



A-Z guide for new parents

A is for Arrival on the first day. The playground is open from 8:35am and school starts promptly at 8:45. You and your child need to go to the side gate where an adult will greet you. For EYFS school ends at 3:10pm and the children will leave from the reception playground. Please take a look at the Ask Me About board by the door where an outline of the day's learning will be written so that you can chat about it with your child.

B is for book bag. The children will need a book bag to bring letters etc home from school, a book to share and then a reading book will be added to the bag when your child is ready.

C is for crying. We are used to first day tears both child and parents! We will help them to settle but sometimes a swift kiss and go is the best option.

D is for dinnertime. A menu is sent home at the start of term and you order on line for a 6 week block. Please talk to your child about the options and choose meals which you think your child will enjoy. There is a choice of main meal, vegetarian main, jacket potato and beans, cheese or tuna, a school packed lunch with choice of cheese, ham or tuna sandwich. Dinner is served to the YR class first at 12 noon and they get a lot of help.

E is for earrings. Please provide micropore tape to cover them on PE day. The children will not need PE kit in school at the beginning of term. We will let you know when we start PE. The kit is black shorts, colour team t shirt, navy hoodie. These items can be plain or with the Hemblington logo.

F is for friendship. We help the children to find friends to play with at playtime and we have playground buddies to help too.

G is for Grannies, Grandads or anyone else who may pick your child up. If a different adult from usual is collecting your child, please inform me in the morning or ring the office during the day.

H is for hair. Please tie long hair back. Head lice can be a problem in school.

I is for illness. Please don't send your child to school if they are ill. Ring the school office in the morning to inform us. Sickness and/or diarrhoea need 48 hours off from last symptom.

J is for jobs for the holiday. Lots of game playing, cutting, sticking and book sharing. There is a Summer challenge with ideas and a scrap book in your pack. There is also a copy of the font we use at Hemblington so please look at this and if you do any writing with your child please do not write in capital letters.

K is for keep talking, a running commentary of everything you and your child do works wonders for improved vocabulary and communication skills.

L is for labels!! If it moves, label it. All clothing, water bottles and bookbags must be labelled.

M is for medicine. We can administer medicine but only when prescribed by a doctor to be taken 4 times a day. It needs to be labelled with the child's name and a medicine administration form needs to be completed. You can get these at the office.

N is for nuts. Please do not give your child foodstuffs with nuts to bring to school eg nuts, nutella, peanut butter etc.

