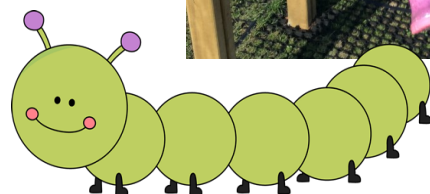


We all have lots of fun in reception!



I'm sure you will have fun too!



## Information Booklet for Reception Parents



Starting Reception in September  
2022

# Welcome to Allesley Primary School Reception Class



We aim to create a stimulating and happy environment for your child,  
in which they can learn and have fun.

We hope our parents will work in  
partnership with us to provide  
children with the very best learning  
atmosphere.

The information in this booklet is intended to answer some questions  
that you may have about your child  
starting with us.

## Notes Page



## Blue Birds

Blue Birds is a school run wraparound scheme which offers before and afterschool childcare for children in a safe, familiar environment.

**Before school Session** 7.45am -8.55am £4.50 with a light breakfast, toast / cereal and a drink

**Afterschool session** 3.20pm—6pm £8.50 snacks, fresh fruit, vegetables and a drink available

If you wish to apply for a place for your child, would like more information or have any questions please contact the Blue Bird managers on 0246 407585 between 7.45—8.55am or 3.30pm—6pm or e-mail [Bluebirds@allesley.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:Bluebirds@allesley.coventry.sch.uk)

You will receive a termly invoice for your child's Blue Bird sessions. Fees are due in advance of sessions but you can pay on a weekly, monthly or half termly basis.

Invoices can be paid by Childcare Voucher, Government Tax Free Childcare Accounts or by logging onto our school cashless system, Pay 360 education payments site. Information on how to set up an account will be sent to you in September.

## VISION STATEMENT - ETHOS AND VALUES

Working Together for a Bright Future.

Allesley Primary provides an environment that opens up a world of learning and takes our children on a journey of discovery and challenge towards achieving personal excellence.

We aspire to ignite a passion for life-long learning and to develop curious, independent individuals who embrace challenge.

We aim to create positive, self-motivated individuals who take responsibility for their actions and who understand their role in our community and the world they share with everybody. We value everyone as an individual and encourage respect for others.

Allesley Primary School is a place where all can grow, achieve and endeavour to be the best they can be within a safe and caring atmosphere of teamwork, support and cooperation.

Together we learn.

Together we achieve more.

The core values we hold close to our hearts at Allesley are:

- Honesty
- Respect
- Perseverance
- Positivity
- Independence
- Compassion

These core values are the golden thread that are woven into our daily journey towards achieving Personal Excellence.

At Allesley Primary School we feel our core values are very important as they are the principles that guide our lives. To feel valued is a special thing and something we want to make sure everyone experiences at Allesley.

Millie Pugh  
year 6. 2018



## Our Reception Classes

At Allesley Primary School we have 2 reception classes with up to 30 children in each class.

Each class will have a class teacher, a teaching assistant and a lunchtime supervisor.

The teachers are responsible for the organisation and daily running of the classes but all staff work together as a team to ensure your child's first experiences of school are positive and provide a broad and balanced educational foundation for his/her future.

Your welcome pack should include photos of your child's new teacher and teaching assistant.



## PTA

The school has a well supported Parent Teacher Association who would welcome your support. Look out for the latest PTA news on the weekly school newsletter and come along to the next meeting, everyone is welcome!



## Pupil Premium

The pupil premium grant is funding provided to schools to help all pupils reach their full potential. For every child registered the school receives extra funding from the government.

Even though all reception children are eligible for free school meals it would greatly help the school if you can apply for free school meals if you claim any of the following benefits:

- income Support
- income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- an income-related employment and support allowance
- support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190

Please contact the school office if you think you may be eligible. If your child qualifies for the Local Authority Free School Meals the school will fund all educational visits until they leave Allesley in year 6.

