

The Foundation Stage 2023



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School Values

North Heath CP School School Values

ENJOYMENT RESPECT HAPPINESS
ACHIEVEMENT COOPERATION
KNOWING YOURSELF
LEARNING FOR LIFE

We aim to:

1. develop an enjoyment of learning
2. make every child feel valued and respected
3. have a happy and positive ethos which encourages the celebration of all achievement
4. provide a safe and inclusive environment that encourages everyone to reach their full potential
5. communicate effectively and collaborate through positive partnerships and teamwork within and beyond the school
6. develop self awareness and life long learning skills



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The Foundation Stage

Welcome to North Heath CP School The Early Years Foundation Stage

Thank you for choosing our school. We aim to provide a safe, happy and stimulating learning environment, in which all children can achieve their full potential.

In the Foundation Stage we learn through practical and stimulating activities which encourage independent and confident learners.

We hope our brochure provides parent(s)/carer(s) with all the information required for a smooth induction to our school and the Foundation Stage.

For any further information please contact us on
01403 254790
or visit our website at
www.northheathprimary.co.uk



A Typical Day

In Reception we learn through fun, practical activities and play

Every day is different in Reception. As part of a large school, it is important to have routines and structure, which we gradually introduce throughout the Autumn term. Routine provides stability, self confidence and promotes independent learners.



Once the children have completed their staggered induction programme from 5-15 September 2023, they will be expected to come into class by themselves between 8:40am and 8:45am. Registers will be taken at 8:45am. Any pupils arriving after this time must report to the main Reception.

What is the routine on arrival to class?

Every day the children will...

- hang up their coats
- put away their water bottle
- choose a new story from the class library to take home and share with their family

They will then have time to explore their class with their friends.

A Typical Day

What happens when school begins?

The day always begins at 8:45am. As a class we have carpet time to take the register and look at the weather and date chart. We sing a song to learn the days of the week and months of the year.

Learning

During the morning the children will have a Literacy and Mathematics session where they spend time as a class learning through songs and interactive games. At North Heath we use a highly effective programme called Song of Sounds to teach phonics. Throughout the morning the children will work and play across the whole Reception environment. Through a balance of adult and self initiated opportunities the children will enjoy a range of practical play based activities to reinforce learning and develop skills.



Milk and fruit

Reception children will have a mid morning snack. They will either have water, provided in a drinks bottle from home, or semi skimmed milk provided by Cool Milk. Information regarding Cool Milk can be found in your welcome pack. Milk is free until your child's fifth birthday. Up to the end of Year 2 the children will be offered a piece of fresh fruit every day. This is currently funded by the Department of Health. All children should have a water bottle to be kept in class during the day. Water bottles can be purchased from the School office for £1.10.

A Typical Day

Lunchtime

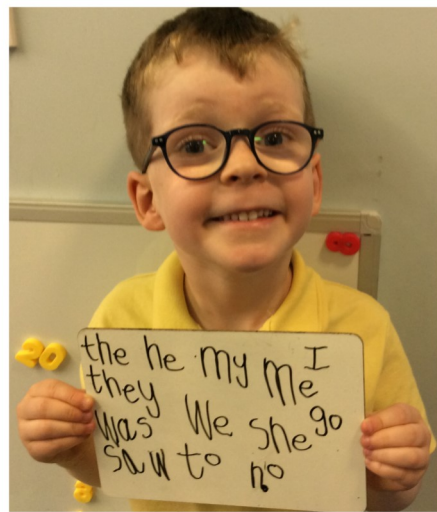
The Reception pupils begin their lunch hour at 12:00pm. All children will eat in the school hall. As the hall will be a new place for the children to familiarise with, our Reception teachers will take the classes to lunch. They will show them the routine until they are happy that all the pupils are confident and relaxed to do it by themselves. Hot lunches are provided daily by Chartwells. If your child has any specific dietary requirements, Chartwells will need to be notified. Information regarding ordering hot meals will follow shortly. If parent/s/carer/s do not wish for their child to have a hot meal, pupils will need a packed lunch and a drink in a plastic container. We promote healthy eating and ask for fresh fruit and sandwiches (or other carbohydrates) rather than processed foodstuffs and no cans (for safety reasons). Please put food in easy to open containers or slightly opened packaging to make it easier for your child at lunchtime.



In preparation for your child starting school, please help them to learn to use a knife and fork with good independence.

A Typical Day

The afternoons always begin with a story followed by a class activity. This ranges from PE, music, circle games, investigative walks around school and parachute games to whole class creative activities. During the week the children will spend time on the school running track to reinforce the importance of exercise and a healthy lifestyle as well as enjoying social time with friends. For the remainder of the afternoon, the children will continue to explore both classrooms and the Reception garden. Alongside their play, adults lead creative, imaginative and investigative activities to extend the pupils learning further. Once the pupils are fully settled, they will attend whole school assemblies and weekly singing practice with Key Stage 1.



