

**Children are born with a natural curiosity and a desire to learn.**

**It is an eagerness to explore, discover and figure things out.**

**The more explorative a child is, the more they learn.  
Nurturing this curiosity is one of the most important ways we can help children to become life-long learners.**



## **Our Vision**

**At Cookridge Primary School we recognise this innate desire to learn, creating a learning provision that cherishes each child as an individual, with their own special talents, interests, characteristics and part to play in society.**

**We are passionate about making a difference every day and believe that our children should be at the heart of everything we do.**

**The environment and curriculum we provide creates learning that is fun, active and personalised, inspiring all to achieve their very best.**





## **Our Vision**

**As a school, we welcome families from diverse faiths and cultures, and work with them and the local community to provide the very best for any child.**

**In partnership with parents, we aim to educate children who are able to love and care for others and see learning as an exciting, challenging and integral part of life.**

**We want our children to aim high with a tradition of pride in what they and others do, creating a school community that is happy, caring and one that moulds our future society into one to be proud of.**

**We want children to know that it is normal to make mistakes, secure in the knowledge that we will support each other along our journey of discovery.**



# Reception Staff

EYFS Lead



Mr Kerr

Teachers for Reception A



Miss Brophy  
Mon/Tues/Weds



Mr Green  
Weds/Thurs/Fri

Teacher for Reception B



Miss Rushworth

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## Support Staff



Mrs Arnott



Mrs Phelan



Ms Colefax

# Safeguarding

## Cookridge Primary School: Child Protection

### The safety of children is our number 1 priority!

If you are concerned about a child and would like to speak to someone please speak to a Designated Officer.

**CHILDREN:** are you confused, worried or just need to speak to someone?

Speak to our Designated Officers.

### Who are the Child Protection Designated Officers?



**Lead CPO**



**Lynne Hunter**  
Headteacher

**Lead CPO**



**Susan Brosnan**  
Family and Support Officer



**Linzi Phelan**  
Reception Practitioner



**Nick Kershaw**  
Assistant Headteacher



**Ben Kerr**  
Deputy Headteacher



**Rachel Hoyle**  
SENCo



**Lewis Morgan**  
Class Teacher



# Reception Classes/Family groups

Children will be split into two Classes:

Reception A

Reception B

Children will only be registered in those groups.

Within the first three weeks the children will be allocated a family group. Groups will be decided based on friendships, preferred learning styles and need (*Parents will be informed when the groups are established*).

The children will then get to name their family group.

Discreet teaching of phonics and maths will take place in these groups once good learning behaviours have been established.



It is important to note that the family groups will remain fluid according to the needs of the children, which means they may change around a little throughout the year. But please be reassured that if this happens parents will be informed of any changes.

## Early Learning Goals

- Through out reception, staff will use the Development Matters to help monitor children's development.
- By the end of Reception children will be assessed using the Early Learning Goals (ELGs)
- Both of these documents can be found under 'Useful Links' section on the 'New Starters' Page on our website -



**Exciting, real-life projects**



**Strong links with parents**



**Forest schools: outdoor investigation**



**Motivating and inspirational**

**We have the responsibility to give an education promoting lifelong learning combined with a thirst for knowledge, inclusion for all, knowledge and understanding of life and how to deal with its problems.**





# Transition to Reception

## **Parent/Carer meeting**

Meetings will take place over the phone. A Reception teacher will call you w/c 5<sup>th</sup> July. We will have a chat about your child's interests, medical and dietary requirements. Please sign up on the parent form on the website to book a time slot that is convenient to you.

## **Stay and Play sessions**

It is vital that your child is comfortable and happy in their new school environment. To help with this, we hold stay and play sessions where your child is gradually eased into school life. Stay-and-play sessions will take place week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021. Currently government guidance would make it very difficult for Parents to stay at these sessions, however this is subject to change.

Please see the following transition timetable for further details and sign up on the website if you have yet to do so.

# Transition

## September 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
06	07	08	09	10
Stay and play Red group 9:30-10:30	Stay and play Blue group 9:30-10:30	Stay and play Green group 9:30-10:30	Stay and play Yellow group 9:30-10:30	8:45 - 12:00 (children <u>do not</u> stay for lunch)
Stay and play Yellow group 1:30-2:30	Stay and play Green group 1:30-2:30	Stay and play Red group 1:30-2:30	Stay and play Blue group 1:30-2:30	
13	14	15	16	17
8:45 - 12:00 (children <u>do not</u> stay for lunch)	8:45—1:00 (children stay for lunch)	8:45 - 1:00 (children stay for lunch)	8:45 - 3:05 (Children will stay for the whole day)	8:45 - 3:05 (Children will stay for the whole day)
20	21	22	23	24
8:45 - 3:05 (Children will be full time from now on)	8:45 - 3:05	8:45 - 3:05	8:45—3:05	8:45—3:05

# Lunchtimes

- We usually run a family service at Cookridge Primary School. This helps to develop friendships and promotes independence.
- We are a Healthy School and we encourage all children to enjoy the balanced meals that we provide.
- Universal Free school meals are provided for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.
- If your child has specific dietary needs or requirements please mention this during your phone consultation with a staff member and confirm this by writing it down on the admissions form.

