



Nursery Newsletter September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Coleridge Nursery! It has been lovely meeting you all and getting to know your children. All of the children have now started, and are beginning to settle in really well. Some of your children may still be finding the separation and transition into the nursery quite upsetting, particularly if it's their first time in a Nursery setting. There will be days when your child finds it difficult to separate from you but please rest assured, within 2 minutes of closing the door the children are happy and engaged in the Nursery activities.

Working together - to help with the transition into the Nursery, please try to walk your child to the nursery door as opposed to carrying them. Once separated, try to avoid hanging around in the playground, as the more they see you the more they may become distressed. If your child is having a particularly difficult time we will always call you.

The Nursery Team

The members of the Nursery team are:

Nursery Teacher and Leader

Laura Goodey - Monday – Thursday

Early Years Practitioners

Sharon McAvoy – Monday, Tuesday, Friday

Hakima Bali – Wednesday – Friday

Tanya Newman – Monday – Friday

Sharnell Sylvester – Monday - Friday

Lunchtime Support

Sharon McAvoy – Wednesday, Thursday

Jenna Brown – Monday, Tuesday, Friday

Jean Stellard – Monday – Friday

Extended Day Provision 3pm – 6pm

Deborah Rivet and Louise Mattocks – Monday, Tuesday

Hakima Bali and Deborah Rivet - Wednesday

Hakima Bali and Sharon McAvoy – Thursday, Friday

Drop Off and Pick Up arrangements - please see the information below about arrangements for drop off and pick up.

Drop off

AM and full day children - the Nursery door in the Waverley Road playground will be opened at 8.50am and closed at 9.05am for all Full Day and AM children. Due to security reasons and to ensure a calm start for the children, we request that you arrive on time. Please also avoid arriving too early. The door will be closed at 9.05am and all parents/carers need to have left the school playground by this time as we need to close the gates.

PM drop off - the door will be opened at 11:50am and closed at 12pm, please make sure that you arrive on time.

Lateness - if you are late you will have to go to the main office and somebody will come and collect your child. Please call ahead if your child is going to be late or has an appointment as we need to ensure that we have the correct numbers for lunch.

Pick up

AM only pick up - When collecting your child in the morning, the Nursery gate will be open between 11.50am and 12pm, therefore you can collect your child during this time.

3pm pickup - you will need to collect your child via the Reception playground on Waverley Road.

Extended day – You can collect your child at any time between 3pm and 6pm via the main Nursery Entrance. You will need to press the buzzer when you arrive. Please make sure you collect your child before 6pm as there is a charge for late pick up, so please make sure you have the Nursery phone number in case you are running late.

Bikes and scooters

If you are collecting at 3pm please leave bikes and scooters in the Reception playground bike shelter. Unfortunately,

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if you are collecting your child or arriving at 12pm there will be nowhere to store bikes and scooters as the school gates are locked during the day.

Extended day provision and AM or PM top ups

You will all now have received your online codes to make payments for any extra provision. If you are having problems with this or you haven't received your code please let a member of staff know. If you would like to amend your days or enquire about available spaces please speak to Mrs Goodey or send an email to admin@coleridgeprimary.net and put 'for the attention of Laura Goodey and Schirin Kishore'. All extra sessions must be paid for in advance.

Toys and Gadgets

It is school policy that children do not bring toys or gadgets from home into nursery or school. Items can be lost or broken, which can be distressing for the children. If your child wants to bring something into Nursery please support us by explaining that they are not allowed to. We do not accept responsibility for children's toys/gadgets.

Nursery Coffee Morning and Curriculum chat

We will be holding a coffee morning on **Thursday 28th September from 9am – 10am in the East Hall** for all Nursery parents and carers. This will be a chance for you to meet other parents/carers and listen to Mrs Goodey talk about our Nursery Curriculum and how children learn at this age. After you have dropped your child off, please go to the main office and you will be directed to the main hall, where tea and coffee will be available. We hope that you can make it.

Snacks

Please make sure that you **do not** send snacks in with your child, as we have children in the Nursery with food allergies. We provide fruit and milk every day for the children to eat so snacks are not needed. Please also remember that we are a no nuts school so if your child has a packed lunch please do not send any food with nuts in them.

Parent Hub and Weekly Overviews

You should by now have received details for how to download and log in to Parent Hub. It's really important you join up as we will be using the programme to let you know what we have been doing and share photos and videos with you. We will also be posting a weekly overview to let you know

what we will be doing in the Nursery the following week with useful links or activities to support your child's learning at home. There will also be opportunities for you to send photos to Parent Hub for us to share with the other children in class.

Parent Reps

We would really like to hear from you if you would like to be a parent rep for the Nursery. We find that having parent reps helps us to communicate information and to help organise events in the Nursery. Please let a member of the nursery team know if you would be interested in becoming a parent rep.

Spare clothes

Lots of children are finding it hard to carry their bags in each day. To make it easier for them, please could you make sure that spare clothes are kept at Nursery in a plastic bag or a pump bag with their name on it. If they want, they can then bring in a small rucksack/bag each day that can hold their water bottle in.

Medical conditions & food allergies/intolerances

It is vital that we have accurate information about any medical conditions or food allergies/intolerances your child may have. Please report any changes to the school office.

Nursery Stay and Play Sessions

Each half term we will be hosting stay and play sessions. This will be a chance for you to play and learn in the Nursery with your child. We will be starting the sessions after October half term once all of the children are settled.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 28th September: 9 - 10am Nursery Coffee morning.

Monday 16th October and Wednesday 18th October: Nursery Parent meetings. More information on appointment times and how to book your slot will follow soon.

If you have any questions regarding your child or the Nursery please speak to a member of the Nursery team. We are looking forward to a really happy and successful year together.

Thank you

The Nursery Team

