



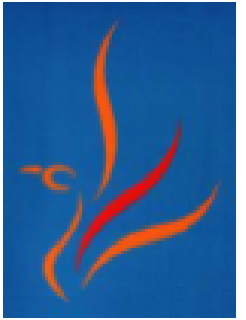
# Starting School at East Sheen Primary

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# Welcome!

## East Sheen Primary School: Our Vision



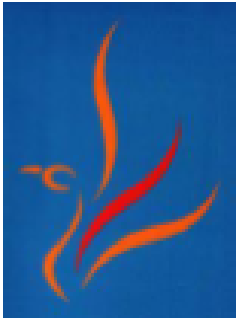
Our purpose is to nurture happy, confident children who think deeply about themselves and others in preparation for the challenges ahead. We do this by inspiring and celebrating:

- curiosity and love for learning
- collaboration and kindness
- creativity and enthusiasm
- resilience and achievement

We are a Thinking School.

- Use of 3 thinking tools: Maps, Hats and Habits of Mind

# East Sheen Primary School



- What ESPS do to support your child's transition into school.
- What we hope you'll be doing.
- What to expect from school visits.
- What/why do we have a home visit.
- Some useful information for when your child starts in September.

# Transition into school

It is a partnership between school and home.

## **School's role:**

- Stay and play meet the teacher and staff (Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July)
- Home visits will take place from the 4<sup>th</sup>, to the 7<sup>th</sup> July. 10 minute visit.
- School readiness presentation to be shared.
- Phased start in September in groups of 10 children to allow high adult child ratio on first day.
- Parent questionnaire
- Reception staff to contact nurseries for information share.
- Make the school welcoming and exciting, helping the children to feel safe.
- Setting resourced to mirror nursery environment in early days.

## **Parents/carers role:**

- Practise eating, dressing and toileting independently at home.
- Talk positively about the start of school at home.
- Use the 'Habits of Mind' thinking tool to help build positive mental attitudes.

# School and Home Visits

## **School visit:**

- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 9.30 Group 1 and Group 2 10:15am
- Very gentle and calm introduction to the environment.
- Will support their children understanding what school is like and getting them excited.
- Stay and play with their parents so they can meet their teacher and other adults.

## **Home visit:**

- So worthwhile, children meet school staff in own home environment, builds confidence.
- Information gathering such as medical, health issues, diet.
- Children can share their interests, supports planning for welcoming environment in school during first few days.
- Aim to arrange visits geographically so that we can fit them all in and stay on time!
- Approximately 10 minute meeting.

## Uniform and PE Kit

- Uniform can be ordered on line, please see website for link to supplier and more detail:  
<https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/eastsheenprimaryschools/148ed>
- Tracksuit bottoms can be worn to give children a more practical uniform for their outdoor and indoor play and to support independent dressing.
- Children will be outside in rain and sunshine so please send in labelled, weather appropriate clothing. Wellingtons can be left in school.
- Velcro fastenings on shoes really help your child to be independent.
- No open toe sandals.
- Label everything in a visible place including socks and shoes!
- PE kits should be in a draw string bag for ease of storage on pegs.
- PE starts early on in the term so please send it in as soon as you have it. Trainers and tracksuit / bottoms are advisable for outdoor PE.

# Fruit snacks and Nuts

- A fruit or vegetable snack is provided daily.
- Milk is provided free by the government until 5<sup>th</sup> birthday. After 5, parents can order via [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)
- Children may bring in their own snack but must be fruit or veg and in a labelled bag/container.
- Packed lunches – healthy eating criteria (see website <https://www.eastsheen.richmond.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=1226&type=pdf>)
- Strictly no nuts school policy.
- Please check any birthday treats provided from home for any nut traces. We have to return items containing nuts.
- Drinking bottle for water with a sports cap – labelled please!

# School Lunches

<https://www.eastsheen.richmond.sch.uk/page/?title=School+Meals&pid=19>

- Provided by Accent caterers.
- Fresh meals cooked on site.
- Vegetarian option.
- Salad bar.
- School meals are free for children in Reception and Key Stage 1.
- Encourages reluctant eaters to try a wider range of foods as they see their friends choose different options.
- School lunches booked through Parentmail (details to come)



# Medical and Welfare

- Please ensure that we are aware of any medical conditions.
- If your child is ill or off school please telephone the school office to report the absence.
- Sickness or diarrhoea – children must not return to school for 48hours after the last episode.
- Medical appointments – please let us know, but routine appointments should be booked outside of school hours.
- If the weather hot and sunny, please apply sun tan lotion before they come to school – we are unable to apply at school. Children should also wear hats.

# Start Day and Time

- Children will be in school all day from day one.
- **Group A:** 7<sup>th</sup> September; **Group B:** 8<sup>th</sup> September; **Group C:** 11<sup>th</sup> September.
- All children will be in from **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September**
- School day starts at **8.50am** and ends at **3.20pm**.
- The curriculum will be a continuation from nursery.
- The afternoon session will be very gentle to start off. We are aware that children will be tired.
- Encourage independence and a fast transition by saying goodbye in the line so children can come straight into the classroom. This helps them to settle quicker.
- The whole team will be prepared to support your child during the transition.
- There will be a Curriculum evening in September and a Reading Talk in October.

# Other information

- Let us know what the collection arrangements are for your child.
- Please ensure that the office has correct and up to date contact details.
- If you use an abbreviation for your child or there's a spelling mistake, let us know.
- ParentMail is used mainly to communicate school information (application details to follow)
- School registration form.
- Photo permission from.
- Parent representatives.
- Parent help.
- School email address: [info@eastsheen.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:info@eastsheen.richmond.sch.uk)