



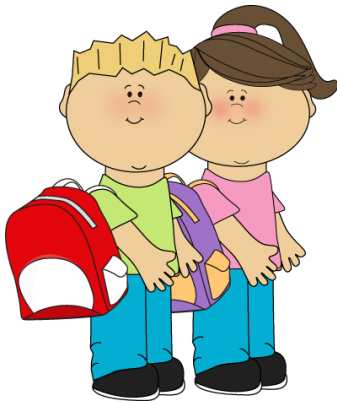
Starting School at Lanivet

Welcome!

We hope that this booklet is useful for you and your child starting school at Lanivet.

It contains many practical details and is about helping you and your child to feel confident about beginning a new phase in your child's life.

Arrival



School begins at 8:45 am. Please do not bring your child into school before 8.45 am. Please bring your child to the back gate by the park where you will be met by the class teacher who will take the children from the back gate into class. A teaching assistant will welcome the children into class. There are activities to do each morning to help settle them into the routine of school. We will always give you a call if your child is struggling to settle but we find children settle quicker when parents don't come into the classroom with them.

At the end of the day

The end of the day is at 3.00pm. Please wait by the back gate and when we see you we will send your child to you one by one.

Please note – It is our policy not to allow children out until the adult collecting them has arrived. Please let the school know if someone different will be collecting your child from school, i.e. a grandparent or another parent. We won't allow your child to go home with a different adult unless informed for safeguarding reasons.

Children using school transport – some children arrive at school in a school transport taxi. These stop in the area opposite the side entrance to the school and the drivers ensure that the children cross the road to school safely. At the end of the day these children are collected from school by the taxi driver.

Breakfast Club



We run a popular Breakfast Club that is available from 8:00am.

More details for this can be obtained via the office. Please give the school a call if you would like your child to attend breakfast club in the mornings.

After School Club



A variety of school clubs are offered on Monday – Thursday. Clubs start the second week of term and a letter will be sent out in the first week. Reception pupils do not usually attend clubs in the first term.

Book Bag & Reading

At Lanivet, we have a very strong reading ethos and so from the very start, your child will need a book bag in which to bring home a reading book and reading record book, or phonics and word cards. The book bag will need to be brought into school every day and taken home each afternoon. Please attach a fun keyring to the book bag to help your child find their bookbag easily. We encourage children to take care of school property; please do not allow younger siblings to play with reading books.



Please share the book/look at phonics cards with your child, and use the Reading Record book to record what you have done. We strongly believe that the key to engendering a love of reading is in sharing books at home, and that success in reading is reached by practise, practise, practise! Books will be changed twice a week so it is important to read a few pages every day.

Your child's book bag will often contain communications from school – so be sure to check it regularly so that you don't miss anything! This is the only bag they will need so please do not send children with rucksacks and pencil cases.

Lanivet School book bags are available to buy from directly from Wovina, www.wovina.com .

School Uniform

We pride ourselves on how smart our children are, especially when we are out on trips representing the school. Our school uniform is important to us, it makes the children feel part of the school community and looking smart in their uniforms encourages the right mind-set for learning.



Embroidered school sweatshirts and PE shirts can be purchased on-line from Wovina in Bodmin. In addition to this, black or grey trousers or skirts are required, as well as black school shoes – no trainers.

It is really important that your child's name is written inside all clothes that they bring to school. Iron-on or sew on labels are the most long-lasting; make sure any pens you use are permanent as they have a habit of washing off! We do our best to match all lost property with its owner, however, unless items are named, this can be extremely challenging!

Morning Break



Breaktime is 10.00am. All children are provided with free fruit at morning break, and until they are 5 years old they are entitled to free milk too. Our Healthy Schools status requires that children do not bring in biscuits, chocolate or sweets for their mid-morning snack – fruit and vegetables only please!

Lunchtime



All Early Years and Key Stage 1 children are provided with a school lunch free of charge every day. Our school meals are cooked on site and are very popular. The menus will be sent home to you, and are on a rolling programme. We expect all Reception pupils to join in with eating our School dinners. We can cater for any allergies; please provide a doctor's note.

