

Frequently asked questions.....

How do I apply?

To apply to Coombe Hill Infants school please go onto the RBK website under school admissions. You will find all of the information needed to apply.

What is the catchment area and do siblings have priority?

All of this information can be found in the Kingston Primary School brochure. Siblings of current pupils do have priority. Information on our catchment can be found under the Admissions area of our website.

Where will my child go in Year 3 (juniors) and which secondary school do most children go to?

The majority of our children go to our neighbouring Coombe Hill Junior School. Transition is not automatic and you do need to apply through the RBK admissions process. You can find information about secondary school destinations on the Coombe Hill Junior School website.

Where can I find information about the school?

Our website has all of the information you need. If you can't find what you are looking for please contact our school office admin@chi.rbksch.org

Do the children wear a Uniform?

Yes, all children are expected to wear a uniform and have a school PE kit. You will be given information about what and where to purchase it once you join us.

Class size and staff ratio?

Each class has 30 children. In our Early Years classes we have a teacher and a teaching assistant full time in each class. In Year 1 and year 2, each class has a full time teacher and a teaching assistant each morning and some afternoons. We also have additional staff who support outdoor learning and run numerous interventions.

Do the children eat school lunch and how do we order this?

As an Infants school, each child is entitled to a free school meal. All school meals are cooked on site with fresh, varied ingredients. The menu is on our website and changes each term. There is no need to book, just discuss with your child each day so they are able to make a choice.

My child has many allergies, how do you cater for this?

We ask that parents inform us of any allergies or dietary requirements as you enrol your child. Our catering staff are able to accommodate all needs and our lunchtime staff ensure that children make the correct choices.

Do the children have a snack in the morning?

Each day your child will be offered a piece of fruit.

How will you ensure my child drinks enough water?

We ask that each child brings in a named, water bottle each day. We encourage children to drink as much as possible throughout the day. They are also given fresh water at lunchtime with their meal.

How will you ensure that my child has enough time to settle into school?

Once your child has a place at our school we start to get to know them. We invite you and your child in for a visit and we also carry out home visits in early September. We also work with the nurseries and preschool settings. We stagger the start dates so that a small group of children start each day so that staff can get to know your child and the child is not overwhelmed.

My child has special needs, how will you support this?

We encourage parents who already know their child has special needs or who feel their child may have barriers to learning, to meet with our Inclusion Manager (INCLLO) to discuss the best way to support your child. The INCLLO will also need to liaise with the nursery and other professionals involved.

My child is already reading and is very able, will she/he be suitably challenged?

Every child is unique and starts school with different levels of experience and ability. We ensure that every child is supported and challenged so they can fully reach their potential.

What happens if my child experiences rough play?

We have wonderful grounds here at CHI and the children really enjoy playing outside. They are all learning how to get along and how to socialise and sometimes they make mistakes and they can play roughly. Our Behaviour Policy (which can be found on the website) clearly sets out how we deal with any behavioural issues. We always include parents in this process.

Do you teach a foreign language?

It is not a requirement in the Early years or KS1 curriculum to teach a modern foreign language, however we do learn songs or poems in different languages as part of our curriculum. There can be opportunities to learn a language in our after school clubs. We do offer a regular French language club.

Do you teach sports, including swimming?

We teach a wide range of sports. Each child receives at least two hours per week of physical activity. We teach football, basic skills, gymnastics, ball skills, basketball, cricket, athletics and so much more. We employ professional sports coaches to facilitate this. In addition each child runs for at least 10 minutes each day as part of the Daily Mile scheme.

We are fortunate to have an outdoor swimming pool and each child has the opportunity to swim each summer. We rely heavily on parental support, both practically and financially, for this to happen as swimming is not included in the early years or KS1 curriculum.

Do you teach music?

We teach singing and have a school choir, regularly attending concerts and performances. We teach recorders, hand bells and drumming.

Do you have a breakfast and afterschool facility?

Coombe Connections offers breakfast (7.30-8.45 am) and after school (3.15-6.00 pm) care. Please see our website for details.

Do you run after school clubs?

Staff and sometimes parents, run a wide variety of after school clubs. These include Coding, Art, Drama, Football, Chess, Yoga and Book club. They are bookable each term and run from 3.15-4.00pm.

Can I come into school to help?

We value parental engagement and welcome parents into school. You will need to have a DBS check and we can help you through this process. We welcome all support, it may be weekly or just once. Your children will benefit hugely by seeing you involved in their education. We suggest that parents of reception children wait for a few weeks before coming in to help, to allow a settling in period.

Do you have a parent/teacher association (PTA)?

We have a thriving parent /teacher association, CHIPTA and every parent is a member. It raises money, provides support and organises a range of wonderful community activities.

Do you set homework?

Sometimes we ask your child to find out information about something we are learning about and we love seeing these projects when they come into school. We ask you to read to and with your child as often as you can -we send home reading books which your child will share with you and we encourage you to read a book to your child every day. We may set a maths or science challenge for your child and all children have access to Mathseeds or Mathletics which will be linked to the learning happening in class.

Do you teach IT?

We have weekly discrete computing lessons focusing on coding and using the computers and iPads.

If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact us

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