

Reception Newsletter

September 2018

Welcome

We would like to welcome all children and their families to Reception. The children have settled in very well and are keen to explore the exciting activities on offer!
 If you have any questions, the staff will be available to speak to **after** school each day.

Morning Routine and Independence

Please allow your child to come into the classroom by themselves each morning. We are encouraging children to be independent and would like them to hang up their coats, put away their bags and find their names by themselves. If your child cannot put on or fasten their own coat, please spend some time helping them to practise this skill each day. It would also be helpful if you could teach your child how to pull sleeves out the right way.

School Dinners and Packed Lunches



If your child is going to have school dinners next week, please teach them how to use a knife and fork and to feed themselves. Please remember there are 90 Reception children eating lunch at the same time, your child will be expected to eat independently.

If your child brings in a packed lunch, please ensure it does not contain foods with nuts as we have children with severe nut allergies. Unhealthy foods such as chocolate, crisps, cakes and sweets are not permitted as we are a Healthy Eating school. Please ensure you read our Packed Lunch Policy on the school website.



Allergies and Dietary Needs

Please ensure you tell the Reception staff of any changes to your child's allergies or dietary needs, also if your child only eats Halal food.

Family Photo

If you haven't done so already, please send in a family photo to add to our displays (maximum A5 size).



Waterproof coats and Wellington Boots

Your child needs to wear a waterproof coat to school **every day**. They will also need a named pair of Wellington boots which can be kept at school.



Labelling Clothes

Please label all of your child's belongings; this includes all school uniform, coats, hats, gloves, scarves, bags and spare clothes.



Spare Clothes

Please remember to bring spare clothes and underwear in a named bag for your child.



All sorts of accidents happen in Reception!

All About Me Booklets

If you haven't returned your child's booklet, please do so as soon as possible. If your child received a report from a nursery/pre-school different to Colindale Nursery Class, please give a copy to your child's class teacher.

Tapestry Online Journals

All parents of children who attended our nursery will need to re-activate their account before accessing their child's online journal. An email was sent to you outlining how to do this. All parents of children new to the school have been sent an activation email. If you haven't received an email, please see your child's teachers.



Donations



The children really enjoy making models with recycled materials. Please send in items such as cereal boxes, kitchen roll tubes, clean yoghurt pots, egg boxes and bottle top lids.

Please ensure the containers have not contained nuts or nut products.

Attendance and Punctuality



It is very important that your child attends school every day unless they are unwell or there is a family emergency. In Reception, your child will miss out on important learning if they do not attend school regularly.

It is also important that your child comes to school on time as they will miss out on our morning routine and whole class lessons.

Please make sure you collect your child on time. Children can be very upset if they are the last ones left at the end of the day.

Please note: the class teachers will not allow your child to go home with someone else unless you tell them in advance. Please call the school office to let them know if you forget to inform the teacher or you have made last minute arrangements.



Book Bags

A reminder that your child's book bag should only contain books or letters. Children are not allowed to bring their own toys, snacks or drinks in their bags to school.

Health and Safety outside

The staff spend a long time setting up different activities each morning. Please do not allow your child to play with reception equipment before or after school, **this includes the monkey bars.**

School Uniform and Outdoor Clothing Reminder

- Trousers, pinafores and skirts must be grey, not black.
- Tights and socks must be white or grey.
- Shoes must be **plain black**.
- If your child wears boots to school, they must bring a pair of black shoes to change into.
- Coats need to be warm and waterproof with a hood.
- All items including coats, hats, gloves, scarves, bags and spare clothes must be labelled with your child's name.
- Jewellery is not allowed; this includes necklaces, bracelets, earrings (except for studs) and watches.
- Hair accessories should be kept to a minimum (e.g. plain headbands).
- Nail polish is not allowed.



Thank you for your support

Reception Staff Team