

Christ Church CE Primary School



EYFS Information Booklet

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Welcome to Christ Church School

We hope that your children will have a happy and enjoyable time with us. Here is some information that will explain the things you need to know, and help to settle your child into school quickly. Please take the time to read through it and do keep it for future reference.

EYFS Unit

Our Early Years classes, Nursery and Reception, work closely together as one EYFS unit. The children share resources, planning and learning opportunities throughout the day, helping them to feel part of a wider Early Years community.

There will be times during the day when the children separate into their own classes or smaller groups, for example for phonics, reading and age-appropriate teaching sessions. This helps us to make sure that learning is carefully matched to each child's stage of development, while still giving children the benefits of learning together as one EYFS unit.

Working together in this way supports children's transition from Nursery to Reception, helps them to build strong relationships with all Early Years staff, and gives them opportunities to make friendships across year groups. These relationships can support children's confidence, wellbeing and sense of belonging throughout their time at school.

As we work as a cohesive EYFS team, all members of staff may observe your child, celebrate their progress and share important moments in their learning journey.

We are really looking forward to working with you and your child.



The School Day

The gate opens at 8:50am and School begins at 9.00am. Children are invited to come into school from 8:50am to complete soft-start activities which are linked to the foundational skills we want children to develop in EYFS.

Daily timings

Morning session: 9.00am – 12.00pm

Lunchtime: 12.00 – 1.00pm

Afternoon Session: 12:30pm - 3:30pm

Please be on time to collect your child at the end of the day. Children can become easily distressed if they are the only one left on the carpet.



Drop off and dismissal for children in Early Years will be at the classroom door.

If someone other than yourself is collecting your child, please let us know beforehand. We will not allow your child to go home with anyone without your authority.

Staff will always be available after school if you have any concerns. Staff are usually busy in the morning settling the children, but will be available for anything urgent, such as informing them your child is unwell.

Settling-in Procedures for Nursery children

For children in Nursery, we have a staggered entry programme to ensure that all children are happy and settled. You will be informed of your child's start date during your home visit/ school meeting.

The first day

Children come to school at 9:00 am and leave at 11:45 am.

The rest of the first week

Children come into school at 9:00am and are collected at 1.00 pm. They will have lunch at school on this day.

The second week onwards

If your child has settled quickly and is full-time, they will attend from 9.00am to 3.30pm.

We are encouraging children to be as independent from the beginning of school. Therefore, where possible we are hoping children say goodbye to their grown ups at the classroom door. This will be dependent on specific circumstances on each day.

If needed, an individual settling in plan will be made through discussions between the class teacher and parent / carers.



Settling-in Procedures for Reception children who were in Nursery at Christ Church:

Children coming into Reception who were in Nursery at Christ Church will be familiar with the classroom. This enables a smooth settling in. If your child was in Nursery at Christ Church, they will be full time in Reception straight away. They will return to school on the same day as the rest of the school.

For children who have not been in Nursery at Christ Church:

Children who have not been in Nursery at Christ Church are invited to spend one afternoon in the EYFS classroom for an initial transition, with their parent/carer, so they can get to know the adults, children and their new surroundings.

The class teacher will meet with parents / carers of children new to the school. You will be given your start date during this meeting.

Children starting in Reception will begin at Christ Church, full time on the first day of term (Monday 7th September 2026).

If for any individual reasons a child finds the transition very challenging, an individual settling plan will be made through discussions between the class teacher and parent / carers.



Lunch

Lunches are free for all children from Reception and we strongly encourage all children to have a school lunch. School meals are healthy and nutritious and will help widen your child's palate. The school kitchen can cater for children with a wide variety of allergies. If your child has a food allergy, please speak to the class teacher and fill in the allergy forms at the main office.

For Nursery children, lunch costs £2.97 a day.

You can find our menu and more information about school meals on our website:

<https://www.cchurchnw1.camden.sch.uk/page/?title=School+Meals&pid=35>

Attendance

As written in the Home School Agreement, children under the age of five are not legally required to attend school. However, when parents and carers accept a place at our school, they are making a commitment to support their child's learning and development by ensuring they attend regularly.

Please note that if your child's attendance falls below 80%, and there are no exceptional circumstances, the school may review and withdraw their place in our Nursery provision.

Illness

If you suspect that your child is unwell, we ask that you telephone the school on the first day of your child's absence before 8:45am.

If your child is unwell or hurt during the day we will contact you so that you can collect them.

Dental and medical appointments

Please try and arrange for these to be outside of school time.

If that is not possible please inform your child's teacher beforehand.

Behaviour

The school has a behaviour policy and positive strategies to promote good behaviour. We ask for your support in this. We understand that children are new to forming relationships and this is a key part of the EYFS curriculum. We will work together with parents to resolve any issues.

