



A Parent's Guide to Reception



Welcome to our school!

RESPECT ourselves, **RESPECT** each other,
RESPECT our school

Introduction

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Keresley Grange School and share some information with you regarding specific details of the Reception setting. We would also like you to share this information with your child, so that they can become more familiar with the school environment.

Starting school is an exciting process, but it can also be very daunting. We hope this information helps you and your child in making this transition as smooth as possible.

This booklet covers items such as: who the classroom practitioners are, the learning environment and resources, daily routines, specific items required to bring into school and how we develop positive relationships with parents.

It is not possible for this booklet to cover everything about your child's experience in our Reception class, but we will communicate with you regularly, to inform you of additions to the running of the class. In the autumn term, we will also host a 'Meet the Teacher' event, where you will learn more about staff working with your child and what learning will look like throughout the year. We hope that this booklet supplies all the information that you need in the first instance, but if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us through our school website: <https://www.keresleygrange.co.uk/> or telephone: 024 76332131

The Reception Team

The Early Years Team is made up of:

Mrs Oliver

Miss Palmer

Miss Loughran

Mrs Hammond



Daily Routines

Arrival

8:40 AM-gates open (children must be supervised at all times).

8:55 AM- Registers open.

It is imperative that your child is in the classroom at this time.

End of Day

3:25- Gates open

3:30- Gate close



Fruit and Milk or Water

During the morning there is a set time for the children to sit socially and enjoy their fruit, milk or water. They are able to help themselves to their own drink and fruit snack. In the afternoon, milk and water are available for the children to access freely.

Learning

The EYFS Framework explains how and what your child will be learning to support their development. Your child will be learning skills, acquiring new knowledge and demonstrating their understanding through 7 areas of learning and development. Children should mostly develop the 3 prime areas first.

These are:

- Communication and language;
- Physical development; and
- Personal, social and emotional development.

These prime areas are those most essential for your child's development and future learning. As children grow, the prime areas will help them to develop skills in 4 specific areas.

These are:

- Literacy;
- Mathematics;
- Understanding the world; and
- Expressive arts and design.

Children in Reception learn these new skills through teacher led, small group work or by accessing independent challenges within continuous provision.

Lunch

Reception children have their lunch time from 11.45am until 12:45pm. All children are entitled to a hot dinner which will be provided by the school. The weekly menu is available for you to view with your child on our website and plan the options they will like for across the week. There is always a vegetarian option. Your child will wear a coloured peg corresponding to their lunch choice when entering the classroom. This makes ordering lunch simpler and helps develop independence.

First Aid

We have qualified paediatric first aiders in Reception, who will deal with any accidents in the classroom. As the children have access to outside and inside all of the time, accidents do occur (particularly when they are developing their

spatial awareness in a busy classroom environment!) Some accidents may be recorded in a book, which you will be asked to sign at the end of the day (if your child has had an injury which has needed first aid treatment.) If your child has had a head bump, we treat this particularly seriously and a text will be sent home to inform you of this injury. Of course, if we do not witness or are not made aware of a tumble, then we do not know it has occurred. We will encourage all of the children to come and tell us if they have hurt themselves, but occasionally your child may come home and talk about an incident we were not aware of. Please don't be alarmed, just come in and talk to us.

PE

At Keresley Grange, we are lucky to follow an exciting PE program, which helps the children to develop an array of social and physical skills. We have a regular weekly slot, as well as an additional dance session to support core strength.



End of day

Reception children are to be picked up at 3.25pm. If your child is going to be picked up by anyone other than parents please contact the school office. We cannot let a child go home with somebody we and they do not expect to see, unless we are told in advance.

Mad Hatters - Before and After School Club

If you require wrap around care, SDH Academy provide Breakfast and After School Club for an additional fee.

Breakfast club will run from 7:45am to 8:40 am daily.

After School Club will run from 3:30pm to 6:00pm Monday to Thursday and 3:30pm to 5:30pm Friday.

Current prices are:

Breakfast Club - 7:45am - 8.45am

£3.50 per space - includes breakfast, if required

additional children of the same family £2.50 per child

After School - 3:30pm to 6:00pm Monday to Thursday and 3:30pm to 5:30pm Friday

£6.00 per space

additional children of the same family £5.00 per child

For more information or booking, please see SDH Academy website.