The menu can be found on the school website





# Celebrating Success

We use an online profiling system called Tapestry. This programme allows you to access to your child's learning profile. In addition you can add your own observations of learning and experiences that take place outside of school.

To see your child's profile, you must provide us with the email addresses of everyone you'd like to access it. A form is available on our website that enables you to provide us with this information.

Over the course of the year we will aim to hold workshops directed at supporting parents with children's learning, for example How to use Tapestry and Phonics, followed by Achieving the early learning goal in writing, later on in the year.



# **Beehive**

## **(Before and After school club)**

### **Breakfast Club:**

**Breakfast Club is from 7.30am – 8.45am.**

**After School: After School is from 3.05pm – 5.45pm.**

**•We will provide a snack at 4pm with a drink.**

**There will be activities at the After School Club such as art, craft, board games, ICT, play and (weather permitting) outdoor activities. We will also provide an area for reading and homework.**

**You may fill in a booking form for each half term and payment may be made monthly or half termly, but it must be in advance of the dates booked.**

**Please follow the link to visit the Beehive webpage for more information.**

**<https://www.cookridgeprimary.co.uk/parents-and-carers/beehive/>**



Please take a look at the schools website for lots more information and download the School App for notifications.  
***Step 7 – New Starters’ Page on the Website***

<https://www.cookridgeprimary.co.uk/>



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# School Uniform

Please order your child's school uniform on the following website, a link can be found on the school website. Your child will be given a team point colour so you can order the correct colour PE kit to link with this. If you are unsure of your child's team point colour then please contact the school.

<http://www.designschooluniform.co.uk/>



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# Important information

- **Data collection document.** This form has all the information we need as a school to help safeguard your children.

Please fill it out carefully, by 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

- **Tapestry.** Please fill out the Tapestry form as soon as possible. Your child can then post messages/pictures/videos on Tapestry over the summer. They can introduce themselves to their new teachers and show them what they like to do.
- **Parent/carer discussions.** Please sign up for a telephone meeting with your child's teacher using the form on the website. These will be taking place w/c 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

# What else do we need from you?

- All uniform and clothing must have a name label (including shoes).
- To ensure your child has good attendance and punctuality at school.
- Please make sure you send your child into school with a labelled water bottle to be refilled during the day, and taken home each evening to be washed.
- To ensure your child is toilet trained, unless your child has an underlying medical need (You will need to speak to the school SENCO about this).
- Please try and make sure your child can button up/zip up their own coat.
- On Forest School days, please make sure you send your child into school with a pair of named Wellies in a separate bag. You will be given notice of when these days will be.
- The correct uniform – please check the website. Only the uniform outlined on the website is part of the official uniform. Your child's team point colour will indicate what colour PE kit they will need.
- Book bags – we use bags for providing reading books and for children's work. Please ensure your child has one.



# **Safeguarding**

## **Social Media**

**Tapestry is a vital online tool that allows us to track your child's progress. You will receive posts with pictures of your child working alongside others. Please do not publish any picture on social media that you receive on Tapestry if it contains another child.**

**If you have any concerns with anything at all, come and speak to us as soon as possible. Often matters can be quickly resolved by speaking to those that can instantly make a difference. We work very hard to do the best by our children and by you.**

# Special arrangements

Whilst we are making every effort to ensure everyone's safety during these difficult times, we also need your help.

1. Please do not send your child to school if they feel unwell in any way.
2. If you receive a call saying your child feels unwell, please collect them immediately.
3. Please teach your child to wash their hands thoroughly and regularly.
4. Please teach your child how to sneeze or cough safely, i.e. into their sleeve or a tissue if they have one.

# **We're here!**

The Reception team are working hard to ensure our new children are supported and comfortable in their transition to Reception. We are also here to answer any questions or concerns that you may have. We will be holding a Zoom meeting with all new families on:

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm.**

This meeting will give you the opportunity to receive all of the important information that you need before September. It will give you an insight into our school and Reception class and will allow us to address any concerns that you may have.

In the meantime, please fill out all of the online forms on our website page.

## **Thank you.**

**We look forward to meeting you soon.**