



Prospective Parent Open Evening 1 -
please sign in with your name, email
address and child's name



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Prospective Parent Meeting

12 October 2023

- ▶ Welcome to our first prospective parent meeting for EYFS parents (nursery and reception children)
- ▶ The next prospective parent meeting will be on Thursday 30 November 2023
- ▶ Nursery - Mrs Ridler
- ▶ Reception Lloyd-Webber - Miss Masenya
- ▶ Reception Zimmer - Miss Linton (SENDCo) & Mrs Angus (EYFS Lead)

About our school



- ▶ Built in 1908
- ▶ From nursery to Year 4
- ▶ 348 children in school
- ▶ Each year group has two classes
- ▶ Each class can have 30 children

About our school

- Headteacher - Mrs Glynn Stirling
- Deputy - Miss Faye Law
- Assistant Head - Mrs Amelia Makinson
- EY leader - Mrs Karen Angus
- KS1 leader - Miss Danni Strickler
- KS2 leader - Miss Hannah Scotchford

About our school

- Values School
- Healthy Schools
- Artsmark Gold Award - broad enriched curriculum and opportunities throughout the year
- Music Mark award
- Extended day & holiday club run by Kidz Zone. Register online at <https://www.kidzzoneclub.com/>

HAF & Holiday Food Vouchers

- HAF (holiday and food) club run by Kidz Zone. Register online at <https://www.kidzzoneclub.com/>
- Free places on HAF and school holiday food vouchers for children who are eligible for EYFS pupil premium (free school meals)
- Check here for eligibility:

https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/53/benefits/4/free_school_meals/2

30 hours funded places

- 30 hour funding for eligible nursery families -
https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/12/childcare/115/help_with_child_care_costs/3
- Parents/carers must register themselves in advance and there are strict deadlines.
- No 30 hours left for January 2024

Early Years Foundation Stage


- EY framework
- Statutory reception baseline assessment in the first 6 weeks to find the starting point for each child
- Play based learning opportunities
- Indoors and outdoors
- Promote independence - e.g. toileting alone
- Promote resilience - e.g. walking to school



Development Matters

- ▶ https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1180056/DfE_Development_Matters_Report_Sep2023.pdf

Tools ^

**Birth to three – babies, toddlers and young children will be learning to:**

Learn to use the toilet with help, and then independently.

Examples of how to support this:

You cannot force a child to use the potty or toilet. You need to establish friendly co-operation with the child. That will help them take this important step. Children can generally control their bowels before their bladder.

Notice when young children are ready to begin toilet training and discuss this with their parents:

- they know when they have got a wet or dirty nappy
- they get to know when they are peeing and may tell you they are doing it
- the gap between wetting is at least an hour
- they show they need to pee by fidgeting or going somewhere quiet or hidden
- they know when they need to pee and may say so in advance

Potty training is fastest if you start it when the child is at the last stage. By the age of 3, 9 out of 10 children are dry most days. All children will have the occasional 'accident', though, especially when excited, busy or upset.

Development Matters Non-statutory curriculum guidance for the early years foundation stage

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The Early Years Curriculum Expectations and How you can Help at Home



www.foundationyears.org.uk
[What to expect in the EYFS](#)



Home School Communication

- ✓ Member of staff on Early Years door daily
- for nursery and Reception
- ✓ Member of staff welcomes children into
school main building
- ✓ Appointments to speak to teacher can be made through office
- ✓ Email school office dils@dunstableicknield.co.uk or
Telephone - 01582 663709
- ✓ Please ensure school has at least TWO up to date contact details
- ✓ Paperless school - newsletter published weekly, Arbor App and emails
- ✓ Each child has their own log in to Google Classrooms
- ✓ Arbor App can be downloaded from the app shop to your phone
- ✓ Check out and follow our DILS Twitter - **DILS - Dunstable Icknield Lower School**
@IcknieldL

Our School Uniform

Grey pinafore/skirt or trousers

Plain black shoes - **no laces**

School jumpers/sweatshirt and polo shirts with school badge can be bought at 'Best Look'

