



Cookridge Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Let us take this opportunity to warmly welcome you and your family to Cookridge Primary School. We are delighted that your child will be joining us in September and are very confident that they will be happy and successful during their time at Cookridge Primary School.

Induction

We will be holding an information meeting for parents on **Wednesday 12th June 2024 at 6:00pm**. In this meeting, we will ensure that you have all the information you need to guide your child into school life in September. There will be a quick presentation about life in Reception and at Cookridge Primary School. Our uniform suppliers will be available and our kitchen will supply you with a sample of the school meals we provide. Support material for learning at home and navigation through our website in order to signpost you to important information whilst at Cookridge Primary School, will also be shared. There will also be an opportunity to ask any questions that you may have.

Important form

There is a VITAL admission form that we need in order to ensure your child's needs are met. You need to make sure any medical needs, dietary requirements, consent forms are filled out on this form. Please can you fill out this form by **5th July**. You can find it on our school website, under the tab '**New Starters – September 2024 – Step 3**'.

School Teams and uniform

When children join Cookridge they each join a school Team (**RED, PURPLE, BLUE, GREEN**). These teams can be used in many different ways through school life including such things as, sports days, PE games, team points, activity days - and in reception - stay and play sessions.

What coloured Teams your children will join

If your child's surname begins with:

A, B, C, D: **RED**

E, F, G, H, I, J: **PURPLE**

K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R: **BLUE**

S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z: **GREEN**

e.g. My name is Ben **K**err, so I would buy a **Blue** PE uniform for my child.

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Teddy Bear's Picnic and Stay and Play

In reception, we will be holding a Reception 'Teddy Bear's Picnic' session for the first day, on Wednesday 10th July. This will be followed by 'Stay and Play' sessions on either Thursday 11th July or Friday 12th July according to your child's team colour. This is a great opportunity for your child to familiarise themselves with the Reception classroom and the adults who work there, having fun whilst doing so. Please book your child's place, on their allocated group time, through the form on our website to secure a place and meet your child's teacher 'New Starters – September 2023' – STEP 4'. The sessions will be as follows:

On the Monday of that week, we would like to invite you to our Teddy Bears' Picnics – See below:

- Wednesday 10th July 9:45am – 10:45am for anyone

We ask you to bring a picnic (snacks for your child/ren), and a teddy bear (or toy of your choice) and we will enjoy food, stories, games around the fire and also meet the Cookridge animals. It will be a good opportunity for your child to meet other children and for you to meet other parents.

Stay and Play Sessions:

- Thursday 11th July: 9:45am – 10:45am for anyone in Red or Purple group.
- Thursday 11th July: 13:15 – 10:45pm for anyone in Green or Blue group
- Friday 12th July 9:45am – 10:45am for anyone in Green or Blue group.
- Friday 12th July: 13:15 – 10:45pm for anyone in Red or Purple group.

e.g. My name is Ben Kerr, so I am in the Blue team, and I would come to a Blue stay and play.

July 2024				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
08	09	10	11	12
		Morning Teddy Bears' Picnic - 10:00 -11:00 (Everyone Welcome)	Stay and play RED and PURPLE group - 9:45-10:45 Stay and play GREEN and BLUE group - 13:15-14:15	Stay and play GREEN and BLUE group - 9:45-10:45 Stay and play RED and PURPLE group - 13:15-14:15

To book onto these sessions, please fill out the online forms on the website Tab - 'New Starters – September 2023' – STEP 4'.

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Parental Meetings

We strive to give your child the very best education and we value parents/carers/school partnerships. We will be visiting your child's nursery provision over the coming months in order to liaise with their current provision and learn from them some of the strategies they use to help your child feel special. If you feel you would like to discuss your child's needs in more detail, please book an (optional) 1:1 meeting (Evening of Wednesday 3rd July).

If you would like one of these optional meetings, please sign up for an appropriate slot via the form on our website under '**New Starters – September 2023' – Step 5'**.

Induction Schedule

In order to give you as much notice as possible to assist you in making the necessary arrangements, we are also keen to share with you the induction schedule for September. On the relevant days, you will drop your child at the Reception classroom doors and a member of staff will be there to greet your child and guide them into school.



Please see the following timetable that indicates the timing for the first 3 weeks in September:

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September 2024				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
02	03	04	05	06
School Training Day	8:40 - 11:30 All children in School (children <u>do not</u> stay for lunch)	8:40 - 11:30 All children in School (children <u>do not</u> stay for lunch)	8:40 - 1:00 All children in School (children <u>stay</u> for lunch)	8:40 - 1:00 All children in School (children <u>stay</u> for lunch)
9	10	11	12	13
8:40 - 3:20 All children in School (Children will stay for the whole day)	8:40 - 3:20 All children in School (Children will stay for the whole day)	8:40 - 3:20 All children in School (Children will stay for the whole day)	8:40 - 3:20 All children in School (Children will stay for the whole day)	8:40 - 3:20 All children in School (Children will stay for the whole day)
16	17	18	19	20
8:40 - 3:20 (All children will be full time from now on)	8:40 - 3:20	8:40 - 3:20	8:40 - 3:20	8:40 - 3:20

All Reception children are entitled to universal free school meals (**This is different to Free School Meals** – Which is based on criteria around parent’s income – Please use the following link if you are unsure <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/apply-for-free-school-meals>) and we encourage them all to start in this way. Having children share table resources, serve themselves food and converse openly about these aspects of dinner service has proven to increase their social, fine motor, problem solving and oracy skills. However, if you feel that your child would benefit from a packed lunch, please discuss these at the Stay and Play session with a member of staff.

All children will attend school full time (8:40am until 3:20pm) from **Monday 9th September 2024**. This will be further discussed at the Parent Information meeting on **Wednesday 12th June 2024 at 6:00pm**.

At Cookridge, we are passionate about meeting the needs of every child and every family and we are very confident that we are beginning a long and successful partnership. Please keep an eye on the ‘New Starter Page’ for any changes, especially the days that lead up to any events.

Kind Regards,
The Reception Team

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