**If you claim any of the benefits above please register your child for free school meals at:**  
<http://www.coventry.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>

## Finally

Be assured that we, like you, want the very best for your child. We will do all we can to ensure that your child has a happy and successful Reception year. We look forward to welcoming you and your child into our reception classes.

## Food at School

### Fruit Scheme

The Government's Fruit Scheme provides every child with a piece of fruit for mid-session snack. A drink of milk or water is also provided for the children. Please do not send any other fruit or snacks into school.

### Water Bottle

We ask that children bring in their own named water bottle everyday. Please only send in water, not juice or squash.

### School Meals

Our school menu offers two hot meal choices per day, one of which is vegetarian, jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings or a baguette. Children can also choose fruit and vegetables from our salad bar to complement their meal.

Our menus reflect the seasons and food is locally sourced where possible. Meals are not pre-ordered in advance, your child will choose their meal when they reach the canteen.

The 2 menus are rotated on a weekly basis and all menus are refreshed termly. You can view the latest menu on our school website.

Whilst the children get used to having school meals, it is helpful if you can discuss the meal choices with them on a daily basis before they come to school so that they know what meals to expect when they reach the canteen.

School Meals are free to all children in Reception.

### Packed Lunches

Children may bring a packed lunch from home, including a drink. We encourage healthy eating in school and we ask parents not to send in any sweets or fizzy drinks and please cut up grapes lengthways. Please do not send in any lunchbox items that contain nuts as we have some children with severe allergies.

The lunchtime supervisors will help your child to cut up their food but it is beneficial if you can help your child to practise using a knife and fork at home before they start school.

## School Times

School Starts - 8:55am

Lunchtime - 11.45am—12.45pm

School Ends - 3.20pm

### Lunchtime

Children can bring their own packed lunch or school meals are free of charge for children in Reception classes. School Meal Menus can be found on the school website.

Please try to ensure that your child is on time and in school everyday.

Please let us know of any reasons for absence on the same day. You can telephone the school or speak to your child's teacher.

School telephone number 02476 402611 option 1



## Clothes

All children at Allesley Primary School wear a school uniform:

Blue sweatshirt, jumper, fleece or cardigan;  
A white polo T-shirt with a collar;  
Grey or black trousers, shorts, skirts or pinafore dress;  
Black shoes (with Velcro fasteners please);  
And a school book bag

Our aim is to enable all children to become independent in changing their clothes and we ask you to consider this when buying your child's uniform.



Uniform with the school logo on is available from Andy Blair School Wear on Barker's Butts Lane or from The School Wear Company on Winsford Avenue. Our school PTA also sell 'pre-loved' uniform for only £1 per jumper. To order from the PTA please e-mail [allesleyprimarypta@gmail.com](mailto:allesleyprimarypta@gmail.com)

PLEASE Label **ALL** your child's clothes clearly.

Please remember some reception class activities are **MESSY** and whilst we endeavour to protect your child's clothes we cannot guarantee that accidents will never happen. If your child should get paint or glue on their clothes, soak in cold water overnight before washing.

## Homework

Every half term you will receive information about some of the work the children have been learning at school. It will be a great help to your child if you reinforce this learning at home too.

Your child will be given words to learn to read, and they will bring books home to read with you. We would expect children to read books and words at home at least three times a week.

Children may be asked to investigate something, or to play a simple game to develop or practise mathematics or phonics skills.

Your child will also need to relax after a hard day's work at school too!





## Health

Do let us know about any medical information (e.g. conditions like asthma, diabetes, allergies, etc.)

If your child needs to use an inhaler, you must fill in a form at the school office before we can administer any medication.

School staff can only administer medicines that have been prescribed by a doctor and you must also complete a form at the school office before we can do so.

If your child becomes ill at school you will be contacted and asked to collect him/her

Certain childhood illnesses such as chickenpox, mumps, measles and impetigo have an exclusion period from school. Please contact us if your child has one of these conditions and we will advise on how long they will need to be away from school for. Please keep your child at home and contact the school office if your child tests positive for COVID.

