**New Entrants Information 2022-2023**

**Additional information**

**Please put names on EVERYTHING; including PE kits and shoes!**

**Uniform –** School Uniform, such as, sweatshirts, cardigans, book bags and PE shorts can be ordered online via Touchline, however, you can purchase plain purple sweatshirts and cardigans at most supermarkets.

Uniform to be worn in accordance with our school policy; white polo shirt/white short sleeved shirt, grey trousers/pinafore/skirt, purple school sweatshirt/cardigan, grey/black/white socks or tights and black shoes.

**PE Kits** – Your child will need a PE kit. This consists of a white t shirt, purple shorts and black pumps. These will stay on the child’s coat peg for the whole half term. This needs to be brought to school in a draw string school bag.

**Snack** –Children are encouraged to become independent in getting and making their own snack. Children will have access to snack throughout the morning. This will consist of fruit, milk and water and an additional snack of either toast, cheese and crackers, brioche, malt loaf, sandwiches, cereal and yoghurts. Snack costs £1.50 per week and should be given to a member of the Reception team on a Monday morning in a named envelope. Snack can also be paid for termly or yearly at a discounted price.

**Book Bags -** To be brought in each day, it is also advisable to check these daily for letters and notes home. Each child will be given a reading record which should also stay in the Book Bag and be brought into school daily. It is a good idea to put a key ring on the Book bag so that your child can recognise it easily.

**School Meals** -Meals provided by the school canteen will be free as part of the government Universal Free School Meals initiative. The teacher will help your child to choose something for lunch each day if they are to have one. Packed lunches can still be brought in if you wish, in a small, named box or bag easily opened by the child. This must contain a healthy lunch with no fizzy drinks or chocolate/sweets.

**Drinks -**Your child does need a named water bottle in school each day filled with water, not juice. Children will be encouraged to drink regularly in class. No soft or fizzy drinks will be permitted.

**Learning Journey Files –** Your child’s learning and development will be recorded in their own individual learning journey file. These are kept in school and there will be planned opportunities for you to view them and see your child’s progress. However, you are welcome to have a look at this at any time. Please ask a member of staff if you would like to come in and see it at any point throughout the year.

**Parent Contribution –** At Latchford St James we value parents as partners and understand how vital it is to work together to enable your child to reach their full potential. We ask parents/carers to complete WOW certificates when your child has reached a milestone or achievement (this may be zipping their coat up independently, walking safely near roads, a swimming, dance or football award etc.) at home so that we can celebrate this together. Please give completed WOW certificates to a member of the Reception team. These will be put on display in our classroom.

**Parent Workshops –** Throughout the year you will be invited to attend our parent workshops. These workshops are designed to demonstrate a range of subjects and skills, such as, Phonics, Guided Reading and Maths. At the workshops we will provide supporting materials for you to help your child practise and consolidate key skills at home. They are well attended and found very useful in helping children to achieve and become the best that they can be.

**Weekly newsletters** will be sent home each Friday and will also appear on the school website. Our school website is [www.lsj.org.uk](http://www.lsj.org.uk) you can visit this for lots more information.

**School Payment information** – We use Parentpay for payments within School for trips and visits. You will receive your authorisation code and user name the first week of School. We cannot process this until your child arrives on Day 1.

**Warrington Guardian Class Photo -** During the second week of October the Warrington Guardian will feature class photos of the new reception classes starting in September. If you **do not** wish for your child to participate please inform Miss Lea.