

# Starting School

## Questions and Answers Part Two



### **My child has additional needs, what should I do?**

Do contact the school and speak to us about your child, we can help you to make the right decision about appropriate provision for him or her.



### **My child cannot use the toilet or dress on their own, can you help?**

At school, we encourage the children to be as independent as possible, although of course we will help if they are stuck! Most children learn very quickly to become independent, but you have a vital role at home; practise with your child, before they start school so that they are as prepared as they can be. children are always so proud of themselves when they can be truly independent!



### **What can I do to prepare my child for school?**

Some of the most important things that you can do are

- Talk to your child
- Play with your child
- Read stories
- Sing songs

All of these support your child's language skills which are vital for their future learning. Encourage physical development too; walking, climbing, digging, running, riding bikes and scooters are ideal

We are planning to have a meeting in May when we will discuss this in more detail.

## What uniform do we need?

Our uniform is royal blue and grey. We stock items with logos at school, most of our uniform can be bought in supermarkets.

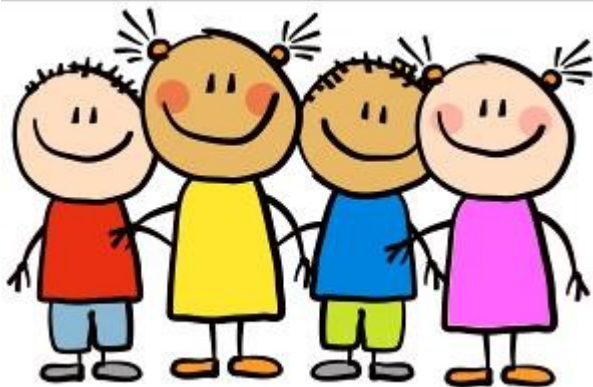
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## What will my child need to bring to school?

You will need a book bag, PE bag and water bottle, all available from school.

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### **Are Southbourne Infant and Junior Schools separate?**

Yes, each school is led by a different Headteacher; Mrs Louise Gasser is the head at the Junior School. We work very closely together, both formally and informally as we share our families and ethos. We have the same holidays and INSET days, we sometimes have staff meetings together and we share a PTA.

### **Will my child automatically move up to Southbourne Junior School?**

We have 60 spaces in a year group and the Junior School also has 60 spaces; usually all of our children move on to the Junior School. You will be invited to apply in the autumn term as your child moves into Year 2, the application process is online.

### **Can we visit the Junior School before joining the Infant School?**

We would usually encourage all parents to visit in person, but unfortunately due to current restrictions the Junior School is also unable to conduct tours. Please look at their website for further information

[www.southbournejuniors.co.uk](http://www.southbournejuniors.co.uk)

## What is behaviour like at your school?

We pride ourselves on the fantastic behaviour and attitude of our children at Southbourne Infants, supported by our school values, which are in the form of a rainbow. Each colour of the rainbow represents one of our Rainbow Values;

Respect

Aim High

Include Everyone

Never Give up

Be Yourself

Open Your Mind

Work Together

Our Rainbow Values run through everything that we do at school; all children are encouraged to 'Follow the Rainbow' at all times.



We hope that your questions have been answered, for any more information please call the school office on **01243 372727**.