There is no exclusion period for children with 'slapped cheek' but please inform the teacher if your child has this virus.

**If your child has vomited or had diarrhoea they can not come back into school until 48 hours after the last incident. This is very important to ensure viruses are not passed onto other children in the class.**

Please regularly check your child's hair for head lice. Children with head lice can return to school once treatment has been given at home.

During your child's first year at school the NHS School Nursing Team will check their weight, height, hearing and eye sight. You will be made aware before any checks take place.

If for any reason you need to collect your child for a medical appointment for example, please call the school office and let the class teacher know.

**If your child is poorly please contact the school absence line on 02476 402611 option 1 in the morning before 9am.**

## P.E.

Your child will also need to wear their P.E. kits to school on the days they have P.E. More information regarding what days they will have P.E. will be given to you in September.

Please make sure you have written your child's name on all of their kit, including their P.E. kits and pumps. **Pumps are only needed from the Summer Term 2023 so there's no need to buy them just yet.**

On PE days we ask children to come into school wearing their PE kit so that changing is not needed in school.



### P.E. Kit:

Blue Round Neck PE T-shirt with the school logo available from the school uniform shops

School PE Hoodie with school logo available from the school uniform shops

Navy Blue shorts

Black Pumps or trainers.

# The Foundation Stage Curriculum

In reception we follow the Foundation Stage Curriculum.  
This is organised into seven areas of learning. These are:

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Self-Regulation
- Managing Self
- Building Relationships

## Communication and Language

- Listening, Attention and Understanding
- Speaking

## Physical Development

- Gross Motor Skills
- Fine Motor Skills

## Literacy

- Comprehension
- Word Reading
- Writing

## Mathematics

- Numbers
- Numerical Patterns

## Understanding the World

- Past and Present
- People, Culture and Communities
- The Natural World

## Expressive Arts and Design

- Creating with Materials
- Being imaginative and Expressive

No area of learning stands in isolation, and the activities your child is offered in reception will often cover more than one of these



# Appointments and holidays

If your child has an appointment with the doctor or dentist please let both the teacher and office know in advance.  
Please be mindful of the term time dates when booking holidays and the importance of your child being in school daily.

## Possessions

Please do not let your child bring toys to reception unless requested by the teacher.

Watches and jewellery **should not** be worn to school. They can get lost or broken.

If your child has pierced ears, please make sure they have studs. Other types of earrings are not allowed in school.



## Letters

Please check your child's book bag daily for letters to parents. Please sign up to our school Parentmail system (form enclosed in the starter pack). We circulate our weekly newsletter on Parentmail and the system allows us to text parents with any urgent messages too.



## Encouraging Independence

Here are some of the ways in which you can help your child to grow in confidence while they are at school:

Please buy clothes that are easy to take off and put on, e.g. With elasticated waists, Velcro fastenings etc. and encourage your child to dress and undress themselves, including begin able to put on and take off their own jumpers.

Teaching your child how to put on their own coat and how to turn sleeves from inside out is also a great help.

Teaching your child how to use a knife, fork and spoon would also be helpful.

Help them to use the toilet properly, including flushing, and washing and drying hands.

If your child can use a tissue, this will be a great help too.

We also encourage the children to take responsibility for their own belongings, including putting away their own things in the morning. Please label all belongings so lost items can be found and returned.

We also take into account how a child engages with other people and their environment.

We look at the Characteristics of Effective Learning which are:

### Playing & Exploring

- Finding out & exploring
- Using what they know in their play
- Being willing to have a go

### Active Learning

- Being involved and concentrating
- Keeping on trying
- Enjoying achieving what they set out to do

### Creating & Thinking Critically

- Having their own ideas
- Using what they already know to learn new things
- Choosing ways to do things

