

### **Independence**

We are working hard in school to encourage the children to be independent with their learning, using equipment and dressing and undressing.

Please could you support your child by encouraging them to practise using the buttons on their shirts, putting on/taking off their jumper/cardigan and coat independently.

## A quick guide to Reception



*To love and serve as  
Jesus shows us*

### **Toast and snacks**

Snacks for break time should be healthy – please avoid snack bars (as they contain high amounts of sugar), crisps, sweets and chocolate.

If you wish for your child to have toast and/or a drink provided through the school kitchen, please ensure that sufficient money is loaded onto your ParentPay account.

### **Home activities**

Please read regularly (at least 3 times per week) with your child and discuss the text. Record this in their diary, which should be returned to school daily.

Please support your child with learning to write their first name and numbers to 10.

Please help your child learning to read and write the high frequency words and tricky words for the phonics phase they are working on: beginning at phase two.

### **Key People**

This year your child will be working with:

Mrs Carroll: Class Teacher

Mrs Gaskell: Teaching Assistant

### **Communication**

Please read the Newsletter and any letters sent home as they contain important information. Your child's diary also now contains lots of key information about school life and the curriculum

Please use the school website for school and class information: [www.stvincentsprimary.org](http://www.stvincentsprimary.org)

Follow us on Twitter for regular updates on what is going on in school: @stvincentsrcp

Any urgent messages can be passed on in your child's diary or at the door in a morning, otherwise an appointment should be made through the office. As much as possible, staff will also be available on a Thursday for "drop ins".

### **Attendance and Punctuality**

Please ensure that your child attends school regularly. We expect attendance of at least 96%. Attendance less than 90% will be challenged.

Punctuality is equally important as being late and will disrupt your child's learning and the learning of other children. Please ensure that your child is on time for school. Persistent lateness will also be challenged.

PE lessons this year are on:  
Mondays and Tuesdays

PE kits will remain in school for the half term.

### **E-safety**

Children are spending much more time online and therefore the risks associated need to be managed. Please talk to your child about keeping safe online so that they get a consistent message from home and school. You don't need to be an expert – there is lots of information to support you in keeping your child safe online.

