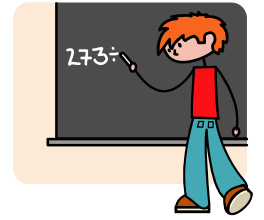




# Collis Primary School



## Passport to Year 1

General information for parents of  
children moving from Reception to  
Year 1



## **Welcome!**

Welcome to Year 1. We hope your child will enjoy the transition from Reception and the exciting curriculum and challenges that lie ahead. The first term in Year 1 aims to settle the children smoothly and happily into the new routines and expectations of Year 1. The first term is therefore very similar to the last term of Reception, in that there are lots of opportunities for structured play, creativity and active learning.

### **Organisation:**

School day begins at 8.50. Doors open at 8.45- children enter building through the cloakroom door from the courtyard outside the Infant Library.

Break: (fruit provided) 10.20-10.40

Lunch: 12.00-1.15

Afternoon Play: 2.25-2.40

End of day: 3.15 - children collected from classroom doors.

Punctuality at the beginning and end of the day is encouraged. We would like to see the children coming in to class independently, with parents leaving them at the door.

### **Attendance:**

Lateness and absence need to be recorded and accounted for. A phone call or a letter is required. Holidays during term time are not encouraged and permission must be sought from the Head-teacher. We do not have a 'going home' book. Please inform us of any unusual arrangements, either verbally or in writing.

### **Personal Belongings**

Please make sure all your child's belongings are clearly named. There is a lost property box in the 1H/1B cloakroom.

### **PE**

Correct kit needs to be in school, i.e. red T-shirt, black shorts and plimsolls. Please ensure ALL kit is clearly marked with your child's name

### **Folders/Water Bottles**

Please bring school folder to school each day. Please ensure that reading books are always carried in the folders. Please check your child's folder for letters. Please encourage your child to bring in a named water bottle each day.

## **Reading Books**

Reading is very important at Collis School, we encourage all the children to read on a regular basis to develop their reading skills. Reading books will be changed and diaries checked on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday every week. Your child will be encouraged to put their reading book and diary in the reading box on these days in order for the class teacher to change the book.

We would like the reading books to be in school every day, as this allows adults at school to hear your child read. Our aim in the first term is for each child to read once a week with a teacher or TA. Please see your child's class teacher if you have any questions about reading.

## **Library Books**

Your child will have an opportunity to choose and bring home a library book every week. Please bring the book back on the day your class changes library books. Check this with the class teacher.

## **Curriculum**

Details of each term's curriculum can be found on the website.

## **Behaviour**

Children are expected to conform to an agreed classroom code. Inappropriate behaviour is dealt with by the class teacher and the parents will be kept informed of any particular concerns.

## **Communication**

We are always happy to discuss any concerns, but after school is better as we have more time- mornings are very busy and our priority is settling the children. Please make an appointment with your class teacher, either in person or by phoning the school office if you wish to discuss any issues in greater depth (there will be parental consultations in the Autumn and Spring terms).

We look forward to a happy and successful year ahead.

The Year 1 Department

## Ideas for helping your child over the summer

It's a good idea to find some opportunities for learning and practising skills over the summer, which is a long time in a child's life! Here are some useful pointers.....

- Visit the local library for books to share or read independently

### Helping your child to read at home

- Encourage your child to practise recognising and writing letter sounds
  - Work out a new word by blending the sounds and looking at pictures
  - Question your child's understanding - retell the story
  - Practise reading 'tricky' words from Reception
- Use a notebook to keep a summer diary- a simple sentence and picture.
  - Play a maths game- Snakes and Ladders, Ludo, Uno etc....
  - Write a postcard home if visiting somewhere.
  - Talk to your child about everything you do! Good verbal skills really help with reading and writing

See you in September!

