



Welcome

We are looking forward to
having you and your child join
our Reception Class in
September!



Website: www.willenhallprimary.org



The First Week

Start in September

- All children will start Reception on a staggered intake from Tuesday 7th September.

Your child will attend one of the following sessions. Parents/Carers will be informed of your child's start date and time by the end of July 2021.

Session 1:

- School day starts at 8.55am
 - Arrive from 8:45am (soft start)
 - Pick up and end of session 11.45am.

Session 2:

- School day starts at 12.45pm
 - Arrive from 12.35pm (soft start)
 - Pick up and end of session 3.25pm.



The Second Week Onwards

All children will start their full time session on Monday 13th September 2021. Parents and carers will be informed about the session their child will attend by the end of July 2021.

School Times

Morning: 8:55am – 11:45am (doors open at 8:45am)

Lunch: 11:45am – 12:45pm

Afternoon: 12:45pm – 3:25pm

Due to COVID restrictions these times may be staggered and drop off and collection point adjusted. You will be advised of any changes via email.

Arrival & Departure

Start of school (8:45am):

Your child will enter through the main Reception playground, this is on your right as you enter the school from St James Lane. Follow the colourful fence which will lead you to the playground. Children will be greeted by Reception staff at the gate when they enter. We encourage you to say goodbye to your child from the playground and allow your child to independently enter their class.

The doors will close at 8:55am. If your child is late then you will need to sign in at the main office.



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At home time (3:25pm):

All children will leave through the Reception playground, but from separate doors leading from the Reception class. We would ask all parents/careers to respect that the Reception playground is our outdoor learning classroom and not a play area when children are being dropped off before school or collected after school. Therefore, we would appreciate your co-operation in ensuring your child/children **do not** play on the school equipment. For health and safety reason we would like to stress that your child/children are your responsibility once they are handed over to you at the end of the school day.

Please collect your child promptly at **3:25pm**. **Children may not be collected by a child under the age of sixteen.** If a different adult is sent to collect your child, please ensure that the adult's details are given to the office by at least the day before they collect your child.

Punctuality and good attendance are important from the outset. Good habits start early and are important for the rest of your child's academic career.



School Uniform



- Maroon and white
 - Maroon jumper or cardigan (with school badge)
 - White T-Shirt
 - Grey or black trousers, skirt, dress, pinafore
 - Summer dress: red gingham
 - Hijabs: no restrictions

School uniform is also available to purchase from our school (please call school to make an appointment)

You can also purchase uniform from:

[Andy Blair Sport & Schoolwear](#) on Barker's Butts Lane, Coundon.

- Sensible black school shoes (trainers on PE day) (black) and plain socks or tights (black, white or grey)
- No jewellery: with exception to small stud earrings
- Spare pants and socks in a named plastic bag
- Hair: Long hair must be tied back in school and hair accessories (bows, clips, bands) should be black or match the uniform colour.
- Book bag (£5.00 school office)
- Please label every item with your child's name



PE lessons and PE Kit



- Once a week (Thursday)
 - PE teacher – (Mr Perkins)
- P.E. kit consists of a black school t-shirt which is worn with black shorts and plimsolls/trainers.
- In colder weather and when working outside, children may wear a plain coloured tracksuit.
- Please label every item with your child's name



The Curriculum

Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Curriculum



Characteristics of Effective Learning
Playing and exploring – engagement Finding out and exploring Playing with what they know Being willing to 'have a go'
Active learning – motivation Being involved and concentrating Keeping trying Enjoying achieving what they set out to do
Creating and thinking critically – thinking Having their own ideas Making links Choosing ways to do things

Area of Learning and Development	Aspect
Prime Areas	
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Making relationships
	Self-confidence and self-awareness
	Managing feelings and behaviour
Physical Development	Moving and handling
	Health and self-care
Communication and Language	Listening and attention
	Understanding
	Speaking
Specific areas	
Literacy	Reading
	Writing
Mathematics	Numbers
	Shape, space and measure
Understanding the World	People and communities
	The world
	Technology
Expressive Arts and Design	Exploring and using media and materials
	Being imaginative

At our school we follow the 'Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage' (EYFS). It sets standards that ensure children learn and develop well and are kept healthy and safe. At the end of the year, the children's development is assessed against a set of early learning goals. We will complete a profile for your child to indicate whether children are meeting expected levels of development, or not yet reaching expected levels ('emerging'). For more information about the EYFS visit our website: www.willenhallprimary.org



How we learn in Reception...



