



Early years Foundation

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) at Aldersbrook Primary School is for children aged three to five and covers the years they spend from the beginning of Nursery to the end of Reception class. This is recognised as a distinct stage of learning, when children learn best through active play, which builds on their individual needs and interests.

The EYFS curriculum and planning follows the new EYFS principles organised into four areas:

1. A Unique Child
2. Positive Relationships
3. Enabling Environments
4. Learning and Development

Assessment is based on regular observations. Samples of children's work are collected throughout their time in the foundation stage and placed into their portfolios. There are no tests for the children in the Early Years Foundation Stage. However from September 2015 we will be assessing children as part of baseline assessments where it will then be possible to measure progress made by our children.




Parental Involvement

We believe that building strong links with parents and carers is essential for the successful settling of the children and their engagement in learning.

How to get involved:

- Parents are encouraged to visit and meet the staff before their child starts school.
- There is a board with general information in the Reception building that provides ideas about activities, linked to the curriculum and supporting children's learning in school.
- Parents and carers are asked to come and help on school trips and visits.
- Parents and carers are asked to come and share personal experiences with the children, regarding their profession, looking after younger siblings, etc.
- Parents and carers are informed about events and news in school through the school Newsletter and also through the Reception and Nursery Newsletters that are sent home every term.

Parents and carers have access to the children's work at parents' evenings. Also, they can make an appointment to talk to the teachers, see their child's work and discuss their progress.



How we work at Aldersbrook

At Aldersbrook Primary School, the staff works in close collaboration with parents and carers. Parents and carers are valued and encouraged to share their knowledge and views of their child's development and raise any concerns.

In the EYFS the children need to wear sensible shoes and clothes depending on the weather as they play outside every day.

Attendance and punctuality is essential, so it is very important to ensure that the children are brought to school and then collected on time.

All children's clothes should be labelled to avoid things getting lost or taken by mistake.

In the Reception classes the children will be expected to be:

- able to get dressed/ undressed independently for P.E.
- able to feed themselves if they are staying for school dinner or packed lunch
- responsible for their own clothes.

The Reception children are expected to wear the school uniform, which can be obtained from a local supplier.



Behaviour Rules and Preparing for School

Behaviour rules

The staff in the EYFS have high expectations of children's behaviour. The EYFS Behaviour Rules are in line with the school's Behaviour Policy.


They are:

- We are kind, helpful and honest
- We are respectful
- We take care of our school environment
- We always do our best

The behaviour rules are implemented after discussions with the Nursery and Reception children. The children are continuously supported and reminded of the type of behaviour that is expected in school. If issues arise, the staff talks to the parents to work out ways in which to support the child further.

Preparing your child for school is important

- Talk to your child and explain where they will be going, for how long and what they will be doing
- Games, role-play and reading at home can help your child get into the right frame of mind as well as boost their confidence
- Visiting the school enables your child to become familiar with the building and the local area
- Your child will be expected to use the toilet independently, unless there is a medical condition that prevents them from doing so.



Other Useful Information

The school policies are available on request from the office. If parents need to talk to the school but have difficulties because of a disability or because of having English as an additional language, then arrangements can be made prior to their visit and especially at parents' evenings, to accommodate their request.

Parents and carers are welcome in our EYFS as the staff are always ready to listen and take on board, what has been discussed as well as other issues that may arise.


We ask for a voluntary contribution which enables us to do extra curricular activities such as cooking thus proving a richer curriculum for the children. A guided contribution amount for the year is £30 (£10 a term) which can be paid online.

For more information, visit:

<http://www.aldersbrook.redbridge.sch.uk/>

www.everychildmatters.gov.uk

<http://www.lgfl.net/lgfl/leas/redbridge/>



Early Years Foundation Stage Booklet



Parent's Guide