

## P1 Buddies - Question Time

We collated all the questions you asked through the Buddy Question Form, and our fantastic P6 Buddies have answered these for you!

### Did you feel shy when you started school and what helped you not to be?

At first I was a little bit shy but the teachers are very welcoming and the buddies help you at lunch and break time. I remember it was really nice to see the nursery teachers in the P1 open area on the first couple of days.

I was a little shy but my teacher was really nice and friendly and helped me make new friends in the class. My buddy showed me around the school to help me know where everything is.

Yes I felt a little bit shy when I first started school but you don't need to worry! My Friends helped me and my buddy did too! Although it's ok to feel shy at first but trust me you will get comfortable and enjoy it very much because there's always someone to help and play with!

### Do you get to do lots of drawing and making things?

Yes you do, and your teacher sometimes you're your drawings on the wall!

Yes, the school has loads of fun, creative things to get up to during school with your classmates! This includes, painting, junk modelling, drawing, sticking, colouring and loads more!

### What is my uniform?

Your school uniform is...

A blue sweatshirt or cardigan with the school logo in the corner and a white polo shirt to wear underneath.

For your bottom half there are lots of options like grey skirts, pinafores, shorts or trousers, so you have lots to choose from! And also you will wear black school shoes!

### What should I bring to school in my school bag?

You could bring a packed lunch, a water bottle, a snack for break (that doesn't have any nuts in it) and a pencil case with some pencils, a rubber and a sharpener.

You will need a water bottle and a snack for break time. I had apple and grapes. You can bring a pencil case with pencils for writing, a rubber and a ruler and if you like some colouring pencils.

### Is there a special place to hang our jackets?

You'll have your own special peg to hang your jacket and school bag on. It has your name and a little picture on it! Your teacher will help you find it.

### How long break time is and what can you do at break?

Break time is 15 minutes. There is lots of fun things to do. You can play with your friends, or on the Trim Trail or in the field if it's your day. Your buddies are also there to play with you or sometimes people play with their brothers and sisters too.

### Can I take my bike to school?

Yes! You can walk, cycle, scoot or take the car to school. Just make sure you put your bike or scooter in the bike rack at the front of the playground.

### **What will my teacher be like?**

All of the teachers and helpers in the school are really nice and kind. They will look after you and make sure you enjoy school.

They will be really kind and fun and you will have such a good time in P1.

The teachers are really kind and they will help you with anything you need.

### **How many classrooms are there?**

There are 15 classrooms in the school.

### **How often can I go to the toilet?**

You can go to the toilet whenever you need to, you just ask your teacher.

### **Will we line up when the bell goes?**

Usually we line up at the beginning of the day but after break and lunch we can just go back into school when the bell goes.

### **Will I have my own buddy?**

Yes, you will have your own buddy. Sometimes you are lucky and get 2 buddies! All of P7 are buddies though so you can ask any of them for help and they will help you.

### **Are my friends going to be in my class?**

You might have friends and people you know in your class but everyone makes friends really quickly so you don't need to worry if your friend is not in your class.

You will see your friends during the day at lunch and at break.

Everyone becomes friends in P1 and there are lots of chances to play with your friends during the day.

I was in a different class from my best friend in P1 but I still saw her and played with her and also made new friends too!

### **What will I get for lunch?**

You can either get a school lunch or a packed lunch.

Mrs Raynor is our school cook and she cooks really nice lunches.

You get a lunch menu to look at with your parents at home so you can decide what you want before you even come to school!

### **Who do I ask if I need help?**

You can ask ANYONE in the school and they will help you. The older children and the P7 buddies will always help you if you are worried or sad.

All the adults in the school can help you and they are really kind to talk to. If you are worried just ask, they will look after you.

You can ask any adult or child. If they can't help you they will find someone who can.

### **Is there anything else that you would like to tell your buddy about going to school, to reassure them about starting in August?**

Be brave and don't be worried about making friends you can always go to your buddy to ask for help and all the teachers and helpers are very kind and supportive. Most of all make sure you have fun!

Don't be nervous about starting school because there are lots of children that would love to help and be friends with you. Your teacher would love to help you too.

It can be a bit scary at first but before you know it you will have made lots of new friends and have lots of fun learning new things.

Everyone is really friendly and Newton is so much fun. You are going to love P1!