

# Early Years Induction Meeting



# Welcome to Cockfield Primary School

The school website <http://www.cockfield.durham.sch.uk/> is kept up to date with the latest news and events and has lots more information about our school.

We also have our dedicated EYFS Facebook page too!

Cockfield Primary School EYFS Unit



# Staff at Cockfield Primary School

EYFS Teacher: Mrs Hargraves

Teaching Assistant Support

# Class Size

## Class Size:

There will be 14 children in this year's Reception Class.



# On Your Child's First Day in Reception

Children will start school on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021

We will continue to use the Nursery Entrance.

**TIMINGS OF THE SCHOOL DAY WILL BE CONFIRMED NEARER THE TIME**

The children will need their coat, PE Kit and a school bag, water bottle and packed lunch if needed.

At the end of the school day children will be collected as usual from the Nursery Entrance.



# Daily Timetable

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### AM

9:00 Register

9:10 - 9:25 Go Noodle or Movement

9:25 – 10:00 Phonics

10:00 – 10:15 Snack Time

10:15 – 10:45 Outdoor Child Initiated Learning (Playtime)

10:45 – 11:15 Maths

11:15 – 11:30 Storytime

### LUNCHTIME

### PM

12:30 – 12:35 Register

12:35 – 12:50 Topic Input (Carpet Time)

12:50 – 2:00 Topic (Indoor/Outdoor)

2:00 – 2:15 Snack Time

2:15 – 2:45 Outdoor Child Initiated Learning (Playtime)

2:45 – 3:00 Story Time & Preparing for home.

3:00 Home Time

# Trays and Pegs/Objects from Home

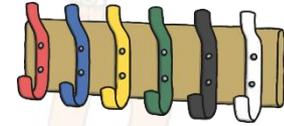
## Trays and Pegs:

Each child will have their own named tray in the classroom for keeping their belongings in, their jumper/cardigan, glasses and any pictures they have drawn etc.

They will have a named peg in the EYFS Cloakroom. This is where they will keep their bags and coats. They also have a file organiser in the cloakroom to help us with handing out their artwork, reading books and pictures etc.

We also have an area in the classroom where the children keep their water bottles.

**Objects from home:** We discourage children from bringing toys into school, sweets are not allowed as they pose a choking and allergy risk.



# Clothing

## **Clothing:**

At Cockfield Primary School **all children** wear a school uniform.

See the handout in your pack for information.

Uniform items with a logo can be ordered from

<https://totstoteams.com/schools/cockfield-primary-school>

**P.E. Kits:** Children will also require a red t-shirt and black /navy shorts and plimsolls. These should be brought to school in a separate, named PE bag to be left on your child's peg.

**Please ensure that all clothing that your child wears or brings into school, is clearly named.**



# Food and Drink

**Lunch:** At lunch time your child can have a packed lunch prepared at home and brought into school, or a school dinner. Lunchtime is between 11:30 and 12:30, when the children can eat lunch and then play with their friends. All Reception and Key Stage 1 children are entitled to a free school meal each day. There will be a selection of different meals available each day for your child to choose from. A menu will be provided. Vegetarian options are always available. **Please let us know if your child has any other dietary restrictions or requirements.**

Packed lunches should support our school's healthy eating policy. Please note that our school is a 'nut free' zone which means that all types of nuts are banned.

**Snacks:** Children will receive a healthy snack twice during the day in the EYFS Unit.

**Milk:** This is provided through the COOL MILK scheme for free until your child has their 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday. After that you can choose to continue paying for them to receive a glass of milk for 20p approx. per day.

**Drinks:** Water is available throughout the day, including lunchtimes. Juice should not be brought to school in children's water bottles.



# Health

**Health:** Staff need to be aware of your child's medical background, in particular any allergies (e.g. bee stings, dairy food), any dietary restrictions (e.g. vegetarian) and any medical conditions that are important for us to know (e.g. asthma or eczema).

Children can suddenly become ill and therefore it is important that we know we can contact you or another adult relative/friend at all times.

Please ensure that the school is kept up to date with your contact details.

If your child is unable to attend school due to illness, please telephone the school office to let us know.

If they are prescribed any medicines that need to be taken during the day please discuss these with a member of staff as forms need to be completed to share dosage and timings etc.



# Early Years Curriculum

Activities in the EYFS Unit are carefully planned and organised in order to provide a range of learning experiences. Individual records and Learning Journals are kept by staff to record the activities your child participates in and undertakes, as well as their progress in specific skills. Children also record some of their learning in exercise books. Planning for each week and term is carried out using a topic-based approach, following the children's interests and responding to specific events.

There are 7 Areas of Learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), which activities are planned around:

- **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**
- **Physical Development**
- **Communication and Language**
- **Literacy**
- **Mathematics**
- **Understanding the World**
- **Expressive Arts and Design**

Throughout the EYFS, children will be working towards the Early Learning Goals. These describe the level of attainment expected at the end of your child's Reception year in school.

# Learning Journals and Reports

Throughout the year, staff will record your child's learning in an online 'LEARNING JOURNAL.' This will form a unique record of your child's learning and development. It will contain photographs and staff observations.

We use an online Learning Journal called Tapestry. We encourage parents to share experiences from home through Tapestry so that we can get a better picture of your child's interests, important life events and achievements.

Children will also work in exercise books for English/Topic, Maths, Handwriting and Phonics.

We also keep floor books to document all of the exciting things that happen in the EYFS Unit.

**Reports** – *Children will receive 2 progress summaries each year; November and March. They will receive an end of year report in July.*



# Home Learning

We understand and value the support you provide for your child at home. Early years staff would love to hear about what you and your child have been doing at home. We encourage you to share your child's learning, achievements and experiences with staff, as this helps us to build a more complete picture of your child.

**Reading** – We expect children to read at home on a **daily basis**. Children will continue to receive a Library book each week but will also be given a Phonics reading book every day. Our Phonics scheme has a range of online books too! Children will receive a Reading Record so that you can record the pages that they read at home

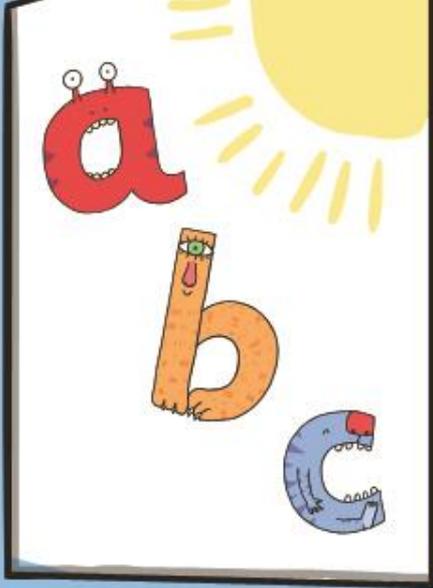
**Homework** – *Children will receive a Homework Grid each half term with a variety of homework activities to choose from. Children should aim to complete at least 4 of these tasks each half term.*





Should you have any questions, please feel free to speak to a member of staff.

We aim to ensure that your children's experience at Cockfield Primary School is a happy and rewarding one.



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