

Killamarsh Infant and Nursery School



Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

FOUNDATION STAGE 2 (FS2)

2017-18 brochure

FS2 aims

In FS2 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. In FS2 the children are working towards achieving the Early Learning Goals (ELGs) and we aim to support and challenge them so they can reach their full potential.

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 also carefully plan experiences and inputs for the children so they are engaged and eager to learn.

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

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 FS2

8:40 am to 3:00 pm

Absence from FS2

Recent changes in the law make it ESSENTIAL for school to know the reason for every absence. Please be aware that it is your legal responsibility to ensure your child attends regularly. It is very important that you inform the school office, on the **first day** of absence, with the reason for your child not being in school. If we do not hear from you the first action will be a "1st day call/text" and your child will be registered as having an **unauthorised absence** which is treated as truancy by the DFE. In some cases we will ask for medical evidence for illness absences if your child has a lot of unauthorised absences. Information on attendance has to be given to the local Educational Welfare Officer for a follow up.

FS2 uniform

Children can wear:

- Red or navy blue sweatshirt/cardigan
- White polo shirt/blouse
- Plain grey or black skirt/trousers
- In summer blue or red gingham dresses and grey or black shorts

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.

Book bags and reading records

Classic book bags can be purchased from the school office for £4.50. Book bags must be brought to school every day and can be put in group boxes in the cloakroom in the morning. Children will receive a reading record at the start of FS2. This should be kept in your child's book bag. If reading records are lost/damaged they can be purchased from the school office for £2.00.

PE kit

For PE sessions your child will need a white t-shirt, black or navy blue shorts or leggings a pair of socks and black PE pumps (most children benefit from Velcro fastening pumps as they find them easier to put on independently). For outdoor PE sessions a warm jacket/hoody might also be useful. Please name all kit and put it in a named bag. PE bags with the school logo are available to buy from the school office for £4.00

Coming into the EYFS Unit

Access is from the main road through the top Foundation Stage playground and into the bottom Foundation Stage playground. FS2 children will enter the unit cloakroom with their parents/carers via the conservatory cloakroom at 8:40 am. We encourage you to say your goodbyes to your child in the cloakroom before allowing them to enter the unit independently to foster their independence. After completing their self-registration FS2 children should find their teacher in the quiet room for 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 2:50 pm. Children will only be released to known adults who are at least 16 years old. If children have not been collected by 3:20 pm they will be taken to the school office and parents/carers will be contacted.

Lunch time

FS2 children will have their lunch in the school hall as part of the 'family dining' system. They receive a free school meal as part of the Universal Free School Meal initiative (DFE). Our school meals meet strict nutritional standards and the quality and sustainability of our meals is regularly monitored. Menus from the DCC Catering Department change twice a year and are displayed in school. The option of a 'school sandwich meal' is also available. If your child would prefer a school sandwich please collect a form from the school office. This order must be received the Friday before the week the sandwich meal is required.

Snack

In the FS2 we operate a free flow snack time. FS2 children can access a drink of water and a piece of fruit every morning and afternoon. Water is always made available to children throughout the day.

Getting started

When your child starts FS2 in September we encourage a settling in process. We ask parents to work with us during this time. As the year progresses we expect your child to complete their morning routine on their own to develop their independence.

Sharing observations

In the foundation stage 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). Observation reports will be shared at the end of each half term. FS2 children will also receive 1 Maths observation and 1 Writing observation per half term. These observations will have 'next steps' for you to work on with your child at home. 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'.

Thank you

Thank you for taking time to read the information regarding Foundation Stage 2 (FS2). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.