Medicines and First Aid

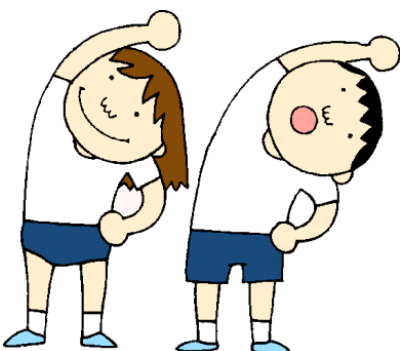
If your child needs to take any medicines during the school day, please hand them to their class teacher. The medicine must have the prescription on the bottle or the box, include a spoon or syringe for liquids, and they must be labelled with your child's name. Your class teacher will ask you to complete a permission slip in order for staff to administer the medicine.

Illness in school



If your child becomes ill whilst in school, we will contact you, so please ensure that we always have up to date contact numbers for you, preferably including mobile numbers. Minor injuries may occur in the playground, which will be treated by our staff, all of whom have relevant first aid training. Please advise us if your child is allergic to anything like plasters, dressings, alcohol free wipes etc.

PE Lessons



PE kit is a white or royal blue t-shirt and black shorts with trainers/plimsolls. In addition to the t-shirts and shorts, your child may require jogging bottoms/leggings in the colder months. PE kit needs to be left in school unless it is being washed at home.

Changing for PE is an important skill and we hope most children will be able to dress themselves by the time they start school.

Please label all kit, including trainers and PE bag.

Foundation Stage Curriculum

There are seven areas of learning and development in the Early Years Foundation Stage. All areas of learning and development are important and inter-connected:

Three Prime Areas

- * *Communication and Language Development* – Involves giving children opportunities to experience a rich language environment; to develop confidence and skills in expressing themselves, and to speak and listen in a range of situations.
- * *Physical development* – involves providing opportunities for children to be active and interactive; to develop their coordination, control and movement; children will be taught to value and understand the importance of physical activity as a part of a healthy lifestyle, including food choices.
- * *Personal, Social and Emotional Development* – involves helping children develop a positive sense of themselves and others; to form positive relationships with adults and children; respect for others; to develop social skills and learn how to manage their feelings and emotions; to understand how to self-regulate their own behaviours.

Four Specific Areas

- * *Literacy* – Linking sounds and letters to begin to read and write. Phonics is a way of teaching children to read.
- * *Mathematics* – developing skills in counting, understanding and using numbers, calculating using simple addition and subtraction problems; describing shapes, spaces and measurements.
- * *Understanding the World* (Humanities and Science) – guiding children to make sense of their world; explore, observe and find out about people, places, technology and the environment.
- * *Expressive Arts and Design* – opportunities for sharing their thoughts, ideas and feelings through art, music, dance, role play, movement and design and technology.

During this first half term, teachers and teaching assistants will monitor and observe the children, making careful assessments of their needs and ability. Knowing your children well, their likes and current development, will give purposeful data to plan effectively so all children are challenged to make good progress.

Your child's learning environment at school will focus very much on exploration, with some guided activities; the classroom will incorporate different learning areas, all with a different focus or theme i.e. construction and role play



Our Reception Class is taught by Mrs Emmeline Purser.

Mrs Purser has a keen interest in outdoor learning and she is looking forward meeting with you all.

Useful contacts:

Lanivet Community Primary School
Honeys Hill
Lanivet, Bodmin
PL30 5HE
[01208 831417](tel:01208831417)

Uniform stockist

Wovina.
www.wovina.com to order online, phone 01208 73484 or visit them Bodmin PL31 1ER.

School Nurse Service

Your child can have access to a School Nurse at any time if you have any health concerns, in addition your School Nurse offers a full health assessment in Reception.

For further information visit the Cornwall Council school nursing page here:

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schoolnursing>

Referrals via the Early Help Hub , or call 01872 322277.