

Early Years Intake Evening



Our Early Years Staff



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Our Nursery Class

- A school day starts at 9:00 am, children can arrive between 8:35- 9:00.
- School day finishes at 3:00 pm.
- Parents/carers drop and collect children outside the blue gate.
- The children have a snack during our morning session, this 20p per day to be sent in cash on a Monday, please.
- Children can bring a packed lunch or order a hot dinner, which will be paid for via ParentPay.
- Our timetable is available to view on the Early Years page on the school website.
- On PE days, children come into school wearing their PE kits for the day.

Our Reception Class

- A school day starts at 8:50 am, children can arrive between 8:35- 8:50.
- School day finishes at 3:20 pm.
- Parents/carers drop and collect children outside the blue gate.
- Children have a snack that is available throughout the morning for them to access. This is charged at 20p per day (£1 per week), to be sent in cash on a Monday please.
- Children are entitled to a free school dinner up until Year 2, or they can bring in a packed lunch.
- Our timetable is available to view on the Early Years page on our school website.
- On our PE, days children come to school in their PE kit for the day.

What is the Early Years Foundation Stage all about?

The Foundation Stage is split into seven areas of learning, three prime areas and four specific areas (taken from the new EYFS document):

Prime Areas:

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

Specific Areas:

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

Prime area: Personal, Emotional and Social Development.

- Involvement, interest, and motivation to learn.
- Confidence and self-esteem.
- Building relationships with peers and adults.
- Managing feelings and behaviour.
- Personal hygiene.
- Concentration.
- Ensuring children feel happy and safe at school.
- Health and body awareness.

Prime area: Physical Development.

- Developing awareness of space.
- Movement.
- Developing confidence and skill when using large and small equipment.
- Using equipment and materials.
- Developing gross and fine motor skills.

Prime area: Communication & Language.

- Developing listening and attention.
- Understanding.
- Speaking.
- Language comprehension.
- Reading and Writing.
- Phonics phase 1,2,3 and 4.

Specific Area: Mathematical Development.

- Numbers – counting and comparing quantities, patterns, subitising and number recognition.
- Shape, space and measure.

Specific Area: Understanding the World.

- People and Communities.
- The World.
- Technology.
- The past and present.

Specific Area: Expressive Arts and Design.

- Exploring and using media and materials.
- Being imaginative.
- Using tools and equipment independently and safely.



Tapestry Learning Journal

- All children within our Early Years classes have a personal online Learning Journey that records photos, observations, and comments, in line with the Early Years Foundation Stage, to build up a record of your child's experiences during their time with us.
- We use a learning journal called **Tapestry**, a system, which is hosted in the UK on secure servers. The benefits to yourselves from Tapestry being online means you will have secure access to your child's Learning Journey and, in addition to viewing our contributions and assessments, we encourage you to add to it by commenting on observations made by us and by adding your own observations from your iPhone, iPad or Android device at home. This could include photos and comments – this can be something you have done at the weekend, photos of you reading your library books, or maybe celebrating a special occasion – anything you want to share with us.
- If your child has a Tapestry account at their current setting, this can be transferred.
- **Please provide your e-mail address tonight on the slip provided to enable us to set up an account to access your child's learning journey via the Tapestry website.**

Please note you will only have access to your own child's Learning Journal with your personal pin number. No one else can view your child's journal other than yourself and the teaching staff.

What's in the pack?

You should have or will receive tonight a pack which includes:

- Welcome to Early Years sheet to talk through with your child.
- Information about the new foundation stage.
- Information regarding the baseline in September.
- Information about Tapestry and slip to return.
- All about me sheet.

Things your child will need:

- School uniform.
- PE kit.
- Water bottle in school every day.
- Book bag in school every day.
- A small tub of playdough.
- Wellies and puddle suit.
- An appropriate coat for the weather every day.
- Spare clothes and wipes. This is just in case your child has an accident or gets dirty, and we need to change them. These don't need to be uniform.

For health and safety reasons, we ask that no carrier bags or drawstring bags be sent to school.

Things to practise:

- Getting dressed and undressed independently.
- Practise putting your coat/shoes on.
- Being able to go to the toilet independently.
- Being able to wash their hands effectively.
- Recognising / Writing their name.
- Using scissors.
- Recognising numbers 1-5/1-10.

The 1st day of school

- On your child's first day, parents/carers drop their child at the blue gate where a member of staff will greet them and bring them into the classroom. We can't wait and have lots of exciting activities planned.
- Make a 'My book' over the holidays to share at school. This can include family pictures to help the staff get to know your child better and help your child within the setting if they feel upset.
- We will try to update Tapestry throughout the day to update you on how the children are progressing.



This is a lovely game to play and talk through with your child to help prepare them for their first day at school.

The game is on the BBC website, and the link to this is on the Early Year's class page on our school website under the new intake section.



Thank you for coming!



We hope this evening has been helpful and informative for you all. If you have any questions, we will now split off into the Reception and Nursery classrooms for you to have a chance to speak to your child's teachers.

If you have any questions before September, all the teacher's email addresses are available on the Early Years page of the school website for you to contact one of us.

Many thanks, Early Years Team.