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GEORGE STREET PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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Dear Reception Parents and Carers,

Our Reception children have now been in school for three days, and we are delighted with how well they are settling into their new classes. During this time, staff have been carefully observing how the children interact, play, and engage with their new environment.

As part of supporting your child's development, there are some important skills that can be practised at home which will help them become more confident and independent in school. If possible, we would appreciate parents focusing on the following:

- Going to the toilet independently
- Putting on and taking off their own coat
- Feeding themselves and using a fork correctly
- Knowing and recognising (verbally) their own name
- Practising colours
- Practising counting and recognising numbers if possibly
- Singing nursery rhymes and familiar songs
- Playing independently for short periods
- Playing and sharing with other children

Developing these skills helps children build confidence, resilience, and independence, which are all important foundations for learning.

We also recognise that digital devices such as iPads and other educational technology can support learning when used appropriately. However, we would encourage families to balance this with other forms of play and learning. Limiting screen time on phones, tablets, computers, and other devices allows children more opportunities to develop their communication, social, physical, and creative skills through real-life experiences and interactions.

Thank you for your continued support. Working together helps us give your child the very best start to their school journey.

Kind regards,

The Reception Team and Mrs Manley



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