

# **Welcome!**

New parents' meeting  
Reception  
2023-2024

# **Welcome!**

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# Our School Vision

We cherish all the people in our school

Our aim for them:

***'Life in all its fullness'***

For us this means people who are flourishing:

- **people who have the wherewithal to shape their own life well;**
- **people who take a delight in learning;**
- **people who are compassionate, who appreciate the value and preciousness of each and every person and all life on earth;**

hence people who help to make the world a better place.

# PTA

Everyone welcome to be part of the PTA. Please come along to our next event, the summer fete this Saturday

## **Breakfast and afterschool club**

Registration sheets are in the welcome pack. Breakfast club starts at 7.45am, Fun Club finishes 5.30pm Mon-Thurs and 5pm Fridays.

# Class Structure and Staffing

Early Years Arrangement for September

## **Teachers**

Therese Watt

Toni Saeed EYFS Lead

Fflur Jankowska

## **Assistants**

Tracey Hobbs

Anita Shepherd

Tia Thompson

Megan Purnell

## **Three Classes**

Nursery

Teal

Midnight

# Communication you to us

## Face to face

class teacher before or after school  
school office

**Telephone** the office to speak to teacher after  
school or to arrange an appointment

## Email

School office [admin@minchscool.net](mailto:admin@minchscool.net)

Email Mrs Saeed [reception23@minchscool.net](mailto:reception23@minchscool.net)  
between now and September.

# Communication us to you

## **Face to face**

after school if and when necessary

## **Tapestry**

online learning journal of day to day learning

## **School Gateway**

general school info, reminders etc.

You need to provide us with your email address and mobile number and let us know if these change.

# Communication us to you

## **Weekly school newsletter**

**School website** for all curriculum info, policies, news etc <https://www.minchacademy.net>

**Parent calendar** - accessed from the school website

<https://www.minchacademy.net/calendar/parent-calendar/>

## **Social media**

Minchinghampton Academy facebook page and Twitter @MinchAcademy

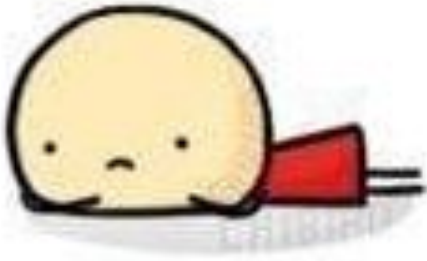
## **Formal parents evenings**

November and March



# School Readiness

I have *school* tomorrow.



**YAY!**

**IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL TIME!**

Research into school readiness. Read the report [here](#)

Over  
**1,000**  
teachers and **1,000**  
parents were surveyed.

**89%**

of parents\* say their child was  
school ready

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On average, teachers  
report that only

**54%**

of children were school ready

**80%**

of teachers report that they are now teaching more school readiness skills such as language (72%), personal hygiene (60%) and number skills (58%)

**Percentage of parents who believe that *they are wholly responsible* for their child's development of the following skills (as opposed to the schools):**

**60%**

Toilet training\*

**20%**

Listening/responding to simple instruction

**10%**

Playing/sharing with other children

**40%**

Independent eating

**18%**

Not getting overly upset when away from you/  
another parent

**7%**

Holding a pencil

**26%**

Basic language skills

# Steps to starting school

Build your child's confidence so that they start school confident, curious and ready to learn

Access more great advice, tips and downloadable resources at [pacey.org.uk/schoolready](https://pacey.org.uk/schoolready)



## More top tips:

- ★ Get your child ready for their new routine by switching their meal times to match those of the school day
- ★ Encourage your child to explore new environments and interact with new people
- ★ Talk to your child about what they are most looking forward to at school
- ★ Let your child practise putting their new school uniform on and taking it off
- ★ **And remember**, every child is different and starts school with different abilities



# **Food Glorious food - the age of beige 1990s**



# Food Glorious food in 2023







Our lovely hot lunches are provided in school by The Great Plate, from the team behind The Long Table.





