

Clinton Primary School

Foundation Stage Information for Parents



Welcome

We hope that this booklet will provide you with additional information on the Foundation Stage at Clinton Primary School.

We aim to provide a secure, happy and caring environment in which everyone feels respected and valued and where every child is able to achieve their full academic potential.

The majority of children will have begun the Foundation Stage curriculum in a pre-school setting – either at a Nursery or a playgroup. Children continue their Foundation Stage throughout the Reception year.

The Reception class has places for 30 children, with a teacher and full time teaching assistant.

Home – School Partnership

At Clinton, staff believe strongly in the importance of establishing and maintaining strong links with parents and carers.

Once your child has started at Clinton, the partnership continues through:

- Weekly newsletter
- Information about the curriculum and homework
- Information evening about helping your child with Reading/ Numeracy
- Termly teacher-parent interviews
- Annual reports
- Friday community assemblies
- Workshops and information evenings
- Daily opportunities to talk to staff on an informal basis

Admissions

In Warwickshire, children begin full time education in the Autumn term of the year in which they are five.

Full details of the County's admission criteria are available at the school office.

A carefully planned induction programme begins in the summer term prior to entry. Children will be invited to attend a variety of activities so that the transition into school is as smooth as possible. Parents are invited to attend an induction meeting when you will have the opportunity to meet staff, governors, PTA members, and the school nurse as well as receiving important information about the school.

We recognise that the majority of our children have had at least a year's experience of attending a Nursery or playgroup and therefore we intend to begin their full time schooling at Clinton at the start of the second week:

Children in Reception will attend part time during their first week, thereafter they will attend full time.

The School Day

In Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1, children will be able to come into their classroom from 8.45am for **registration at 8.55am**. Please ensure your child is punctual as learning begins as soon as they are in the class.

The school day for the younger children ends at **3.10 p.m.**

All children must be collected by you. We will not allow children to go home with anyone other than their parent unless you have previously informed us.

Please let the school office know if your child is absent for any reason.

Leave of absence for holidays is not normally authorised, unless there are exceptional circumstances. Details of these can be obtained from the school office.

The Foundation Stage Curriculum

The curriculum in the Foundation Stage covers 6 areas of learning:

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Communication, Language and Literacy
- Mathematical Development
- Knowledge and Understanding of the World
- Physical Development
- Creative Development

During their time in Reception, children are encouraged to develop their independence along with a range of skills and abilities towards achieving the Early Learning Goals by the end of the year. The Foundation Stage staff assess children throughout the year and this is recorded in their Foundation Stage Profile.

All activities that the children undertake are carefully planned and differentiated to suit their next learning steps. Some will be adult led, whilst others will be child initiated.

The school encourages children from Reception to interact with those in Key Stage 1 during shared play and lunch times. We also hold Activity Days each term, when the children may work in different social groups throughout Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1.

Uniform

We encourage all children to wear school uniform:

Grey skirt/ pinafore or trousers

White polo top/ shirt or blouse

Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan

Black/ brown school shoes (please note that boots are allowed for outside use only)

Sandals (summer only) low heels

For safety reasons, jewellery is not allowed.

PE

White T- shirt

Navy or black shorts

Pumps

Named PE bag

All items of clothing, including coats, must be named.

School sweatshirts, cardigans, fleeces (outdoor wear only). T- shirts, shorts, PE and book bags are available from the school office.

Snacks

We have a healthy eating policy at school and support this by providing your child with a piece of fruit each morning. Children also have the opportunity to have milk, for which there is a small charge.

Illness

If your child is ill at school, you will be contacted and asked to take him/ her home.

If your child requires medicine, you are welcome to come in at lunchtime to administer it.

Alternatively, you must complete a consent form, giving permission for the Office to keep and administer the medicine. Inhalers are, of course, kept at all times in the classroom.