

Killamarsh Infant and Nursery School



Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

FOUNDATION STAGE 1 (FS1)

2017-18 brochure

FS1 aims

In FS1 we aim to welcome all children, parents and carers into a happy and secure environment. The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Framework and Every Child Matters underpin our practise.

Children learn through play and therefore we aim to offer enjoyable, meaningful and hands on experiences that support development in your child's early years.

We hope to meet your child's needs and look forward to working in partnership with you to do so.

FS1 provision

In our 26 place Foundation Stage 1 provision we offer a weekly 15 hour funded session. We have four provision options:

- Option 1 – all day Monday, all day Tuesday and Wednesday morning
- Option 2 – Wednesday afternoon, all day Thursday and all day Friday
- Option 3 – Monday to Friday mornings
- Option 4 – Monday to Friday afternoons

Extra sessions can be purchased at £10 per session, subject to availability. Please contact the FS Unit for availability then the school office for a booking form.

30 hours funding

We allocate a limited number of afternoon spaces to the 30 hours of free funding and offer them to qualifying children the full term after their third birthday (if spaces are available). For more information and to check if you are eligible visit

https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/early_years_childcare/early_learning_free_places/increase-free-childcare-30hours/default.asp

Key worker groups

We hope that our key worker system enables you and your child to become familiar with our Foundation Stage practitioners. Although we work in key worker groups we hope you feel comfortable in approaching any of our staff. Your child's key worker is indicated on their starter pack.

EYFS Unit opening times for FS1

Morning sessions – 8:40 am to 11:45 am

All day sessions – 8:40 am to 3:00 pm

Afternoon sessions – 11:50 am to 3:00 pm

Absence from FS1

Please let us know if your child will not be attending FS1 for any reason by contacting the school office. As stated in our admission policy, “if a child does not attend FS1 for two weeks, without informing school and without an appropriate reason, their place will be withdrawn and offered to the next name on the waiting list”.

Coming into the EYFS Unit

Access is from the main road through the top Foundation Stage playground and into the bottom Foundation Stage playground. FS1 (and FS2) children will enter the unit with their parents/carers via the conservatory cloakroom at 8:40 am. The Foundation Stage door will be closed at 8:50 am at which point parents/carers should leave by the same route as they entered. This time will be signalled by the shake of a tambourine. FS1 children should gather on the rug for songs and register. Registers will be taken at 8:50 am. Once gates are closed, late entries should report to the school office.

Going home from the EYFS Unit

At the end of the session children will be released via the conservatory cloakroom door to parents/carers who are waiting in the bottom Foundation Stage playground. Gates will be opened along the pathway at 11:40 am for morning sessions and 2:50 pm for all day sessions. Children will only be released to known adults who are at least 16 years old. If children have not been collected by 12:00 pm or 3:20 pm they will be taken to the school office and parents/carers will be contacted.

Lunchtime

FS1 lunch sessions run from 11:50 am. FS1 children attending all day sessions will have their lunch in the unit. Children can enjoy a hot school dinner, or a school sandwich, or can bring their own healthy lunch box from home. Lunch boxes from home should be placed on the snack trolley when children arrive

in the morning. A school dinner costs £2.00. Unless your child is at nursery for the morning session, hot school dinners/school sandwiches must be ordered via the school office before 9:30am. Payment can be in cash or by a cheque made payable to DCC.

Children attending afternoon sessions, and children in Option 2 provision on Wednesdays, will arrive at 11:50 for their lunch. Parents should follow the above procedure for ordering a hot school dinner/school sandwich if their child is not bringing a lunch box from home.

Children attending Option 3 (Monday to Friday morning sessions) will go home for their lunch at 11:45. Children attending Option 1 (all day Monday, all day Tuesday and Wednesday morning) will also go home for their lunch at 11:45 on Wednesday mornings.

Snack

In the FS Unit we operate a free flow snack time. FS1 children can access a drink of water or a drink of milk and a piece of fruit every morning and afternoon. Water is always made available to children throughout the day.

Clothing

Although we provide aprons, many of the activities in the Foundation Stage can be quite messy! It is therefore important to send your child in suitable clothing. Loose fitting clothes without tricky fastenings can help your child to become more independent when using the toilet. Jogging bottoms and leggings are ideal. Although school uniform is not compulsory for FS1 children, parents often choose to dress their children in school colours (red or navy-blue jumpers/fleeces/cardigans). School trends at Westfield are our preferred uniform supplier. They have a School Shop where parents can purchase our regular items of uniform and can try them on. Items can be purchased from them direct. Contact: 08701650161 www.schooltrends.co.uk

Children in the Foundation Stage spend a lot of time in our outdoor area so it is very important to send your child in appropriate clothing. Waterproof coats with hoods are essential, woolly hats and gloves on cold days and sun hats on warm days. As we go outside in all weather conditions please make sure your child has a pair of wellington boots left in the Foundation Stage Unit. Wellies can be left under your child's peg in the cloakroom.

Please make sure all your child's clothes/wellies/accessories are labelled with their name. A set of spare clothes can be left in a named bag on your child's peg.

Toileting

Please work to toilet train your child before they start in Foundation Stage 1. We have limited changing facilities and therefore cannot change nappies. We are happy to change children if they have an accident but we ask that if your child is not yet in pants, then to at least send them in a pull up, not a nappy. A bag of your child's spare clothes can be left on their peg.

Sharing observations

In the FS Unit we share observations of your child's achievements with you electronically. It is therefore important that you share with us your email address to enable us to do this (we can share observations with more than one email address if necessary). Email addresses can be written in your child's 'This is me booklet' and returned to FS staff when your child starts. Observation reports will be shared at the end of each half term. We also invite parents to contribute their own observations of their child's progress throughout the Early Years Foundation Stage by sending them to us via '2BuildAProfile'.

Getting started

When your child starts FS1 we encourage a settling in process. We ask parents to work with us during this time. There are several jobs for you and your child to do together as part of the coming in routine:

- Coats – each child has their own named coat peg to keep their belongings on. Please encourage your child to hang up their own coat to promote their independence
- Registration – FS1 children will need to register that they have arrived by moving their photo- name card to the appropriate space in the snack area
- Name writing – as you arrive one of the daily things you can do is support your child to write their name

Applying for a school place (FS2)

Single point entry to school (FS2) started in September 2011. Parents will be informed when to apply online to DCC School Admissions. Children who are 5 between 1st of September and 31st August will start school (FS2) at the beginning of the Autumn term (September).

Applications can be made either online, by phone or on paper. If you require help completing this form please contact the school office. The forms need to be returned to the Local Authority by mid December. Notification of school (FS2) places are given around the following April. If no application form is received the Local Authority cannot guarantee a place at your preferred school.

Thank you

Thank you for taking time to read the information regarding Foundation Stage 1 (FS1). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.