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How do I enrol my child?

- You can call into the office at Fruitvale and pick up forms to enrol your child or you can get the enrolment forms off the school website.
- Please check our zone information on our website to make sure that you are living within this.

When should I do this?

- Allow at least 3 months prior to your child turning 5. This gives time to arrange school visits. You can also bring your child along to the school during the weekends so that they can play on the playgrounds and become familiar with their new environment.

What paperwork do I need to provide?

- If your child was born in New Zealand or a New Zealand realm country, bring in their birth certificate or passport. We also ask for your child's immunisation details.
- If your child was born overseas we require valid immigration documents (not a visitor's visa), birth certificate or passport, and your child's immunisation details.
- Please bring in proof of address

What level will my child be at school?

- Children who turn 5 from January to April are **usually** classified as a Year 1. Most of the children who start during this time will move into Year 2 the following year, **if they are ready for this**.
- Children who turn 5 after April will start school as a Year 0 and will move into Year 1 the following year.

How do I organise school visits? How many do we need?

- School visits are organised when you call into the school to enrol your child. Most children will make 3 school visits. These are held between 9.30 and 11 am in the New Entrant classroom. If you feel that your child may need more than 3 visits, or a longer transition into school period, this too can be discussed and arranged.

Do I need to come to my child's school visits?

- We ask that you accompany your child to the school visits. If after the first visit we feel that your child is coping well then we will suggest that you leave for a while and come back at pick up time.

Where do we meet for school visits?

- We ask that you meet at the school office and we will accompany you to the classroom.

How can I help my child be "ready" for school?

- See "School Ready" sheet

What is the process if my child needs additional special support or has Special Needs?

- If a child has been to an Early Learning Centre (ECE) or Kindergarten, support may already be in place and an Early Intervention Team assigned. We then liaise with parents, the Early Intervention Team, the ECE or Kindergarten, and any specialist care teams to work out a transition plan which will best support the student and their needs.
- If no early intervention has taken place, we can discuss any needs at enrolment. We will then liaise with the Early Learning Centre or Kindergarten and any supplementary support teams we feel may need to be involved to plan for a supportive transition into school.

Where do I buy the uniform? What if I can't afford it? Is there any support?

- NZ Uniforms, 7 Rata Street New Lynn stock the Fruitvale uniform. We suggest you get the tee-shirt and sweatshirt from here. The children can wear any black shorts, pants or leggings and these are often picked up cheaply at the Warehouse or Postie Plus.
- We do have uniforms donated back to the school when children grow out of these or if they leave and most of the time have a small stock of these kept at the office. If you would like support with getting a uniform for your child, please check in at the office and we will see what we have available .
- Please name all of your children's belongings, including their uniform.

What kind of lunch boxes are expected? eg litterless

- We have two lunchtimes - one at 11am and another at 1.20. The children get to sit down and eat for 10 minutes at these times and a teacher will be there to supervise this. We ask that you give your child healthy lunch and snacks eg: sandwiches, rice, wraps, fruit, crackers and cheese, veges. We are a water only school and we encourage children to bring a refillable water bottle to school each day.
- We have a composting facility at school and we collect the children's food scraps to put into this. We encourage any light plastics from wrappers or lunch wraps to be recycled at home.

Will my child be swimming everyday in summer?

- During the first and last terms, the children swim. They usually swim 3 times per week and it will be in the afternoon when the pool is at its warmest. The teacher will let the children and parents know which days are swimming days.

What ways can I report my child's absence?

- If your child is going to be absent for any reason we ask that you email attendance@fruitvale.school.nz

Do you have a payment platform or do I bring cash to the office?

- We are a cashless school. We have eftpos and take bank transfers when payment is required.