



Haileybury Almaty

Welcome to Reception!

Next Steps for August 2026

Reception дайындық
Подготовка к Reception



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аударма



Перевод на
русский язык





Part 1:

Reception at Haileybury





Our Reception Classes



3 adults and 20 students per class



The day is comprised of:

- Carpet time (short, engaging whole class sessions),
- Continuous Provision (active play and activities)
- Specialist subjects (Kazakh, MFL, PE and Music)



EYFS Framework



Forming the foundations of your child's school journey

Early Learning Goals:

Prime:



- Communication and Language
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Physical Development



Specific:

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design



How is a day in Reception structured?



7:30-8am arrive at school, settling in activities

8am carpet time – songs, activities, input

CP = continuous provision

Specialist - means we have a structured timetable

Day finishes at 2:30pm promptly

RSH Timetable 2025/26

Class: SHA

Teachers: Ms Harman, Ms Zhanerke, Ms Alina

	8.00-8.30	8.30- 9.00	9.00- 9.30	9.30- 10.00	10.00- 10.30	10.30- 11:00	11.00- 11.30	11.30 - 12.00	12.00 -13.00	13.00 - 13:30	13:30-14: 00	14.00- 14.30
Mon	Registration/ Circle time	CP		Phonics	CP		MFL			Music	CP	
Tues	Registration/ Circle time	CP		Phonics	CP		PE			MFL	Story time	
Weds (House shirt)	Registration/ Circle time (House/Phase Assembly T2)	CP		Phonics	CP		Kazakh		Lunch	Circle Time	CP	Library
Thurs	Registration/ Circle time	CP		Phonics	CP		PE			Kazakh	Story time	
Fri	Registration/ Circle time	CP		Phonics	CP/ Assembly T2		Kazakh	CP		Circle Time	CP	

Continuous provision



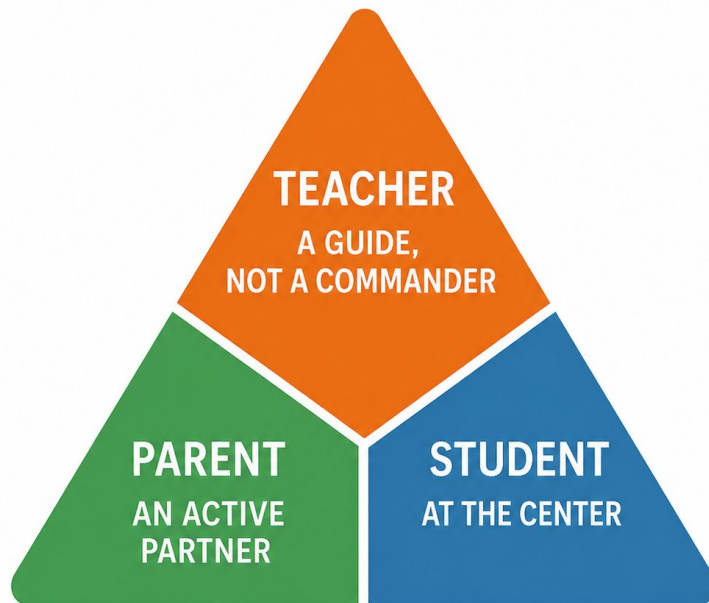


Part 2: Starting Reception

*Your child's journey to
school starts at home*

THE MONTESSORI TRIANGLE:

How Teachers, Parents, and
Students Grow Together



How can I help my child get ready?



Your child will have lots of new activities and routines to get used to when they start school!

Research shows that a child's relationship with their parents is the most important factor in their development, and there's a lot you can do at home.

When your child is at home with you or another caregiver, you can practise as a family with fun activities.

Some of these skills take time to master, so it's good to introduce them gradually in your daily routine.



Physical Development

Children don't learn
to sit still by
practicing sitting still!





Effective learning skills

Developing
independence |
Nurture self belief



Growing independence



Taking care of themselves

- Putting on/taking off their coat and shoes
- Using the toilet and washing their hands
- Using cutlery (e.g. fork and spoon) and drinking from an open cup
- Spending time away from you, learning they can be looked after by caring adults



Praise the learning process

Instead of This → Try This

Using the pram → Let them walk or scoot

Preparing breakfast for them → Let them pour their own cereal and milk

Putting their coat and shoes on for them → Teach them the 'Montessori Coat Flip'

Peeling their fruit for them → Get it started then leave them to do the rest





10 Alternatives to “BE CAREFUL”

1. I wonder how you can do that safely.
2. I wonder if you have noticed any risks.
3. I wonder what your plan is.
4. I wonder how you will do that.
5. I wonder what you can see/hear
6. I wonder if there is a better way to do that.
7. I wonder if you need to ask someone to help.
8. I wonder what her body language is showing you.
9. I wonder how that makes you feel.
10. I wonder what you might use instead.





Communication is key!



How to support speech development at home?



Play – engage in imaginative and role play with your child



Read – stop and discuss the story and illustrations



Name recognition – can they read their name?



Limit screen time – Children aged between 2 and 5 shouldn't spend more than 1 hour a day passively watching screens



Creativity and curiosity



- Drawing, painting, colouring and sticking
- Counting, building and doing puzzles
- Exploring the world around them (e.g. looking closely at the natural world, noticing numbers, patterns and shapes, playing safely with objects at home).

At school your child will be meeting lots of new people and make new friendships. Some things to help them get ready include:



Being with others

- Practising sharing and taking turns with toys
- Talking to them about how they are feeling and why
- Looking at story books together and speaking about what characters are feeling is a good way to do this
- Beginning to recognise what others are feeling, e.g. understanding if a friend is sad
- Encouraging them to set boundaries for themselves and others (e.g. knowing how to say 'no')



Pre-Phonics Skills



Phonological awareness



- Ask what sounds your child can hear in their environment
- Sing nursery rhymes

Print awareness



- Model reading and writing
- Share books together (track with your finger as you read)
- Encourage children to mark make

What really matters?





Part 3:

Next steps





A smooth transition:



Preparing yourself

- Prepare yourself! Reflect on what's been shared and use the information given.
- Complete the necessary administrative tasks.
- Check upcoming emails with information about start date, pick up and drop off times etc.
- Consider before or after school child care arrangements and have a plan for if your child is off sick.
- Familiarise and respect our systems and procedures.



A smooth transition:

Preparing your child



Before school:

- Visit school
- Watch [360 videos](#) on school website
- Read books about changes and starting school
- Try on and wear the uniform
- Meet others!

First few days:

- Confident and Calm Drop Off/Pick Up
- Family picture in their pocket
- Books
- Establish and maintain bedtime routines



The first week



Monday 31st August

Knowledge day + Stay, Play and Learn (Settling in with parents) for 1 hour

Pick up for the 1st week is 12:00

If you feel your child has settled well and can cope with the whole day, please speak to your class teacher.

Our Next Chapter



WELLINGTON
COLLEGE
EDUCATION

From Summer 2027, our school will begin a new chapter as part of the Wellington College International family. This transition is being carefully planned, with continuity, stability and the best interests of our pupils at its heart.

What this means for your child

Curriculum: no change — academic pathways will continue as planned

Teachers: no change — teaching and pastoral care remain in place

Uniform: each **Reception** pupil will be provided with a set of Wellington uniform free of charge at the end of next academic year

Our priority remains the same:

Providing a happy, stable and outstanding start to your child's school journey.

Parent Handout



ENGLISH version



KAZAKH version



RUSSIAN version





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Thank you

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