

FREDERICK BIRD PRIMARY SCHOOL

FOUNDATION STAGE



Welcome to The Early Years
Foundation Stage
September 2020 – 2021

Welcome

Welcome to Frederick Bird Primary School. We hope that both you and your child will be very happy during your time with us.

Starting school is a really special and exciting time and we appreciate that you may have many questions to ask. We aim to provide as much information as possible in this booklet; however there will also be lots of opportunity to discuss any of your thoughts, queries or concerns with the Reception staff. Our Leadership Team will also be available to offer support at any time, should you need it.

The Leadership Team at our school is:

Mr P Tuffin (Headteacher)

Mrs M Porter (Deputy Headteacher)

Mrs N Franklin-Hackett (Senior Assistant Headteacher)

Mrs P Hewitt (Assistant Headteacher/Foundation Stage)

Mrs N Patel (Assistant Headteacher/Key Stage 1)

Mrs C Alonzi (Assistant Headteacher/Lower Key Stage 2)

Mrs C Smith (Assistant Headteacher/Upper Key Stage 2)

Mrs T Taylor (School Business and Operations Manager)

The admin team will always be available to assist you.

The school telephone number is:

024 76 221920



The Early Years Foundation Stage Team



Ms Khan
Nursery Year Group Leader
Class Teacher



Mrs Hewitt
Assistant Headteacher
(EYFS)



Mrs Darlison
Reception Year Group Leader
Class Teacher

This page will be updated when we have finalised staffing

Nursery: The School Day

We offer each child five sessions a week either in the morning or in the afternoon. There are thirty-nine places in each session.

TIMES OF SESSIONS

Mornings 8:45 to 11:45 am

Afternoons 12:30 to 3.30 pm

Entry to nursery is through the side door. If you are late and the nursery gate is locked, please bring your child through the main entrance. The same arrangements apply to picking up children at the end of the session.

Please let us know in advance if there is a change to the usual arrangements.

All children must be collected by a known adult (16 years).

Morning Nursery: Children will be ready to be collected at 11:45am

Afternoon Nursery: Children will be ready to be collected at 3:30pm



Reception: The School Day

The times of the school day are:

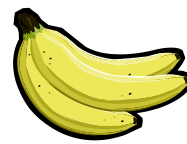
Entry time: 8.40 am
Registration: 8.50 am
Dinner: 11.30 am to 12.30 pm
End of day : 3.10 pm

At the end of the day, all children must be collected by an adult (16yrs or over). If the adult collecting is not your child's parent, please notify the class teacher. At 3.10pm parents/carers should wait by the designated door for your child's class area. Reception staff will then open the doors to allow parents access. Reception staff will ensure that every child is handed over, safely, to their adult.

If a child isn't collected by 3.25pm, he/she is then taken to the front of school near the doors to the school office, so you will need to use the front entrance if ever you arrive late. We do feel that it is very important for parents/carers to collect children on time, pupils can often become very distressed when their adult is not there for them.

If you are going to be late or another adult needs to collect your child you **MUST** contact school and inform us on that day. (024 76 221920)





Morning Snack

Every day children are provided with free fruit, as part of the 'National Fruit Scheme'. They are also provided with a daily free carton of milk up until they are five years old. Throughout the whole school year, we ensure that all pupils have regular access to water during the school day.

Lunch

In Reception your child may bring a packed lunch from home or enjoy a free school dinner. If you do provide your child with their own packed lunch, we would strongly encourage you to ensure that this is a balanced meal including a drink and at least one piece of fruit/veg. We feel that this is very important as children must continue to engage fully in their learning activities during the afternoon.

Uniform

At Frederick Bird, we expect every child to wear school uniform.

Daily school uniform should consist of:

- Blue sweatshirt or cardigan
- White shirt or polo shirt
- Grey/black skirt or trousers
- Black shoes (not trainers)

PE Kit should consist of:

- Plain white t-shirt
- Black shorts or jogging bottoms
- Black pumps

All items are available to purchase from 'Cat Ballou' (1-3 The Burgess, in the city centre). Please make sure that all of your child's clothes are labelled with their name and class to ensure that items are not easily lost.