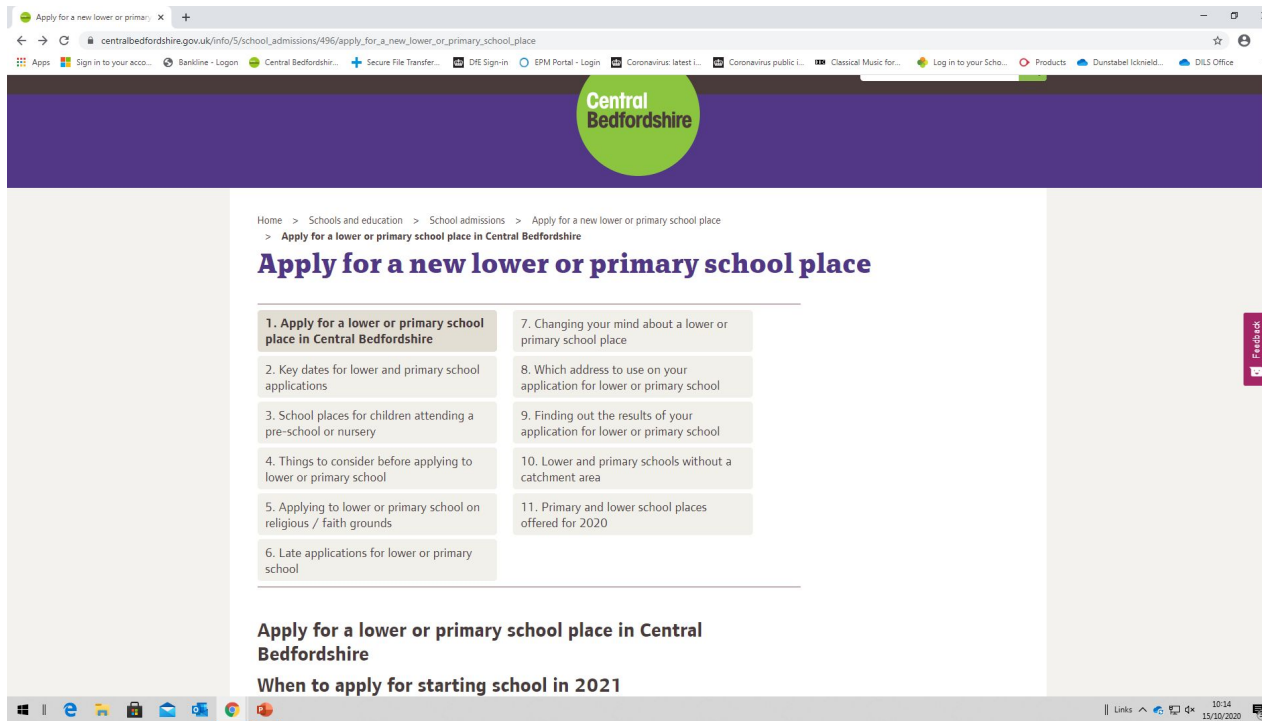
PE kit is school logo sweatshirt, house colour T-shirt, plain black joggers/shorts and trainers - **no laces**

EYPP and PP - if you are entitled, you can claim school uniform, school trip costs



Closing date for Reception applications for September 2024 start

- Closing date for applications for Reception is **Sunday 15 January 2024** - managed by CBC school admissions team
- On Central Bedfordshire website search for 'School admissions'
- https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/5/school_admissions/496/apply_for_a_new_lower_or_primary_school_place



General Information



- ▶ Uniform for all
- ▶ Jewellery not allowed for health and safety
- ▶ Long hair should be tied back (H & S) and reduces the risk of head lice
- ▶ Bags - Reading bag only needed - important for home reading
- ▶ Names on **EVERYTHING**
- ▶ Water bottles
- ▶ Snack - free fruit scheme, water or milk, own labelled piece of fruit from home/pots
- ▶ School dinners are provided free of charge by the government for all children in Reception to Y2 - this works out as an average saving of £500 per year. Children have the option of a 'deli' lunch which is the same as a packed lunch or children may bring own packed lunch in containers they can manage independently.

