



Date 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Executive Head: Mrs M. Mohamed BSC.HONS, LPSH, PGCE, PG.DIP

Head Teacher: Mrs D. Ghafari

**Re: Starting Reception**

Assalamu Alaikum

We hope this letter reaches you in the best of health and Imaan.

The Reception team have enjoyed our transition sessions immensely and we are eagerly anticipating teaching the new Reception class. Everyone within our school is committed to offering your child a successful and happy time at our school within a caring and supportive environment. We look forward to working closely with parents and carers and building a strong partnership in order to ensure that children reach their full potential.

With that in mind we just wanted to mention a couple of things before the holiday commences.

Each morning either Mrs Bibi or Mrs C Chaudhry will be stood at the EYFS playground's gate ready to greet and guide your child into the classroom where Miss Grant will be waiting to help your child put their things away and to choose a fun classroom activity. At the end of the day we will bring the class to the EYFS playground and return each individual child to their parent [Please do not beckon your child to come to you before the teacher has sent them to you, as this can cause confusion and we must ensure all pupils are safe and accounted for.]

Enclosed is a school readiness checklist. Please try to help your child to work on those aspects they haven't quite accomplished yet over the summer, and then fill it in at the end of the summer so that we can work alongside you to target any skills which they haven't quite mastered yet.

It would be wonderful if you could also send the school a postcard about a fun activity which they have taken part in, and then they could sign their name and walk to their local post box to post it to MMPS. We will then read the postcards/cards out loud to the class to encourage your child to talk about their holidays.

For those of you who are staying in Manchester over the holidays, post offices and Manchester's tourist information centre sell postcards. Or alternatively you might want your child to draw a picture of somewhere local they have gone or something they have done which you could then annotate and send us. For instance they may wish to draw their local park, soft play centre, their grandparent's house, a forest e.g. Delamere, a theatre like the Lowry, or Legoland at the Trafford centre. Reception children love writing their name for a purpose and posting their own mail, and it should allow us to initiate conversations and ask your child relevant questions, as we begin to get to know them.





In Reception we ask pupils to purchase a rectangular cloth book bag instead of a backpack to ensure that their homework doesn't get squashed, and fits neatly into our classroom boxes. It needs to comfortably fit a folder with



pieces of A4 paper in it. This is an example photo of a rectangular book bag.

However, pupils may choose any colour of book bag they wish, and some families may also decide to embroider/print their names onto the bag.

It may help your child to listen to one of the many starting school books available in libraries or bookshops. [In school we will be reading some starting school books in the first couple of weeks but it may calm any nerves to have read one at home also.] Whilst you read you might discuss the similarities and differences- such as at MMPS we have blue uniform but in the book the child is wearing red uniform, but to note that the characters have a sand pit and asking your child if they spotted our sand pit, or painting area etc when they visited their new classroom.

We are really looking forward to welcoming your child into Reception in September Insha'Allah. We will be having the parent's induction and quick tour of the classroom on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September** at **1:45pm until 3:00pm**. However if in the meantime, there is any information which you require, please ring the school office. [Summer office opening hours will be posted on the school website].

Jazak'Allah Khair

Wasalaam

Miss Grant & the Reception Team (Mrs Bibi and Mrs C Chaudhry).

