



Starting School at Bishopton Primary

Admission Policy

- We are very proud of our school. Parents considering applying to the school for the admission of their child/children are encouraged to visit the school with their child when it is in session.
- The criteria for admission are outlined on the Warwickshire County Council's website and in the school's admission policy.

<http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions>

- A child is required by law to attend school full time from the beginning of the term following their fifth birthday. Pupils are currently eligible to enter our school at the beginning of the year in which they become 5 years old.

**"Pupils make good progress across the school."
(OfSTED)**

**"Pupils are thriving and the school's reputation continues to grow."
OfSTED)**



Joining in Reception

- Starting school can give rise to many different feelings in your child. Children are often very excited at the thought of making new friends and meeting new challenges.
- At Bishopton we aim to make your child's introduction to school life a happy and memorable one and are delighted that pupils at Bishopton always tell us that they love coming to school.
- For children joining us in our Reception class, after filling in the admission on the Warwickshire County Council's admissions website, parents receive a letter from the County Admissions Department offering a definite place at Bishopton Primary School. Once your child's place is secure we will provide you and your child with a preliminary insight and guide to beginning full time education.

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- For children joining school the following September, this begins with a visit into the classroom prior to the Autumn Term when your child starts school. During that time your child can meet their teacher and teaching assistant, become familiar with their classroom, meet other children and get a taste of some of the activities they will be experiencing when they start Bishopton Primary School.
- We are also keen to meet children in their pre-school setting and will visit settings prior to your child starting school to meet your child and discuss their needs with pre-school staff.
- The admissions team at the Local Authority can be reached on the following telephone numbers: (01926) 414143, option 2.

**Joining Bishopton Primary School in other classes
or at other times in the year**

- Children joining other year groups complete the application form on the Warwickshire County Council admissions website.
- We are keen to invite all prospective parents to tour the school with their child.
- Children will also be invited to attend school prior to starting so that they have the opportunity to get to know us before they start and maybe make a few new friends.
- Apart from meeting you and your child, we also contact the school they are coming from to find out more about your child, so that we can best meet their needs.
- At the end of your child's first week, we like to contact you to check that your child is happy and settling in well. We also like to use this opportunity to reassure parents in case they have any concerns or questions.

**"Pupils are polite,
articulate and curious
about learning new
things."
(OfSTED)**

**"The early years' foundation stage
provides a wonderful start to children's
education at Bishopton Primary School."
(OfSTED)**



Reception Class Home Visits

- We wish to ensure that the partnership between home and school, which is so important to education, gets off to a good start. Home visits for children joining our Reception class take place prior to their start.
- The aim of this visit is to build up relationships with you, your child and the family in the child's own familiar environment. It also allows you to meet the teacher and support staff, who will be working most closely with your child over the coming 12 months and for us to answer any questions you might have.
- Parents will receive a letter detailing the arrangements for the home visit. The visit will give you the opportunity to share information; it will also give us an insight into your child's development so far.
- We would like to take a photograph of your child on the day of the visit. This will be displayed in school so the children can see themselves in their classroom.

Beginning Full Time Education

- Children in Reception will begin school a week after the rest of the school, as Home Visits take place during the first week of the school year.
- During the first weeks parents are encouraged to escort children into the cloakroom and see them into the classroom.
- The children will start on Monday and stay until 1.00 pm during their first week.
- Starting the second week you child will stay until the end of the school day 3.15pm
- From the beginning of the second week, we would ask that you leave your child in the cloakroom, so that they go into their classroom by themselves.
- All children enter via the gate into the reception outdoor area.
- At home time, Busy Bees leave from the main Reception class entrance (via outdoor area) and Flower will leave from the side door which is accessed through the gate adjacent to the second bike shelter.



**"Leaders and staff are completely committed to getting the best for pupils."
(OfSTED)**

Independence and Confidence

- These are a number of characteristics that we aim to develop with your child right from the beginning. We need your help with these:
- We do ask that you try and allow your child to grow in confidence and self-motivation. This means taking responsibility for their own actions and belongings as soon as possible.
- There are also two skills that we expect your child to have mastered in order for them to come to school:
 - ✓ That they are toilet trained and can go to the toilet unaided.
 - ✓ The ability to dress and undress themselves.

Worries and concerns

- Parents should contact teachers if they have any worries or concerns.
- In addition to the above, once the children have settled in, we invite everyone to the Reception Tea Party. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to show parents around their classroom and some of their work, as well as introducing teachers, teaching assistants and members of 'The Friends of Bishopton Primary School' to parents.
- We hold Parents' Evenings in the Autumn and Spring terms, to which we encourage all our parents to come. We hold an open afternoon in the Summer Term which is open to all.