

Chicken Checklist

- Top up/change water if necessary. Hose is outside Reception class.
- Top up food (layers pellets) if necessary, adding 2 handfuls of corn. The silver food bins are outside the Reception classroom. Watch out for spilt corn, we don't want any other creatures around...
- Changing the litter trays. Trays slide out, metal clip underneath releases each tray. Ideally change every other day, soiled newspaper can be added to the black compost bin. Fresh paper by the food bins. Check straw but this is usually clean. Fresh straw, if needed, by the food bins.
- Check egg hatch for eggs and please take home.
- Make sure the run, egg hatch and gate are shut when you leave and chickens are in their run. Their bedroom door remains open so they can come and go as they please. Also remember to lock school gate!
- Please pass this information on, along with watering sheet, when you finish your turn. Thanks x

If you want to let the chickens free range while you are in the garden/watering etc. that's great. They are very good at going home if you ask nicely!

Watering

If it hasn't rained please water. The pots dry out incredibly quickly. There is a hose outside Reception, a hose behind year 2 and a watering can for the strawberry planters - the hose doesn't reach.

Areas for watering:

- Raised beds and borders in Reception garden.
- Hedge plants outside Reception garden
- Round wooden planters alongside the classrooms (there maybe some ripe tomatoes!)
- Low wooden planters outside Year 2, pomegranate tree in a blue pot, the raised bed beside the bike store (pick any cucumbers!) and the prickly rose in a green planter
- Continue alongside the building at the back of the kitchen and you will see a long line of plants in pots (pick any courgettes!)

Thanks for your support,
Caroline x

If you have any queries regarding chickens or gardening issues out of school hours, Caroline's number can be found inside the cover of the nesting box in the Omlet (chicken house).