



20th September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Reception!

It has been lovely to meet all the children and to see them beginning to settle in and get to know each other.

Our main focus this half term is to familiarise the children with school life and to ensure all children are well settled and confident with the routines of Reception. We will be playing lots of games to help the children to get to know each other better.

From next week (week beginning 28th September), we will begin to put up a Weekly Overview on the school website. This will give you more detail about some of the learning that will take place that week.

Please let us know about any medical conditions, food intolerances, allergies, etc. and keep us up to date if this changes. If your child has any prescribed medication such as inhalers, please make sure we have these in school and that they are within date.

Early Years Talk

You are invited to our EYFS Evening on **Tuesday 28th September 2021 7-8pm**. This is a chance for you to gain an understanding of how we work in Reception at Coleridge, and how each child's learning is catered for across the different areas of learning. From **7.00pm** you are invited to have a look around your child's classroom, where you will be able to see some of the things that they have been doing since starting school. There will then be a talk in the hall at **7.30pm**. If you're unable to make the evening meeting, the talk will be repeated on **Wednesday morning** in East hall at **9.05am**; please note you will not be able to look around the classrooms at the morning session.

Dropping off/ Going home

The classroom doors are opened at **8.50am**. We will welcome your children at the door and they will put away their things and wash their hands. We are asking parents not to come into the classroom but members of the Reception team will be on hand to help your children put their things away and hang things on their pegs. At **9am** the classroom doors are locked. All children must be in class and ready for 9am, when we do the register. It is very important that children arrive on time to ensure they have a settled start to the day and don't miss any of the learning. If you arrive at school after 9am, please register your child in the office.

Pick-up time is **3.10pm**. If your pick-up arrangement differs from normal then please let us know in advance.

Absence

If your child is not in school due to illness or for any other reason please phone or email the school before 9am to explain why: admin@coleridgeprimary.net This is for safeguarding reasons and your child is at risk of having an 'unauthorised absence' if we do not know the reason. If you need to

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request additional time off school for your child then you **must** fill in an 'Application for pupil leave of absence during term time' form, available at either office. Thank you for your co-operation.

Cooking money

In Reception we aim to have a small group cooking activity each week. We also make play dough for the children to use. Each class has a 'Cooking Money Pot' and we ask for a weekly donation of 50p where possible for ingredients, to enable us to run these activities.

Junk/recycling

We have junk modelling workshops in our middle areas and so appreciate all donations of newspaper, cardboard boxes, cardboard tubes etc. Any other art resources are also always gratefully received.

Water Bottles

Please make sure your child brings in a water bottle labelled with their name so that they can have access to this throughout the day.

Clothes

Children have access to outside in all weather conditions - please ensure that children are dressed appropriately. Children need suitable footwear for running around outside and using the climbing frame and other outdoor equipment. Please label the clothes that your child wears to school with their name; this prevents items of clothing going missing. Lost items can be found in the Lost Property Box which is located next to the office. Lost Property will be sent to charity at the end of each half term so please check before the Thursday of the last week of half term.

It's really helpful if children have a named bag with a set of spare clothes (including underwear) in school, just in case. This can be left on their peg.

Contact details

If you change your mobile phone number, email address or any other contact details please inform the office immediately.

Looking after each other and the environment

Here are a few requests that we really appreciate you respecting:

- ensure your child/children are supervised by you or their carer at drop off and pick up
- remind your child/children to look after the school grounds and their belongings
- walk to school where possible
- cross the road safely at the crossing when Velina (our school crossing patrol) has said it is safe to do so
- put any rubbish in the bin or take it home with you

Dates for your diaries

- Tuesday 28th September– 7-8pm EYFS evening - a chance to meet other parents, see some of the things your child has been doing in the first weeks at school, and hear a talk about the Reception year. Repeated on Wednesday 29th September at 9.05am East hall

- Tuesday 19th October and Wednesday 20th October – Parents' Evening – 4-6pm online (further information will be provided soon)

- Friday 22nd October – last day of half term

- Tuesday 2nd November – children return to school

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INSET days for 2021-22 (staff training days when school is closed for all children)

Friday 8th October: Reading INSET

Monday 1st November: CLPE Phonics Session 1

Monday 24th January: CLPE Phonics Session 2

The final INSET day is still to be finalised.

Haringey term dates 2021-22

<https://www.haringey.gov.uk/children-and-families/schools-and-education/information-parents/term-dates#current>

Please remember to keep checking your emails and the website for additional information. If you have any questions or concerns please come in and speak to us; we are always around at drop-off and pick-up times, and if you need more than a quick chat we can make an appointment for a mutually convenient time.

Thank you for all your support and co-operation. We are looking forward to a happy and successful year together.

Yours sincerely

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