



# Isabella & Elijah's



# First Day at Allenbourn



Elijah is starting at Allenbourn today.



He has chosen to wear grey trousers with his black sweatshirt.

He has been practising hard at tying his own school tie.



Elijah is nervous about starting at Allenbourn, even though he knows lots of other children who are going. This is ok.



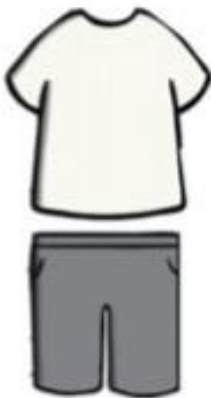
Isabella is also starting at Allenbourn today

She has chosen a grey skirt to wear with her black sweatshirt.



She has been practising, but still needs some help with tying her school tie.

This is ok. She can ask for help at school.



On PE days, Elijah and Isabella can wear their PE kit to school.

Isabella is very excited about starting at Allenbourn, even though she doesn't know any other children who are going.



How are you feeling about your first day at Allenbourn?

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Elijah & Isabella both checked they had what they needed in their schoolbag for their first day.

Isabella had:

- A healthy snack for break
- A Water bottle
- A small pencil case with 2 BLUE pens, a ruler & a pencil
- A packed lunch



Elijah had:

- A healthy snack for break
- A Water bottle
- A small pencil case with 2 BLUE pens, a ruler & a pencil



For the first week or so, Elijah will have a packed lunch. His teachers will tell him when the canteen is open for hot dinners.

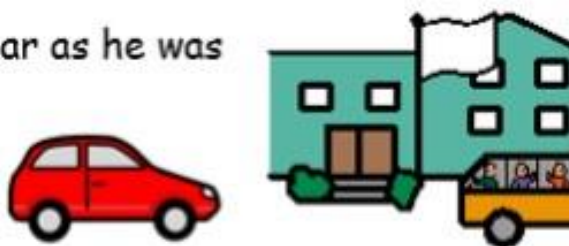
Both children had made sure that their clothes and bags were named so that if anything got lost, it would be returned to them.

Is there anything else you think you need to put in your school bag?

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Isabella & Elijah both set off for school.

Elijah's Dad took him in the car as he was then going off to work.



Isabella's Mum walked to school so that Isabella could ride on her scooter.

Allenbourn has a special shelter to put bikes and scooters in to keep them safe and dry during the day.

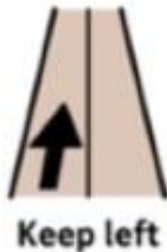
When they got to school Isabella & Elijah saw lots of other children who were going to start in Year 5.



The children had all been told to come through the Year 5 doors. They have to meet at 8.30. The Year 5 teachers were there to welcome the new children on their way in.



Elijah and Isabella were both in Miss Osborne's class (5L), Miss Osborne was waiting by her classroom to welcome her new class.



In the corridors everyone walked on the left.

In the classroom, Miss Osborne showed them where they would be sitting.

The tables were in rows in the classroom. Isabella & Elijah were sat on the same row, along with 2 other children.

Elijah knew one of them from his first school and thought he knew another one from his football club. Isabella didn't know anyone else but was too excited to be worried.



Who will be your class Tutor?

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Do you know anyone else in your class?

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At 8.40 a bell went off. This made most of the children jump, but Miss Osborne explained that this meant it was time to take the register. There would be bells throughout the day to remind everyone when it was break/lunch time and the start of a new lesson.



Elijah thought the bell was very noisy. This is ok.



He can find an adult in the classroom if he needs help.



After this, Miss Osborne showed the children where to hang their coats and bags and made sure they knew where the toilets were.

Each child had a named peg for their coat. They also had a 'pigeon hole'. This was to put their PE Kit and school bag in when they were not needed. Each person also has a tray for their books, and a peg for their coat.





Isabella thought it was easy to find her way around school, but Elijah wasn't quite sure. On the first day, Year 5 will be the only children at Allenbourn. This is to help everyone settle in.

The teachers were all very smiley and friendly.

Before they knew it, Break time had arrived! This was a time to refill water bottles and visit the toilet if necessary.



All the children got their healthy snack to eat and took it outside into the playground. This playground is just for the Year 5's.

Some children were happy to see some of their friends who had been put into different classes. Others just wanted to be with their new class.



Isabella stood apart for a while because she wasn't sure what to do, but seeing that she was on her own, Elijah asked her to come and play with his friends.



Together, they played a game of 'It' where everyone ran around and took turns at being 'on' - the children were very thirsty afterwards and needed their water bottles!

What games do you like to play?

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What healthy snacks do you like to eat?

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At 12.15 it was time for lunch.

Isabella got her lunchbox from her pigeon hole and took it to her desk to eat.



The midday supervisors blew a whistle when it was time to go outside, and if children had finished their lunch, they could go outside to play.

Isabella and Elijah said goodbye to each other - they both felt they had made a new friend today!



Are you looking forward to making new friends at Allenbourn?

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Isabella had to remember to get her scooter from the bike shed before she went home with Mum.

Elijah was going home with one of his friends - also in Year 5 - they were going to have A LOT to talk about before tea!



What would you like your first day at Allenbourn to be like?

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Please ask us if there is anything else you want to know.

See you in September!