



Welcome

Meet our Head Teacher



Hi, I am Miss Claire Britnell and I am looking forward to welcoming you all to Cold Harbour School.

Starting school for the first time is very exciting and we feel very privileged to be part of your child's development as they begin their educational journey with us.

We believe that children deserve the best possible chances in life and that they learn best when there are strong links between home and school. If you have any questions about your child starting school, then please do not hesitate to get in touch. Enjoy a restful summer and I will see you face-to-face hopefully in September!

With very best wishes,

Claire

Information Pack



- **An information pack will be available for you to collect from the school office from Monday 28th June.**
- **All the dates in this powerpoint are in your information pack.**

What is the Early Years Foundation Stage?

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) is the stage of education for children from **birth** to the **end of the Reception year**.

It is based on the recognition that children learn best through **play and active learning**.

Three prime areas of learning and development

- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development



Four specific areas of learning and development

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

Characteristics of Effective Learning

- Playing and exploring
- Active learning
- Creating and thinking critically



Cygnet Class



Mrs Katie Clark
Foundation Stage Lead
(Weds, Thurs and Fri)



Miss Sarah Clarke
Foundation Class Teacher
(Mon and Tues)



Mrs Christine Finney
Teaching Assistant
Full Time

What happens next?

- **Child and parent visits** in small groups.

You will be invited into school either on **Tuesday 6th July** or **Wednesday 7th July**.

With your support your child will:

- Look around the classroom, find the toilet and where their peg will be.
- Meet the teachers they will have in September.
- Try some activities.
- Listen to a story.
- Start to make some friends!



Preparing your child for school workshop

- A **workshop** for you and your child on **Thursday 8th July**.
- This is a interactive workshop full of ideas on how to prepare your child for school with some activities and games you could play at home!
- This will be held outside.
- Due to the current guidelines this may need to be cancelled if the weather is bad.
- Please can we ask that only **one** parent attends with their child.



Induction Sessions

- Your child will then be invited to two sessions on their own.
- First session on **Wednesday 14th July** for an hour.
- Second session on **Wednesday 21st July** for either a morning or afternoon.
- Approximately 13 children in each session.
- Bring own drink (water bottle).
- Try some different activities and play with new friends!
- On **Wednesday 21st July** in between the sessions we will be having a teddy bears picnic **11.30-12.30** for all children and parents to meet.
- **Bring your own picnic and blanket!**



Home visits

- In your pack there will be a date and time for a home visit.
- Two members of staff will visit.
- This is an opportunity to ask any questions, talk through any concerns or worries and tell us all the wonderful things about your little person.
- It is a great way for the children to meet us where they feel comfortable.
- The visit lasts about 20 minutes.
- Please let us know if you have any concerns about the visit. We are happy to wear masks, sit in the garden, sit outside the front door or meet in a local park.
- Prepare your child by getting them to think of something special that they could share with us. It could be an object, story or something they have made 😊



Outdoor Area



Foundation Entrance

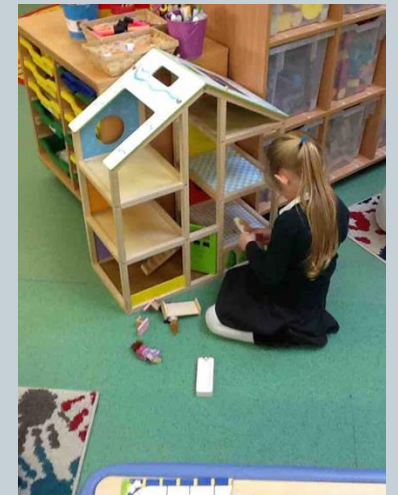


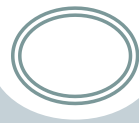
What happens when my child starts school?

- **September...**

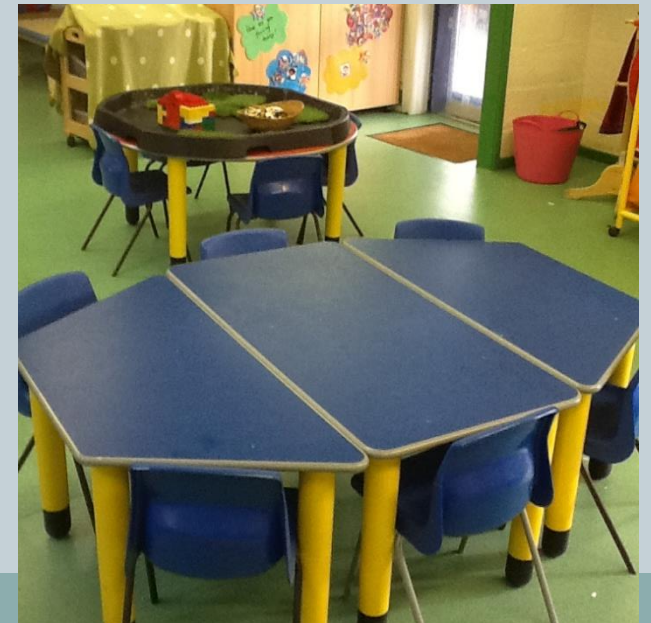
With the ever changing guidelines we have to be cautious so this is the plan at the moment:

- All children will start school on **Monday 6th September.**
- They will be split into two groups with half attending in the morning and the other half in the afternoon.
- **Morning group 9.00am-11.30am**
- **Afternoon group 12.30pm-3.00pm**
- On **Friday 10th September** all children will have lunch in school.
- The children will then be in full time the following week.





Our Classroom



What will happen on the first full day?

- Currently the doors in Foundation open at 8.30am. Parents can bring children down to the Foundation door.
- Registration.
- Range of activities and phonics.
- Snack- we have water and fruit in the classroom but children are welcome to bring their own water bottle. If you want your child to have milk please sign up (in pack)
- Playtime
- Range of activities and maths.
- Lunch- this will be in the hall with their class.
- Range of activities.
- Story time.
- Foundation are currently collected at 2.50pm.



What does your child need in school?

- A coat
- Sun hat, if sunny.
- PE Kit- prospectus on website shows uniform and PE kit
- Uniform – Kedaph Schoolwear or MyClothing
- Water bottle
- Wellies
- Lunchbox (if your child is not having a hot school lunch)
- Book bag



Please put your child's name on everything!

What else do you need to know?

- Classdojo- Reward system where all children have a dojo and collect dojo points. There is also a class story where we share learning or events in school.
- Half termly letter to keep you updated about what we are learning in school.
- Phonics workshop in September
- Sign up to parentmail- receive all the school letters and reminders to your email account (in pack)



Preparing your child for school

- Attend all the induction sessions.
- Practise dressing themselves in their uniform.
- Use the toilet on their own.
- Encourage independence.
- Share stories.
- Talk about what will happen at school.
- Share the photos on this powerpoint.
- Fill out the 'All About Me' book (in pack).



Any questions?

- Website www.coldhambourschool.org.uk
- Contact me at: katie.batt@coldharbour.milton-keynes.sch.uk
- Induction sessions
- Home visits
- Phone school office: 01908 270377

Thank you for joining!

