

# St Christopher School

## Frequently Asked Questions – Starting in the “Monte”

In order to help make the first few days run smoothly, here are the answers to some of the questions parents ask most frequently during this time.

### **What does my child need to bring?**

Outdoor shoes they can manage themselves

A pair of soft soled slippers

Wellies

Outdoor wear, including pull-on waterproof trousers and top

Spare clothes

It is very helpful to your child and their growing independence if all items of clothing and footwear have simple fasteners that they can manage themselves

### **Should I label these things?**

Yes please

### **Does my child need to bring a snack?**

No, a snack is provided everyday. This consists of fresh fruit and a drink of milk or water

### **Can my child bring a toy to school?**

We prefer toys to stay at home please

### **How long will my child’s first day be?**

Generally, the first couple of mornings are short, lasting an hour and a half

### **How long will the second day last if needed?**

Two hours

### **How long will subsequent days last?**

Hopefully, by the third day your child will be able to cope with a full morning.

### **Swimming**

All the children have the opportunity to go swimming every Monday. If your child is a Half Monte, you will need to accompany them over to the swimming pool while they have their lesson at 11.45. Staff take the Top Monte’s for swimming at 14.30, this needs to be booked as an extra session.

**Should I come to the classroom to help settle my child?**

We have found that it is best to say goodbye in the cloakroom area. Through experience we have found that if parents say goodbye positively and quickly a child settles very easily. A member of staff always sits by the classroom door ready to greet the children as they say goodbye.

**When should I arrive at School?**

The Monte opens at 08.30. Children can arrive from this time until 08.40.

Times for settling-in visits vary.

**What time do I collect my child?**

Once settling-in visits are completed, please collect your child at the following times:

Half Monte: 11.45

Top Monte: 13.30 or 15.20

**What do I do if my child is unwell?**

Please let us know if you decide to keep your child at home by calling 01462 650925 and leave a message. We do have an exclusion policy which states our guidelines regarding childhood illnesses.

Many thanks

The Monte Staff

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