

# Starting School 2023



## Repton Manor Primary School

An information booklet for  
prospective families.

# Our Ethos at Repton Manor

## We respect each other

### I am important to my school and my school is important to me

Every single child and their needs come first. All decisions; from the layout of the building to the design of our curriculum; from the employment of new staff to expenditure of our budget, is made by answering the question, “What is best for our children?”

### I feel safe, healthy and cared for

Repton Manor Primary School ensures all children are safe. Our new building meets all up to date health and safety requirements. It is secure to pupils whilst still being open and welcoming to parents. School lunches are of a high standard and some older pupils will even have the chance to learn how to cook alongside our school catering staff whilst developing an understanding of a healthy diet. Children feel cared for and know there is always an adult there to listen, we have developed a ‘family ethos’ to our school. We are an inclusive school and everyone is valued.



# Our Ethos at Repton Manor

**We take pride in our learning**

## **I enjoy learning because it is fun and exciting**

A rich and exciting curriculum reinforces basic skills and leads to high achievement for all. Skilled and professional teaching staff ensure children are enthused about learning by making individual steps clear through fun lessons inside and outside the classroom. Our beautiful school building inspires children and caters for a wide range of learning styles. We see children as individuals and as such they learn in a variety of ways, supported by a variety of teaching approaches.

## **I am proud of myself and believe I can do my very best**

Children achieve their best when they know their success is celebrated by those around them. Our staff foster a sense of pride and happiness through caring relationships with our children. Repton Manor values each child and as a result, children look forward to coming to school every day.



# Our Ethos at Repton Manor

We care for our community

## I am learning about the people and world around me

Repton Park, within Ashford Town, is a wonderful and dynamic community. Our school is at the heart of this community and our children gain an understanding about the diverse range of people, rich multi-culture and amazing natural world in which we live. Children will develop a sense of their rights and responsibilities to our local, national and global community and begin to make a positive impact on their future.

## I celebrate learning with my family and my community

Parents and family are the most important and influential people in a child's development. We aim to involve parents in their children's learning as much as possible, giving each child the best possible start in life. There are many opportunities to learn and celebrate with your child and our community here at Repton Manor Primary School.



# What facilities does Repton Manor have?



A fully equipped Design and Technology Studio.



A large school field with a running track and a spacious school hall for PE.



# What facilities does Repton Manor have?



A fully equipped Computer Suite and iPads.



A designated Art Studio.



# What facilities does Repton Manor have?



A beautiful new Library with its's very own reading fairy!



An outdoor classroom and nature area.



# What facilities does Repton Manor have?



A fully equipped sensory room.



An outside stage



A whole school mud kitchen, sand and water area and climbing equipment!





# Starting School - The Early Years

## Who will be teaching and caring for my child in Year R?

Our dedicated team for the Early Years Foundation Stage, who are experienced in settling children into school life and supporting them to reach those early milestones, will be teaching the children in Year R.

## How will my child get to know these key adults before they start school?

We will make Nursery visits in June/July. We will also have stay and play sessions for the children to get to know their classroom.

We will make Home Visits to all children during June and July. The purpose of a Home Visit is for staff to meet children in their own surroundings, where they feel happy and secure. Children really respond to their teachers coming to see them at home and it also gives parents the opportunity to ask questions and to talk about their child.

## When will my child start school?

We want our children to make a smooth transition into school. Children need time and good quality adult support to settle and to feel secure. They will then get the best from their experiences. Your child's transition into school will happen through a carefully planned transition which initially allows the children to come into school for shorter sessions. This allows them to return to the familiar base of home more quickly than a typical day at school.



# Starting School - The Early Years

## Our Vision for Early Years

Upon starting the Early Years at Repton Manor, children will be invited into an enriched environment which enables them to make independent choices, develop interests, build resilience and ignite curiosity. Within this carefully thought about environment, adults have a deep understanding of how children learn and develop in the Early Years specifically. Adults spend time becoming engrossed in shared thinking and discussion, they know how to move learning on in a purposeful way. We ensure that every child's voice is heard and individual needs are met through rigorous plan, do, review cycles for individuals and groups. All areas of the EYFS curriculum are valued and significant importance is placed on developing the Prime areas. It is important to us that children are given real life experiences which they are able to draw upon using their skills and knowledge to build links between different areas of learning. You will find our children outside come rain or shine, experiencing the weather and the changing seasons. We see our Early Years children as endlessly capable individuals.

## How will my child learn during the first year of school?

Children have planned, daily adult led learning opportunities as well as their own child initiated learning times. The routine develops over the year and changes to meet the children's needs as they grow and learn. We love spending time learning in our outdoor classroom as well as in our exciting indoor environment.



# Who shall I speak to?

Who should I talk to if my child has additional needs and I have questions related to this?

Our Inclusion Director is Louise Summers and she will be happy to speak to you regarding any additional needs that your child may have. Alternatively, Katie Allen is our Inclusion Assistant who is equally well placed to answer any questions.

Who should I talk to if I have any questions about the school?

Please email any questions to [office@reptonmanor.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@reptonmanor.kent.sch.uk) and the appropriate member of staff will get back to you.

Who should I talk to if I need support filling in paperwork?

Any member of the office team will do their utmost to assist you with any challenges you have when filling in paperwork, please don't be scared to ask. We understand just how daunting this process of applying and starting a new school can be. We want to make the process as easy as possible.

## How do I apply for a school place?

Please apply for a school place for 2023 on the following website:

[www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places](http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places)

All applications must be complete and sent by  
**Monday 16 January 2023**