



Joining Ely St John's Primary

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I apply for a place at Ely St John's Primary? Can I apply if I live outside of the catchment area?

Information about the admissions process and catchment area can be found on the Cambridgeshire County Council Primary Admissions website and in the County Council's 'First Steps' document. A link to this document is on our school website.

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-learning/apply-for-a-school-place/primary-reception-junior-or-middle-school>

Does Ely St John's Primary have a school uniform?

Our school uniform consists of a green cardigan or sweatshirt with the school logo with a white polo or button shirt, grey or black trousers, skirt or dress. Green and white check summer dresses can also be worn. Our PE kit is a yellow t-shirt and green shorts.

How many children are in a class? How many adults are in the Foundation Stage classrooms?

We have 60 places on offer in each year group, making two classes of 30 children. This year, we currently have 53 children on roll in our Foundation Stage cohort. Each class has a class teacher and a full time Teaching Assistant in the classroom. Other adults support throughout the day, providing additional support for individual pupils and leading intervention groups.

What is taught in the Foundation Stage classroom?

The children in the EYFS follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework and teachers plan for progression in seven areas of Learning and Development. The framework is a continuation from the curriculum followed by nurseries and pre-school. It is a holistic approach to learning and places a strong emphasis on the individual child. Please look at the PowerPoint on the school website for information and examples of what this looks like in practise.

My child has additional needs, how will you support them?

We have a team of experienced teaching assistants who are trained to deliver a range of academic and pastoral interventions to children of all ages. Our SENDCO, Mrs Anna McGuinness, works with classroom teachers and parents to support children who have a significant level of need, developing personalised curriculums and liaising with outside agencies. More information can be found in the school's SEND report and SEND policy on the school website. Please contact the school office if you would like to speak to a member of the team about this in more detail.

What time does school start and finish?

The school day runs from 8:45am to 3:00pm. Lunchtime for children in the EYFS is 12 noon until 1pm.

Do you offer wrap around care?

Ely St John's Primary School does not offer wrap around care. Many of our pupils attend the breakfast and after school clubs run by Kids Club Ely. Places are limited and need to be organised directly with the team at Kids Club Ely.

Are there any after school clubs?

Ely St John's offers a wide range of after school activities for children in Years 1 to 6. These are organised each term by our After School Curriculum Coordinator, Julie Symonds. Ballet classes are available for children in the EYFS. More information on after school activities can be found on the school website. Please be aware that the current range of activities is limited due to restrictions in place to manage the risk of Covid-19 transmission.

https://www.elystjohns.cambs.sch.uk/website/after_school_clubs/402654

If you have any other queries that are not answered here, please contact us via the school office and we will arrange to speak to you as soon as we can.

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