The Early Years Foundation Stage Principles

A Unique Child: Every child is a competent learner from birth who can be resilient, capable, confident and self-assured.

Positive relationships: Children learn to be strong and independent from a base of loving and secure relationships with both parents/carers and practitioners.

Enabling environments: The environment plays a key role in supporting and extending children's development and learning.

Learning and Development: Children develop and learn in different ways and at different rates and all areas are equally important and inter-connected.

In Nursery and Reception we actively plan to put these principles into practice and they underpin all of the work we do with children on a daily basis.



The Curriculum: Areas of Learning and Development

All learning activities take place either in our reception class areas, or in our outdoor learning environment. Your child will follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum which is made up of seven areas of learning and development:

The Three Prime Areas of Learning:

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

The Four Specific Areas of Learning:

- Mathematics
- Literacy (Reading and Writing)
- Understanding of the World
- Expressive Arts and Design



Communication and Language

- Listening and Attention
- Understanding
- Speaking



Personal, Social & Emotional Development

- Making relationships
- Self-confidence and self-awareness
- Managing feelings and behaviour

Physical Development

- Moving and Handling
- Health and self-care



Mathematics

- Number
- Shape, space and measure

Literacy

- Reading
- Writing

Understanding of the World

- Understanding the World
- Peoples and Communities
- Technology

Expressive Arts and Design

- Being Imaginative
- Exploring using media and materials



The Outdoor Learning Environment

In the Early Years Foundation Stage, children are encouraged to carry out their daily learning activities both inside and out, whatever the weather! In our outdoor learning environment, we ensure that children can access all areas of learning and have lots of fun whilst making great progress!



Working Together

We strongly believe that working in partnership with parents and carers is hugely important and contributes to the successes and achievements that your child will have with us at Frederick Bird Primary School. We are a very welcoming school with approachable staff who are always available to help and support you and your child in the best way we can.

Throughout the year there are many opportunities for us to work together:

- Informal discussion daily during 'Flying Start' and at the end of the school day
- Weekly newsletters available on our website
- Parent workshops
- Parents' Evenings
- Weekly Achievement Assemblies
- Special events e.g. performances, Winter Fayre, celebrations
- Recording in children's 'Learning Journals' using Tapestry

Celebrating Success

We are really proud of our children and it is very important to us to celebrate their achievements. Children can all achieve WOWs, when a child has achieved 5, 10 or 20 WOWs they will get a certificate in assembly.

Every Friday morning, we have an 'Achievement Assembly'. This gives children the opportunity to share their successes and we award certificates for star of the week, 'wow' awards and 'marvellous manners'. There is also a trophy which is awarded to the class with the best weekly attendance. If your child is due to be awarded a certificate, the class teacher will invite you personally to give you the opportunity to attend this special occasion.

At the end of each term we also hold a special 'Achievement Assembly'. Each teacher selects a star of the term and other awards are also given out by the Head teacher to reward good attendance and progress in specific areas.



Health and Well being

It is essential that all of our pupils are safe, happy and healthy whilst at school in our care. We would always encourage you to discuss any worries or concerns you have with a member of staff. Also, if there are any issues or changes for children at home then it would be helpful for us to know, as it may affect them whilst in school.

It is very important that you inform us if your child has any medical needs so we can consider how to support you in looking after them while they are in school. If there are any accidents or medical issues with your child during the school day, we have a number of staff members who are trained first aiders to deliver any basic treatment required. Parents and carers are always contacted if there is any injury to the head or any injury which we view as 'serious'.

Holidays and Absences

If your child is ill and is unable to attend school then please phone us before 9:30am on the day of absence. If we identify that your child is not in school and you have not informed us of the reasons, then you will be contacted by Julie Shaw our Attendance Officer.

If your child needs to attend a medical appointment during the school day, they must still attend where possible. You will need to have a short discussion with Julie Shaw.

At Frederick Bird Primary School we do not allow holidays in term time. They can cause great disruption to children's learning, particularly when they are very young and settling into school. There is a list of school holidays on the notice board in the office so that you are able to plan your holidays accordingly. If you have no alternative, please discuss details with the Headteacher before any bookings for travel are made.