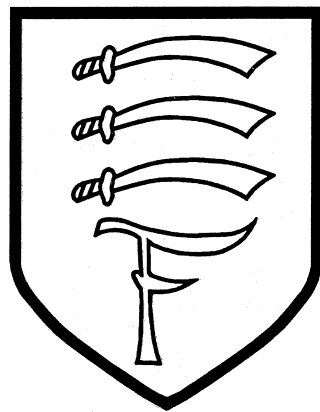


Fairholme Primary School



"We believe we can achieve"

Reception Information 2023-2024

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Reception
8:45am - 3:10pm

Our Approach

Our EYFS setting is set up to promote child led play based learning. We believe all children are born with the desire to learn and this is innate in them. Our role is to ensure our setting is an enabling environment that allows for children to be curious and active learners.

To enable this to happen we provide a safe, well-resourced environment that follows the children's interests, provides challenge, risk and includes lots of fun and play!

Our adults skilfully observe the children in their play and plan in the moment teaching for each individual child, focusing on how to move their learning forwards. This means the child and their individual needs are at the heart of all our teaching and planning.

We encourage the children to be independent learners, to ask if they need help and to help each other. We encourage our children to take risks and to challenge themselves within their learning. We provide access to a wide variety of resources to support the children's all-round development.

Children spend a lot of time outside whatever the weather. Activities they may choose to complete might be: painting, playing in the mud pit or kitchen, sitting in the sand pit, gardening or creating water cascades...the list goes on! One thing all these learning opportunities have in common is that they are child led and therefore can potentially be incredibly messy. Please ensure you send your child in to school with a coat that you are happy for them to get messy in.

The Early Years Foundation Stage

Practice in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) is shaped by the **four guiding principles** outlined in the EYFS framework. These are:

- Every child is a **unique child**, who is constantly learning and can be resilient, capable, confident and self-assured;
- Children learn to be strong and independent through **positive relationships**;
- Children learn and develop well in **enabling environments**, in which their experiences respond to their individual needs and there is a strong partnership between practitioners and parents and/or carers; and
- **Children develop and learn in different ways and at different rates**. The framework covers the education and care of all children in early year's provision, including children with special educational needs and disabilities.

Home Visits

Prior to your child starting Fairholme, our Reception staff will arrange a home visit to your home. This provides your child with an opportunity to meet their teacher, in their own home environment, and for you to ask any questions or share any further information with us.

We operate a staggered entry system. Children will enter Reception in small groups to allow them to get used to the routine and settle as quickly as possible. The children will attend part time for the first few weeks, we have found this to be the most effective way of creating a calm and purposeful start to the year.

Arriving at school

In Reception we operate a soft start to the day. The doors to Reception will open at 8.45am and will close at 9.00am. The children can come in to school any time within that 15minute time frame but they must be here by 9.00am at the latest. If your child arrives after 9.00am you are late. If your child is late for school you will be required to take them to the school office to sign them in.

Collecting your child

School finishes at 3:10. Please collect your child on time. We will only allow your child to be collected by an adult that you have recorded on your child's collection sheet. Should you need to make arrangements for your child to be collected by someone else, please telephone the school office.

Absence

Unless your child is unwell, they need to attend school every day. Should your child be too unwell to come to school you must telephone the school office that morning on 020 8890 2584 and press 1 for the absence line to leave a message explaining your child's absence. Attendance at school is vital for children to make good progress in their learning. We pride ourselves on how hard we work to ensure our school attendance is broadly in-line with national attendance averages.

School Dinners

Whilst in Reception, your child will enjoy a school-provided lunch which is free as part of the government's Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM). Our menu offers a variety of choices each day, please refer to the enclosed weekly menu.

Drinks and snacks

If you wish for your child to have milk at school please register online at www.coolmilk.com. Please refer to the enclosed leaflet to find out if your child is entitled to free milk.

You must also provide a named refillable drink bottle for your child as we encourage the children to drink water throughout the day and refill their bottle when required. You may provide your child with water or diluted squash (but please avoid sugary or fizzy drinks and fruit juice).

All children will receive free fruit at school every day. You might also like to provide your child with a healthy snack to eat in the middle of the morning. Please do not send chocolate, sweets, crisps, cakes, biscuits, cereal bars or any other snacks that are high in sugar or fat. Things like breaksticks, rice cakes, carrot sticks or small pieces of chesse might be suitable. There is more information about appropriate healthy snacks in our separated 'Healthy snacks and drinks' leaflet on our school web site or available from the school office.

Medical Conditions

It is vital that you inform us if your child has any medical conditions and keep us updated on any changes related to their condition. You will need to contact the school office to arrange an appointment for you to come into school and meet the Pastoral Assistant to complete a Health Care Plan for your child's condition. The Health Care Plan needs to be completed before your child starts.

Should you require the school to administer prescribed medication to your child, you must complete a consent form, at the school office, to enable us to do this.

Contact Information

It is very important that the school has up-to-date contact details for parents, carers and any other emergency contacts. It is very distressing for a child if we are unable to contact you. Please ensure that any changes to your details are updated immediately at the school office.

We keep you informed

Our preferred method of contact is face to face. If you would like to speak to your child's teacher, we are usually available at the end of the day. If you need to leave a message at any other time this can be done through the school office.

Other methods we use to keep you informed about your child or school life in general are;

- School website - www.fairholme.hounslow.sch.uk - newsletters, curriculum information, other letters and updates
- Please regularly check your child's letter pocket
- Parent meetings
- Parent Hub - please download onto a smart phone

Please keep us informed

The relationship between school and home is very important to your child's development and well-being, it is your responsibility to keep us informed of any changes that may affect the well-being of your child. We appreciate your co-operation with this.

In addition to information about your child's welfare, please give us regular information about your child to contribute to their Learning Journey. For example, have you been on a trip/holiday? Have they recently had a new experience or learnt a new skill such as riding a bike? Have you celebrated a religious festival? Does your child participate in a club or activity outside of school and so forth.

We hope you have found this information useful and it has answered some of your questions, however if you have any further queries then please ask us on your home visit or contact us via the school office.

**We are looking forward to welcoming your child to
Fairholme Primary School.**