<https://sdh-academy.co.uk/product/keresley-grange-mad-hatters-club-booking/>

Reception Resources Fund

We try to ensure that the children's learning is always fun and engaging. To do this we frequently need to buy resources, which are not included in our school's budget. We are asking for each family to donate £1 each week to help us to do this. Our money box pig will be left out each morning and afternoon for any donations.

Uniform

Uniform for boys and girls;

- Black or grey skirt (knee length), trousers, shorts or pinafore
- Grey or navy-blue tights for girls
- Blue check dress (Summer Term)
- Blue shirt
- Tie
- School jumper or cardigan or plain navy jumper or cardigan
- Black shoes (No trainers or sandals)
- Waterproof coat with hood
- Wellies (to be kept in school)

PE Kit

PE Kit (for boys and girls) - sports logos and bright coloured clothes are not part of our PE kit:

- Plain white t-shirt (or school logo t-shirt)
- Dark blue or black PLAIN shorts
- Dark blue or black PLAIN joggers
- Dark blue or black PLAIN sweatshirt / hoodie
- Trainers

Uniform can be purchased from,

Clive Mark School wear
88-90 Barkers Butts Lane
Coundon
Coventry
CV6 1DY
024 7659 8080

Please NAME every single item and show your child where you have named it. Shoes, wellies and water bottles must also be named.

What else will your child need?

- NAMED Water bottle –please bring in a NAMED water bottle in daily. Please do not send in juice.

- NAMED Keresley Grange Book bag –These have been funded by our wonderful PTA and will be given to you during your Teddy Bear’s Meeting.
- Spare underwear and clothing for those unexpected accidents. Always keep a spare pair of pants, socks and trousers with them in their book bag.

Phonics, Writing and Reading

One of the main things we will be doing in school is teaching your child to read and write. We use Read, Write Inc to teach your child phonics. This is a systematic programme which will begin once the children have settled. Initially the children will learn the first set of sounds (including the alphabet) and how to form these letters correctly. Further practise will be sent home weekly to reinforce and ensure your child retains this skill. This will prepare your child for reading and writing and is the first step for them in becoming a reader and writer. We will hold parents workshops each year to help you to understand how we teach phonics and we will have videos on our school web site.

We cannot encourage you enough to share stories with your child at home. Please come and ask us for recommendations of quality books. Your child will be sent home a reading book when they are ready to begin their reading journey. Please ensure this is kept in their book bag and is returned to school every day. During the spring term, children will be given the opportunity to loan a school library book every week. When returned the children will then have the opportunity to choose a new book.

Mathematics

Our mathematic learning ensures our children develop their early mathematic skills as well as recognition of the importance of maths in the real world. The children are taught songs, rhymes and number stories to reinforce number recognition. They will learn how to master one-to-one counting skills, recognise and identify numbers and amounts that match them, how to form numbers correctly and to be confident in counting forwards and backwards to 20 and beyond.

Parental Engagement

It is important for us to create positive relationships with parents. You hold a wealth of experience where your child is concerned and you are able to witness many learning and developmental steps that your child takes at different stages in their life. We will communicate with you regularly through various means. We make regular assessments and records of your child's achievements and use them to inform our planning, ensuring we provide for the children's individual next steps within their learning.

We use the document called Development Matters in conjunction with the Statutory Framework for EYFS to inform our assessments and plan your child's next steps.

Other useful information

- If a child is absent you must phone the school before 9:00am. Prizes are awarded for 100% attendance. As a school we take attendance very seriously. Please let us know the reason for your child's absence.
- Any hospital, doctor or dental appointments need to be communicated to the school office in advance. Please be aware that medical appointments will affect your child's attendance record – Please make them after school hours whenever possible.
- It is essential that we have the name and address of emergency contacts at all times. (Which are collected on the data collection sheet.) If you change phone numbers, please let us know so that we can update our records.
- Follow Keresley Grange on Facebook to see daily updates of your of your child's learning and important updates.

We look forward to welcoming you in September. Any questions or concerns prior to starting school, please do not hesitate to contact the Reception Team.