

# Starting School



Elworth C.E. Primary School

# Welcome

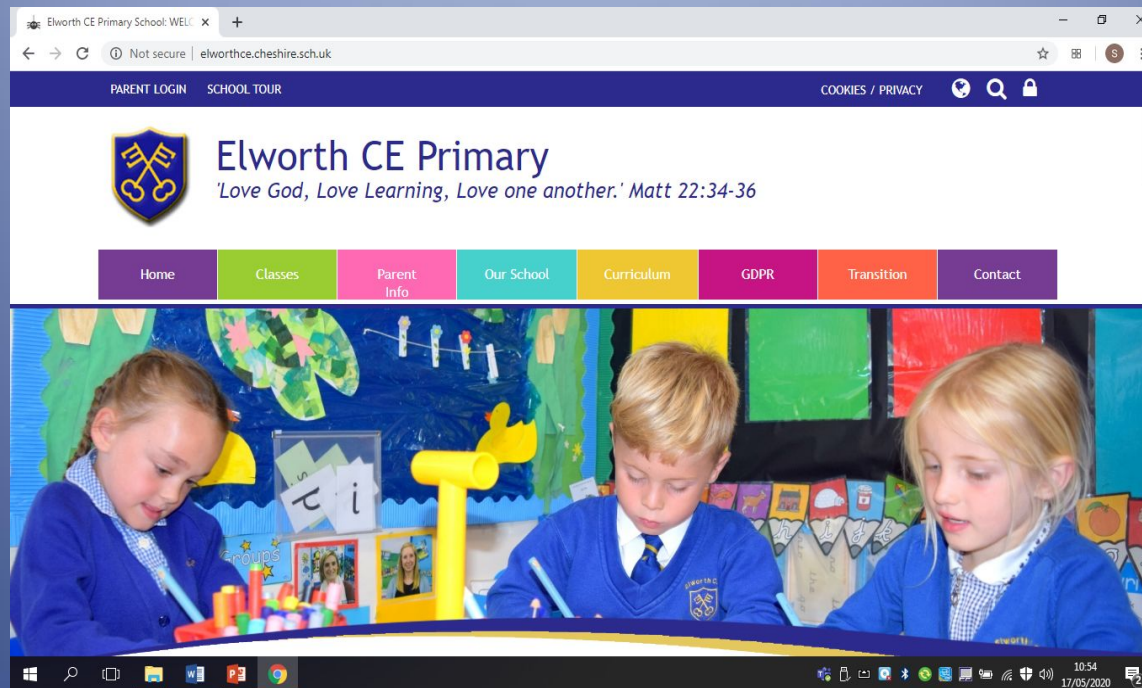
Starting school is a big step in you and your child's life. It is a time of great excitement and anxiety. The aim of this booklet is to make the transition from home and nursery to school as smooth as possible by trying to answer some of the questions you may have.

We hope you will find it useful.

“A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.”

Chinese proverb

Lots of information can be found on our school website such as term dates, menus. There is also a transition tab with lots of useful information.



<http://www.elworthce.cheshire.sch.uk/>

# Visits

To ensure that starting school is as positive and successful as possible the following transition arrangements have been made.

- Home Visits and Pre-School Visits
- Two 'Stay and Play' sessions in the Summer Term.

# Classes

Following the Home visits and Pre-school visits your child will be placed in one of the two Reception Classes. We will ensure that your child is with at least one friend.

Once your child starts school they will still have the opportunity to mix with the children from the other class during 'Busy Bee' time in the outside area, playtimes, lunchtimes and special themed days.

# The First Few Weeks



## Week 1

Wednesday 3rd September - 9 a.m. -11.30 a.m.

Thursday 4th September - 8:40 a.m. -12.30 p.m

Friday 5th September - 8:40 a.m. -12.30p.m

## Week 2

Full days 8:40am - 3:10pm

Access to Earlybirds and Night owls



# What will your child need?

Every day your child will need:

Water bottle

Waterproof Coat

School Bag

Morning Snack

Your child will need to wear their PE kit on Monday and Friday (including transition days).

School Uniform should be worn on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

# The School Day



Please arrive punctually just before 8.35 a.m.

The children will be called into school a class at a time. The EYFS lead, Class Teacher and Teaching Assistant will be available to assist. Children are generally happy to say goodbye. If your child becomes upset, then a member of staff will comfort and care for them. We will phone home once your child has settled.

The school day ends at 3.10 p.m. Being punctual when collecting your child is very important to them. Please phone the school if you are going to be late as unknown delays can cause distress.



# Healthy snacks

Children will need a healthy snack brought in from home at morning playtime.

At afternoon playtime, a free of charge, fruit snack will be available.



# Lunchtimes

All Reception and Key Stage 1 ( Years 1 and 2) children are entitled to universal free school meals. We hope you will take advantage of this.

The children will make their lunch choice at registration each morning and will eat in the dining hall.

Please take the time to look through the menu with your child so they know what the choices are each day. The menu is available on the school website.



# Early Birds and Night Owls (EBNO)

Early Birds and Night Owls is our breakfast and afterschool club. More information can be found on the transition tab on the school website.

We will confirm the date that booking is open.

# Illness



If your child is unwell and unable to come to school, please phone and let us know on the first day of absence.

If your child has sickness or diarrhea they must stay off school for 48 hours after the last episode.

Medicines should normally be administered at home, but we are happy to administer medicine that has been prescribed by a medical practitioner (only if 4 times a day). This needs to be in its original container with a clear prescription label identifying the child by name and with the original instructions for administration. We also require you ( the parent) to sign a form disclosing all details and giving permission for the medication to be administered by a named person.

Children with asthma will also need a note to inform us of inhaler usage. Please ensure the inhaler is named and brought home for checking at the end of each half term.

If your child has a medical appointment, please email the school office with appointment confirmation.

If your child has an accident that we feel you should be made aware of, then you will receive a note to describe the injury and treatment given. However if your child falls ill during school time, we will need to contact you immediately.



**We have to insist on a current mobile number as well as a landline number.**



As you are aware the Early Years Foundation Stage has its own curriculum. This year we will be using Tapestry which is a digital learning journey, to observe and track your child's progress through the Foundation Stage.

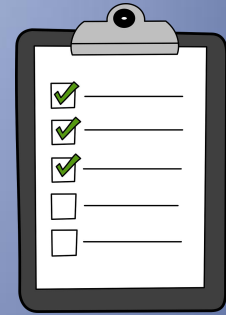
We will use I Pads to collect photographs, videos and observations which we will be linked to the Early Years Outcomes.

You will be able to access your child's learning at home and add comments to the learning book.

This will enable you to gain access to your child's learning and progress on a much more frequent basis and enjoy sharing those memorable moments as they happen.



# Forms



Please complete the Admissions form, our Parental Consents form, and a Pupil Premium form that have been sent home via email.

As soon as we receive these, we will be able to update your child's Arbor profile with up to date contact details and your preferences with regard to media and photograph consent etc.

We hope that your child will be very happy with us at Elworth. We look forward to working in partnership with you to provide the best possible education. We are committed to creating an open and supportive relationship with your family.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to speak with the class teacher. We are always available to speak to after school.

If your child is experiencing settling problems, we will discuss the situation with you to find a solution that suits you and your child.

