

**E P Collier Primary School**  
**Early Years Foundation Stage**



**Welcome Pack and Information**

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# Welcome to EP Collier Foundation Stage

All children in the Early Years follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum (EYFS) and have the opportunity to learn and play both inside and outside, accessing activities designed to meet their individual needs and ensuring progression and development across seven different areas



- Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)



- Communication & Language (C&L)



- Physical Development (PD)



- Literacy (Lit)



- Maths (M)



- Understanding the World (U of W)



- Expressive Arts & Design (Ex A & D)



**Classes are open:**

**12.15 until 3.15 for Nursery**

**8:45am until 3:00pm for Reception children**



**Please bring your child to school every day, unless they are unwell.** If your child has a fever or has experienced vomiting or diarrhoea in the past 48 hours do not bring them into school.

## **EYFS Admin and Expectations**

### **Clothing**

The children in the Early Years Classes wear simple school uniform that is easy for young children to manage independently and allows them to explore their environment and play, inside and out.



**NOTE:** Please name everything clearly.

### **Footwear**

Your child will need to wear black school shoes/trainers each day and black pumps for PE. This will enable them to climb and run safely. Untied laces can be very dangerous so please ensure they have velcro fastenings on shoes only.



### **Weather**

Please give your child a warm coat in cold weather and a raincoat and wellies in wet weather, as we like to go outside every day. If it is very hot, please send your child with a sun hat and apply sun cream before they come to school.

### **Food and Drink**

We will provide a drink (milk/water) and a piece of fruit to eat at school every day. We encourage the children to taste lots of different foods and cook regularly so all food allergies will be considered in this.



**NOTE:** If you have not informed staff already, please do so by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

### **Toys from Home**

We do not encourage the children to bring toys to school in case they get lost or broken! At times we will ask you to help your child to look for specific things at home to bring in and show to support their learning. Please make sure these are named.



### **Birthdays**

We do celebrate the children's birthdays in school; please let us know if you do not celebrate birthdays. We do discourage the children from bringing in cakes or sweets due to health and safety issues and in the interest of fairness for others.



## **P.E – Every Monday (Reception) Nursery in Spring**

Children in the Reception class will have weekly physical activities ranging from ball games to dancing. For safety reasons, they should not wear earrings on these days. Reception children are expected to change into their PE kits for these sessions. Please help your child to start doing this independently.

**NOTE: PE will not start with Reception children until Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September.**

## **Timekeeping and Collecting your child – 8:45am – 3:00pm daily**

It is very important that your child arrives promptly at the back gate at **8:45am** and that you are able to collect them on time at **3.00pm** (3.15pm for Nursery) from the back gate of the school. If for any reason you are going to be delayed, please telephone the school office to arrange an alternative plan.



**NOTE: We will only allow the children to leave with adults that are known to us. If you have arranged for someone else to collect your child we will need to know in advance. We must either meet them prior to them collecting, or see a photograph.**

Before or after school collection, please do not allow your child to play on the equipment outside as we are not insured for any accidents that may occur outside normal school sessions. Please wait outside, until staff open the Foundation Stage gate to our area.

## **Open Door Policy**

We always operate an open door policy. An adult is available at the beginning and end of each session (although the end of the day is usually best). If you feel you need to speak in private or for a longer time, please do not hesitate to make an appointment by calling the office to arrange a meeting or request a meeting at the gate at the start or end of the day with a member of staff.



We value working in partnership with you to ensure that your child has the very best start to school life. We encourage parents to help us celebrate festivals and special events. Please remember to look regularly at our website for information about what we are doing, to see our photographs and to access useful support. [www.epcollier.reading.sch.uk/](http://www.epcollier.reading.sch.uk/)

We are always delighted to have parents helping out regularly in school but we do suggest that you give your child at least one term to settle in by themselves first. Please come and talk to a member of the Foundation Stage staff if you are interested in helping.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child and hope you will be very happy here.

### **Staff in EYFS**

Nursery staff:

- Mrs Lee – Sparrows and Wrens Nursery Teacher
- Mrs Kayani – Teaching Assistant and SEND support

Reception staff:

- Miss O'Reilly – EYFS leader and Puffins Reception teacher
- Miss Smith – Woodpecker Reception teacher
- Mrs Chopra – Reception Teaching Assistant
- Mrs Hussain – Reception Teaching Assistant
- Miss Barnett - Reception Teaching Assistant

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