Evidence Me

In EYFS at Christ Church, we use Evidence Me, which means that we use an online learning journal which parents can access online. We upload the journal with fun activities children have enjoyed as well as key learning moments that we wish to record and share.

Evidence Me is a fantastic tool to support the links between the school and home. It provides great discussions between home and the child about what learning they have been completing.

It is also used for families to share 'Wow' moments at home with school staff and allow us to achieve a more holistic view of your child.

Evidence Me is a secure online platform and all parents / carers must sign the relevant rules and agreements at the start of the year to ensure all images are used appropriately.

Curriculum

The Early Years Foundation Stage consists of Nursery and Reception.

The curriculum for this stage is divided into seven areas. There are three 'prime' areas, which are considered to be fundamental and run through and support all other learning and 4 specific areas. The areas of learning are:

Areas of Learning and Development			
Prime Areas			
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Physical Development	Communication and Language	
• Self- Regulation • Managing Self • Building Relationships	• Gross Motor Skills • Fine Motor Skills	• Listening, Attention and Understanding • Speaking	
Specific Areas			
Literacy	Mathematics	Understanding the World	Expressive Arts and Design
• Comprehension • Word Reading • Writing	• Number • Numerical Patterns	• Past and Present • People, Culture and Communities • The Natural World	• Creating with Materials • Being Imaginative and Expressive



The curriculum is delivered outdoors and indoors daily with a specific theme each half term. We cover all areas of the curriculum in the course of a week. Each day the children are involved in teacher-directed activities and in choosing child-initiated activities that they would like to participate in.

Clothing

The children wear a school uniform. This consists of navy blue V-neck school sweatshirt and yellow polo-shirt. These can all be purchased online. Skirts, trousers, shorts, socks and tights should be plain navy blue. Girls may wear yellow and white check dresses in the summer term.

Further details can be found on our school website:

<https://www.cchurchnw1.camden.sch.uk/page/?title=School+Uniform&pid=36>

Children in Reception will get changed for P.E in class. Children will need a yellow t-shirt and navy blue shorts or jogging bottoms. P.E. bags are also available to purchase from the school office. Please also put appropriate footwear (e.g. black plimsolls) into your child's P.E. bag, and socks for girls who often wear tights.

Shoes or trainers should be plain black and suitable for outdoor play and appropriate for the weather. Please do not send your child to school in shoes or trainers with laces unless they can do these up by themselves.



Please label your child's uniform with a permanent pen.

Please avoid tight or complicated fastenings so as to prevent any potential toileting accidents.

If a toilet accident occurs, we will send your child home in spare clothing. Please wash it and return it the next day.

In winter all children will need a warm coat, hat and gloves. Children in the EYFS all go outside whatever the weather.

In summer we advise that the children wear a protective hat and that you apply sunscreen in the morning.

For health and safety reasons, we ask that the children do not wear any jewellery apart from stud earrings.

Long hair needs to be tied back as this will help to discourage head lice.

How can you help at home?

Prior to starting school please encourage your child to be independent wherever possible by:

- going to the toilet by him/herself
- washing and drying their own hands
- putting on own shoes/socks and coat
- dressing and undressing themselves
- feeding themselves with a knife and fork
- playing with other children
- helping you do things at home
- Talk, read, sing songs and rhymes with your child as much as possible.
- Encourage your child to paint, draw and use scissors.
- Ensure your child gets plenty of sleep, particularly at the beginning.

Please make sure that you arrive at school early each day and that you are on time in the afternoon. If you have any worries regarding your child, do talk to one of us.

More information about starting school can be found here:

<https://startingreception.co.uk/>



Key Person

We run a Key Person system in the EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage). This is a system where each child has a named Key Person who is responsible for the child's daily life in Nursery/Reception.

This involves the Key Person building a trusting relationship with the child and parent. They are responsible for the child's transition process, providing continuity for the child and parent, liaising with the parent about the child's daily life and education. They also observe, assess and record the child's individual development.

The Key Person is your point of contact if you wish to discuss anything about your child. All information is shared and passed on.

All the staff in EYFS will be involved in the care and education of your child. In Reception, your child's key person will be the class teacher. In Nursery it will be the class teacher and the Nursery Manager.



P.A.C.T. (Parents and Children Reading Together)

Book bags can be purchased via the school office.

The children choose a book to take home each week to share with you.

When children begin reading, we choose another book for each child to take home. This book is pitched at each individual child's level.

Please enable your child to talk about/read this book to you every day. We will change this book once a week. They will also read a copy of the same book in school 3 times a week with a school adult. This builds children's fluency in reading.

Children have a reading record book in which parents and carers can comment.

All these items need to be kept in the child's book bag and brought to school every day.

Please encourage children to take care of their books. In order to maintain resources and A charge will be made if a book is lost or damaged.

Home Learning

Children in Reception receive home learning, which is usually practising phonics, letter formation and number work learnt in class.

Home learning is given out on a Wednesday and must be returned to school on Tuesday.