# Food Glorious food - menu example

## Main 1

Jacket Potato  
(Beans, cheese, tuna)  
DF,GF, VG avail

## Main 1

Beef or Veggie  
Bolognaise  
with pasta  
DF, VG, GF avail

## Main 1

Lamb meatballs  
or Falafel (VG, GF)  
with humus

## Main 1

Mac n Cheese  
VG, GF avail

## Main 1

Fish Fingers or  
Vegan Nuggets  
GF avail

## Main 2

Chicken and sweetcorn  
Wrap  
GF

## Main 2

Veggie Curry,  
bhaji & rice  
DF, VG, GF available

## Main 2

Cheese, tomato,  
baguette  
GF,DF,VG Avail

## Main 2

Greek Chicken  
and rice  
GF

## Main 2

Veggie Sausage  
Roll  
VG

## Sides

Baked beans,  
Rainbow slaw

## Sides

Green beans,  
Sweetcorn

## Sides

Grain Salad,  
Roast squash

## Sides

Broccoli &  
Roast carrot

## Sides

Chips and Peas,  
carrots

## Dessert

Chocolate chip cookie  
VG  
Fruit and yoghurt  
Homemade Bread

## Dessert

Forest Fruit  
Jelly GF, VG  
Fruit and yoghurt  
Homemade Bread

## Dessert

Brownie  
VG  
Fruit and yoghurt  
Homemade Bread

## Dessert

Seasonal fruit  
crumble VG  
Fruit and yoghurt  
Homemade Bread

## Dessert

Lemon cake  
GF, VG  
Fruit and yoghurt  
Homemade Bread





# Mental Health and Wellbeing is very important to us.





**I am three.** I have a favourite friend at nursery who I like playing cars with. Sharing is something I'm still learning to do, but most of the time I'm able to take turns playing with our favourite cars. She makes me laugh when she pulls funny faces.

**I am four.** Sometimes I feel worried when trying out new things. I started Reception a few months ago. I was able to tell my grown-ups at home and my nursery key worker that I was feeling scared. *They helped me feel less nervous by listening to what was worrying me,* and we found some ways to make me feel more excited to start school. In the beginning, I still cried when I had to leave my grown-ups, but *my friends and new teacher were kind and comforted me* so I quickly felt more settled and happier at school and formed new relationships.

**I am four-and-a-half.** I love using my imagination. I enjoy being with other children at school but I'm happiest when I'm playing on my own and creating whole new worlds with my action figures. I'm really good at building towers for my figures to jump between. It can be hard to build the towers, so I need to be calm and careful to make them balance.

Children with healthy mental wellbeing.

# How Mindfulness Is Beneficial for Children



Helps  
manage  
stress

Increases sense  
of well-being

Improves  
communication  
skills

Stress  
reduction

Improves  
attention  
spans





# Outdoor Learning

Reception children will have an outdoor learning day each week





# Uniform

<https://www.minchacademy.net/uniform/>

Please label everything!

Uniform can be bought online

<https://www.batemanssports.co.uk/>



Dates for your diary



# Family visit afternoon



**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June** from 1.45pm – 2.45pm for a story and a play on the field.

Parents to attend with their child.  
(Information in Welcome Pack)

# Children's stay and play morning



**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

9.15 – 11.45am – details in pack

Please let us know if your child is unable to attend on the visit day. Drop off and pick up at school office

# Home Visits



**Tuesday 5th-Friday 8th September**

Please fill out the google form (available soon from the school website) to let us know which days/time would suit you best.

# School Starts!!!

Monday 11th September 2023

Gates will be open from 8.35am.

Pick up at the end of the day will be 3.10pm

# **Parent to do list**

**To fill out online - please visit**

<https://www.minchacademy.net/new-pupil-forms-2022-23/>  
to access all of the required forms.

**Reception Starters Form**

**School Gateway app sign up**

**Cool milk form for free milk**

**Free school meals form if relevant**

**Home visit form (coming soon)**

# **To pop in the office by 4th July 2023**

## **All About Me**

Please fill this in with your child and return when you come to visit.

## **Birth Certificate**

## **Allergy information sheet**

## **Tapestry permission form**

## **Before and/or after school club registration sheet**

