



# Tittensor C.E (VC) First School



Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to welcome you to Tittensor First School and to the Reception class. I am very excited about the new academic year and hope that your child is excited by the learning journey that lies ahead.

To help you and your child settle in, I would like to provide you with some important and helpful information.

## **School Day:**

The classroom doors will open from 8:40 - 8:55am and the children will enter the classroom from the Early Years Playground, where a member of staff will be ready to meet and greet you all. The school day will finish at 3:15pm and the children are to be collected from the Early Years Playground. If a different member of the family or a friend is due to pick up your child could you please let us know, as we will not allow your child to go with unidentified people. It is very important that anyone collecting your child knows the password and children will not be allowed to go with anyone without the correct word. The school also provides a breakfast and afterschool club, please contact the office for more information regarding times and charges.

## **Reading**

Your child will receive their reading books and will also read three times a week, as part of a guided reading group in Literacy. When you read with your child at home could you please fill in the reading record as it is a very valuable source of communication between home and school. Also 'reading awards' will be given out weekly to celebrate children's reading achievements - more details of this will follow with your child's reading diary. Your child will also take part in daily phonic lessons and will be given a variety of phonetically decodable reading books throughout the year.

## **Topic**

The topic in September will be 'Let's Explore'. In the 'Let's Explore' project, your child will explore their class environment and school grounds so that they feel settled and happy in their new surroundings. They will learn about the local environment and will find out about places they have visited on holiday. They will also look at and create maps for journeys.

## **Maths**

The children will be following the 'White Rose' maths scheme throughout the academic year to support their mathematical skills and understanding. Developing a strong grounding in number is essential so that all children develop the necessary building blocks to excel mathematically. Children should be able to count confidently, develop a deep understanding of the numbers to 10, the relationships between them and the patterns within those numbers.

## **P.E and Forest Schools**

P.E and Forest Schools will be on a Friday. Children will need to come to school in their winter P.E kit, consisting of jogging bottoms, a sweatshirt, jumper and P.E pumps. For Forest Schools, they will need to bring a waterproof coat and wellies, which we will help them to put on prior to their lesson. Please bring the Forest School clothes to school in a plastic carrier bag so that any wet clothes can be put into the bag in order to take home at the end of the day.

## **Dinner time/Snack time**

Universal Free School meals are provided to all children in reception and a menu is uploaded weekly onto Dojo for parents to view. However, if your child is having a packed lunch then please tell a member of staff during the morning drop off.

At snack time children are also given free fruit and milk. Children will also need to bring a named water bottle into school with them each day.

## **Medical Needs**

If your child has an allergy, please make the office and staff members in Early Years aware. If your child requires medication, a form needs to be signed and returned the office along with the required medication.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school office to arrange a time for us to speak.

I look forward to meeting you all and working closely with you in the education of your child.

Regards,  
Miss Peddie