction – Come to Lunch

- Takes place on Thursday 3rd or Friday 4th September
- A chance to experience lunch at school from 11.40am
- With a parent or family member (food for child only)
- No more than 30 minutes

Induction – Stay & Play and Staggered Sessions

- Children have been put into groups – each class is divided into two groups of 15, based on age (Group A or Group B)
- Stay and Play is on Monday 7th September – children only – at an allocated time for 1 hour.
- Staggered induction takes place between Tuesday 8th and Thursday 10th September
- All children begin full-time on Friday 11th September

Tuesday 8th September	Group A	08:45 – 12:00
	Group B	13:00 – 15:10
Wednesday 9th September	Group A	08:45 – 12:00
	Group B	13:00 – 15:10
Thursday 10th September	Group A	08:45 – 12:00
	Group B	13.00 – 15:10
Friday 11th September	GROUPS A & B	All children in school full time 08:45 – 15:10

**Thank you for coming.
Any questions?**