- The Reception Year is an exciting time for children and also one of the most important. At our school, your child will begin an exciting journey of learning important life skills, such as reading and writing, in a stimulating, caring environment amongst new found friendships! We have two Reception classes. Each class is led by an experienced class teacher and has teaching assistant support. Throughout the day children receive a mixture of adult-led teaching and independent learning time. Our stimulating Indoor and outdoor Reception areas are divided into different areas for independent learning. These include:

- Writing areas
- Numeracy area
- Reading and 'Read, Write Inc' areas
- Investigation area
- Construction and Small World area
- Creative area (including painting and sensory areas)
- Fine motor and Scissor Skills Areas
- Technology Area
- Role-play area

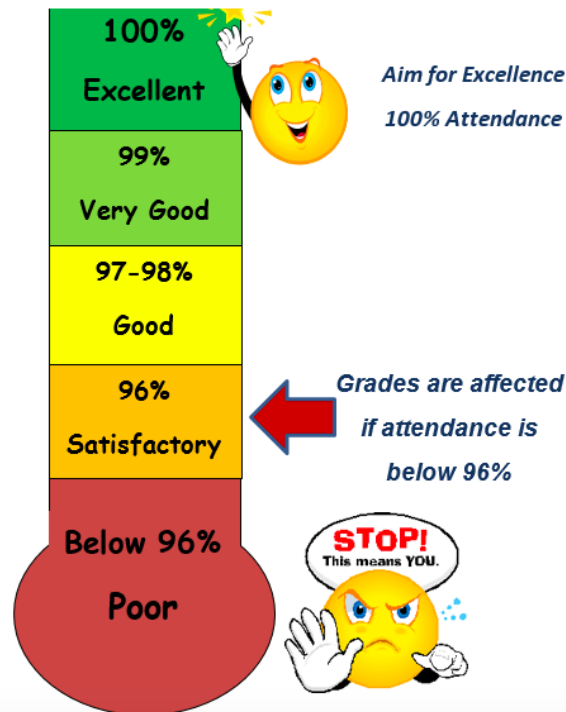




Attendance

We view regular attendance as an essential part of a child's academic and social success.

ATTENDANCE



ABSENCE

If your child is absent through illness or any other reason, please telephone us to let us know or leave a message on the school answer machine.





School Lunches/ Snacks

- From the 1st full day (Monday 13th September)
- Free school meals for pupils whose parents are in receipt of qualifying benefits
- Please don't delay, go online today and complete the application form at www.coventry.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals If you need any help with this please contact the school office and we will be happy to assist.
- Universal Free School Meals: every child in Reception is entitled to a free school meal!
 - Hot food
 - Choices - meat, fish, vegetarian,
 - Salad bar and fresh bread
 - Dessert - yoghurt and fruit
- Dietary requirements- please ensure you have made school aware of any allergies or dietary needs your child may have
- In addition every child will also get:
 - Free School Milk
 - Fruit snack



Breakfast Club

- Breakfast Club
 - Available on request from 8.00am
 - Provided with a healthy breakfast
 - £3.00 per day
 - Children escorted to their classroom for the start of the school day



Medical Needs

- Please ensure you complete the Medical Needs Form, if your child has any known medical needs and the 'Request For School To Give Medication' form, if your child will require medication in school
 - Changes midyear: please inform your child's class teacher and the school office
 - Medicines Policy- prescription only
 - Inhalers: one to be kept in school at all times



Security: Health And Safety

- Absences
 - Please call the school office before the start of the day:
02476 302004
- Arrival/Pick Up:
 - The Reception gate will be opened:
 - 8.45am and closes at 8.55am
 - Collection 3.25pm

Please ensure you are on time to collect your child and staff are made aware of any changes in collection prior to home time.

- Play equipment
 - For your child's safety, the climbing frames and outdoor equipment are not for use before or after school



Security: Health And Safety

- Queries or concerns
 - We have an open door policy and please speak to a member of the nursery team if you have any concerns or issues
- The Reception team have a duty of care to all children. If your child has any accidents or has hurt themselves, please let a member of staff aware. We are duty bound to follow up any unusual marks or injuries, and as a matter of course we will report any concerns to the safeguarding authority who may need to follow them up.



Home - School communication

- Parents evenings
 - Autumn and Summer
- Home school communication
 - School newsletters
 - Daily face-to-face communication
 - Email
 - Online homework
- Parents Tab on the school website: [www. Willenhallprimary.org](http://www.Willenhallprimary.org)
- Meet the teachers videos on school website



Being Prepared: Activities To Do At Home

Please work with your child so that they are able to:

- Put his/her coat on and do it up
- Turn clothes the right way around
- Recognise his/her own name
- Dress without help
- Manage in the toilet: use the toilet independently
 - Ask to go! The children will be allowed to go at any time
- Wash his/her hands
- Make his/her needs known: tell an adult
- Tidy toys away



Questions?

We hope that you and your children will enjoy being a part of Willenhall Primary School!

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