



Eling Infant School
And Nursery



Welcome to **Eling Infant School and Nursery**



and Year R!

A big welcome to you and your child!

Thank you for choosing our school. We are very excited to start your child's journey into school with you.

At Eling we believe that starting school should be a smooth process and not a daunting event. Therefore, we will soon be visiting the local pre-schools and nurseries to get to know your child with their key workers.

We also believe that the three 'getting to know you' sessions during the summer term really help you and your child to become familiar with the school surroundings and the adults that work within it.

Parents are the most influential educators. We value parental involvement and look forward to you joining our team!

Please do not hesitate to ask any questions or for any further information required. Messages and emails will be passed on via the school office.

We hope you enjoy these sessions and your subsequent time at Eling Infant School & Nursery.

Pattern of entry into school

The dates for all these sessions will be on a letter which was sent to you when your place is confirmed.

Visits to Preschools and Nurseries

Staff will visit preschools and nurseries to talk to staff and get to know the children in a familiar environment.

Transition Sessions

These take place in the summer term, in June and July. They are a chance for the children to come into school, meet the Year R team, play with their new friends and familiarise themselves with the school.

Meet the Teacher

These sessions take place in July, before the children start school. They are an opportunity for you to tell us more about your child and to ask any remaining questions that you may have. We like to take a picture of you with your child to keep in their school drawer, as this can be a big comfort to them in their first few weeks. You and your child will meet with the teacher on a 1:2:1 basis.

Induction Sessions

These are morning sessions in the classroom with the Year R team in September. Each child will attend with a small group of classmates, and be introduced to some of the school routines.

The First Day of School

The children all start school together!

Year R Team

In Year R this year the teachers will be Mrs Quinn, Mrs Collins and Miss White. Who will be supported by our teaching assistant team.



Mrs Quinn says

"I love singing and watching musical shows. We enjoy working together to be a good team in our class."



Mrs Collins says

"I am art lead for the school. Out of school I enjoy gardening, spending time with my family and singing with a choir. My favourite children's book is Mog the Forgetful Cat by Judith Kerr. "



Miss White says

"I am computing lead for the school. Out of school I enjoy spending time with my family and especially enjoy baking and reading. I have written a book for children about a little pufferfish with big feelings. "

Other School Staff

Some of the other people you may meet in school include:



Mrs Sillence, our Headteacher.
"I am looking forward to getting to know our new children and their families"



Mrs Biggs, our Special Education Needs Co-Ordinator (SENCO) and Assistant Headteacher.
"I help make sure that everyone can learn. My favourite book to read to my children is 'You're called What?!' by Kes Gray"



Mrs Oddy, our School Business Manager.
"I work in the school office making sure everything runs smoothly. My favourite children's book is the Wonky Donkey by Craig Smith"

What happens in Reception class?

During your child's first year at school they will continue to work within the Early Years Foundation Stage and build upon the key knowledge and skills that they have already acquired both at home and during their time at pre-school.

The Early Years Foundation Stage is divided into 7 areas of learning and development;

- Communications and language
- Physical development
- Personal social and emotional development
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the world
- Expressive arts and design

The children explore these areas in many ways, learning through play. There is whole class teaching, small group work, independent play, and playing with carefully selected activities. The children have opportunities to play indoors and outdoors.

In the Autumn term, and throughout your child's time at Eling there will be ILearn curriculum information sessions to give you more in-depth information about what your child is learning and how best to support them. These sessions will be held during the school day.

Skills at Home

Please help your child practise these skills at home. This will help to make them more independent and confident when they start school.

Take my coat on and off and do it up by myself.



Hang my coat up.



Listen to and follow simple instructions.



Use the toilet, flush it and then wash my hands.



Use a tissue to blow my nose.



Use a knife and fork to eat my food.



Share equipment and take turns with others.



Tidy away toys when asked.



Enjoy a relaxing bed time routine with a story.



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