At 3:15pm all children should be collected from the front playground. Apple class will be collected by the main entrance and Plum class will be led out via the Year 1 garden. The end of the day is a very busy time and it is helpful if parent(s)/carer(s) step forward to collect their child in the initial weeks until staff become familiar with the person who regularly collects them. You **MUST** inform school if you are running late so that we can reassure your child.



Uniform

What will my child need before starting school?

Uniform

The colours of North Heath are grey and yellow. Pupils can wear grey trousers, skirts or dresses with a yellow polo shirt and grey jumper or cardigan. In warmer months grey shorts or yellow check dresses can be worn. Sunhats are also available from the School office for £3.50. Uniform with the school logo can be purchased from R J Osborne Limited. For further information visit their website www.rjosbourne.com or phone 01403 731770. A grey school logo fleece is also available.



PE

For PE, the children will need a t-shirt in their house colour, black shorts and plimsolls (preferably slip-on). For cold weather, black/grey tracksuit trousers can be worn.



Outdoor activities

We aim to use the Reception garden all year round, therefore pupils will need a waterproof jacket at school everyday.

Please ensure all items are clearly named



Illness/Medicines

What should I do if my child is ill?

- If your child needs to stay at home, please telephone school first thing in the morning.
- If your child is ill during the day, we will take good care of him/her. We will telephone you to take him/her home. Please make sure we always have at least two contact telephone numbers. We need to be updated immediately of any contact changes so we can best care for your child.



- If children are well enough to be in school but need medicines, parents are encouraged to visit school at lunchtime in order to administer them. Staff are only able to administer medication prescribed by a doctor on receipt of a signed Parent Agreement Form which are available from the office or website. Children should never have medicines in school, not even throat sweets. For more details please refer to our Medicines Policy on the website.
- Please inform school if your child has headlice, worms or rashes.
- For information and advice on children's common illnesses please refer to our School website.

If you wish to discuss your child's physical or emotional health or any behavioural problems, you can phone the School Nurse on telephone number 01403 227000 Extension 7507.



North Heath Community Primary School School Term and Holiday Dates

Term Dates

AUTUMN TERM 2023

| | |
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| START | Friday 1 September |
| HALF TERM | Monday 23 October-Friday 27 October |
| END | Friday 15 December |

Inset Days: Friday 1 September & Monday 4 September

SPRING TERM 2024

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| START | Tuesday 2 January |
| HALF TERM | Monday 12 February-Friday 16 February |
| END | Thursday 28 March |
| | Good Friday: Friday 29 March |
| | Easter Monday: Monday 1 April |

Inset Days: Tuesday 2 January & Thursday 28 March

SUMMER TERM 2024

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|------------------|-----------------------------|
| START | Monday 15 April |
| HALF TERM | Monday 27 May-Friday 31 May |
| END | Friday 23 July |

Bank Holidays: Monday 6 May & Monday 27 May

Inset Day: Monday 3 June

**The school has two Inset Days at the start of the year,
so pupils do not start until
Tuesday 5 September**

Holidays are not authorised in term time. Please ask in the office for a leave of absence form should your child need to be taken out of school for other reasons.

School term dates can be found on the school website or alternatively, visit www.westsussex.gov.uk and search for school term dates.



Further Information

Further Useful Information

Friends of North Heath

You are all automatic members. Please volunteer, join in and get to know other parents/carers. Friends of North Heath help give us a community feel and their fundraising efforts can impact directly on the quality of provision for your child. You can make contact via the School office.

Reading

We will supply a plastic wallet so your child can bring home a book for you to read to him/her. If you wish, you can buy a yellow school bag from the School office for £4.00.

We have a school library which enables pupils to enjoy a huge range of books and develop a love for reading. All pupils will have access to a class library and are exposed to a variety of texts and genres through lessons. Please read to your child every day and join your local library.

Before and after school care

A breakfast and after school club is available through the Rocketeers and will be based on site at Heather Playgroup. To get in touch, call 01403 371020 or email enquiries@rocketeerschildcare.co.uk



Further Information

School hours

Please be prompt when dropping off and picking up your child.

If you have an emergency and cannot pick up your child on time, please telephone school on 01403 254790. If you want someone else other than yourself to pick up your child, please send a note to teachers beforehand.

Teachers will dismiss children from the front playground at 3:15pm. Whilst clubs are available for some children after school, we currently do not provide childcare beyond our legal liability.

Our door is always open and we are happy to talk about any issues regarding school or your child after 3:15pm. The mornings are a very busy time and we therefore ask that you email the school office if you have an important message for the teacher or wish to make an appointment with them.

office@northheathprimary.co.uk

We look forward to working together to give your child a good start to his/her schooling and are pleased to welcome you to our school.



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