




The big day is here! Michael, Sam and Lian are starting school at Castle Wood Academy.



What happens when I get to school?

An illustration of a school hallway. On the left, there is a rack of colorful shoes. In the center, a teacher with short brown hair, wearing a purple sweater and a green skirt, stands with her arms crossed. To her right, a young girl in a light blue school uniform waves her hand. In the foreground, a man with a mustache in a blue shirt is shaking hands with a boy in an orange hoodie. To the right, another young boy in a light blue school uniform waves his hand towards a woman in a pink coat. In the background, there are rows of red and yellow lockers.

Your grown-ups will bring you through the school gates and a kind teacher will be waiting in the playground to say hello to you.

The teacher shows Michael, Sam and Lian the outdoor lockers where they leave their coats and the trolley where they put their lunch boxes.

“Goodbye!” they say happily as they wave to their grown-ups before going into the classroom.

What will I do at school?

The children will practise writing their names until the teacher asks them to form the morning circle on the carpet. The teacher tells them all the exciting things they will be learning about that day.

There are lots of things to do outdoors, such as... playing with sand and water, or playing in the mud kitchen. In the classroom, there are lots of things to play with and a crafts area and a reading den.



Michael can't wait to get out the building blocks to do some construction. Lian enjoys playing with the water outside.



Can you write your name?

What if I'm hungry or thirsty?

The children bring their own water bottles into school with their names on and can have a drink from their bottle whenever they are thirsty. At snack time, they enjoy milk and a piece of fruit.

They go to the big hall to have their lunch and sit at tables with the other children.



"Oh, this is tasty," says Michael, tucking into his food, while Sam makes a new friend. The children can either have a hot meal or bring in a packed lunch to eat. But they can't bring in anything containing nuts. This is to make sure everyone stays safe.

What if I need the toilet?

Children can go to the toilet whenever they need to. They just have to let an adult know. Sam asks to go to the toilet. It is just off the classroom.



The teacher reminds Sam to flush the toilet afterwards to keep it clean and to wash carefully at one of the basins. Sam goes straight back to the classroom after finishing.

Can you go to the toilet by yourself?

What happens in the outdoor learning area?

The Reception classes have their own safe outdoor learning area with a building area, a mud kitchen, bikes and a climbing frame. Michael happily shares a bike with another little boy in the play area.



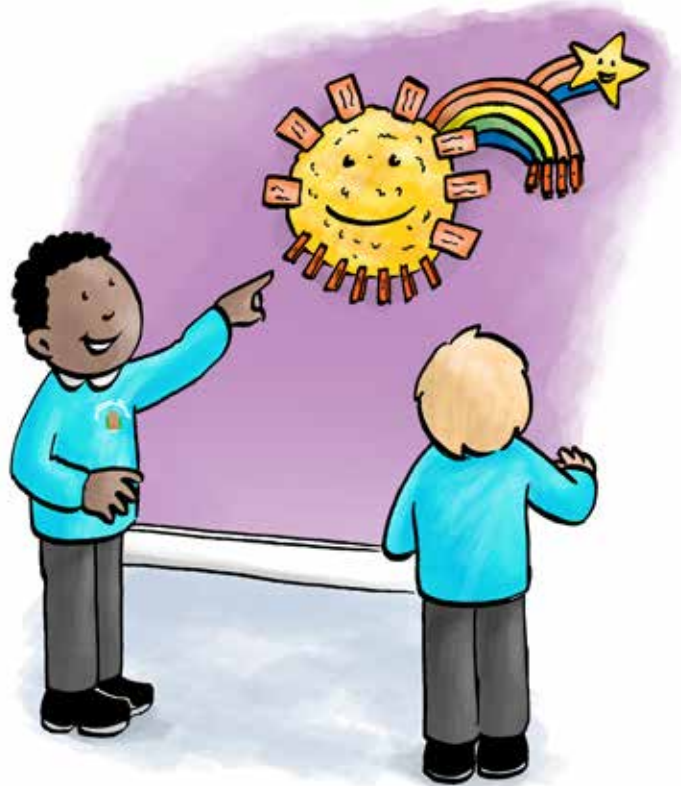
“This is great fun!” says Lian to Sam as they play together on the climbing frame.

How do I follow the rules at school?

Michael is thrilled his teacher has put his peg on the rainbow. Now he wants to work even harder to see if he can get onto the shooting star.

She has told him that it is a reward because he has been exceptionally good on his first day at school.

Sometimes pegs might be moved onto the cloud. This only happens if bad or unkind choices are made. The teacher will encourage the child to have their peg moved back to the sunshine or rainbow by making better choices.



Would you like to see your peg on the rainbow?

What happens at the end of the day?

Michael, Sam and Lian have now got their coats out of their lockers. They are sitting on the carpet listening to a story from the teacher.

Soon their grown-ups will come to pick them up because it is the end of the school day.

All the new children have had a lovely first day at Castle Wood Academy.

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