



North Wheatley
CofE Primary



Early Years Foundation Stage Welcome Booklet



Our vision ...

North Wheatley C of E Primary is a happy, safe and stimulating school. We all work in harmony to achieve our full potential. Learning is fun and purposeful and we are a vibrant part of the village community.



Welcome

Welcome to the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) at North Wheatley C of E Primary School.

We are pleased that you have chosen our school for your child and we aim to do the best we can, to help you both feel welcome and to make the transition from home to school and from pre-school (FS1) to reception (FS2) as easy as possible.

Starting school is a very exciting time for children, where they will make new friends and share new experiences. This booklet will provide you with information about Early Years, to help you know what to expect when your child starts school

School Details

Head Teacher:

Mrs H Thomson

The Early Years Team

EYFS Lead
EYFS Teacher
Mrs Prentice



EYFS
Teaching Assistant
Miss M Barratt



EYFS
Teaching Assistant
Miss H Chester



EYFS
Teaching Assistant
Mrs H-L Statham

EYFS
Teaching Assistant
Mrs S McCartney



The School Day

Early Years Foundation Stage incorporates both pre-school (FS1) and reception (FS2) classes together.

FS1:

FS1 sessions are from 8.30am to 11.30am each day.

The EYFS door opens at 8:20am and parents/ carers can accompany children into the classroom. The door will close at 8.30am and all parents must leave by then. This gives children and parents a settling in time and a chance to talk to key person as required.

FS2:

FS2 sessions are from 8.30am – 3.00pm each day.

Please note that parents/ carers do not accompany children into the classroom in order to help them develop independent skills.

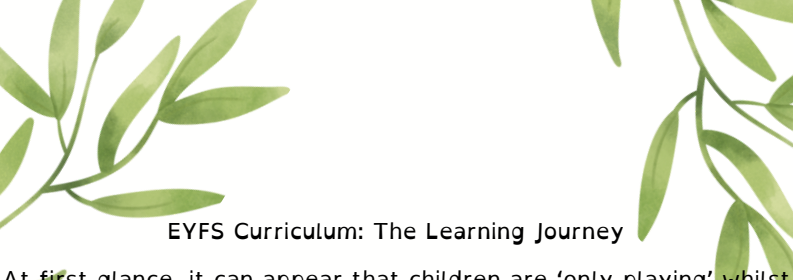
All FS1 and FS2 children are greeted by staff at the EYFS entrance and also dismissed at the end of their school session at the EYFS entrance.

Doors open at 8.20 and close for registration at 8.30. If children arrive after this they must enter school through the main office and be signed in as late.

It is vital that we are made aware of who is picking your child up, should it be someone different. If this is the case you should inform the EYFS teacher or the school office.

If you are late collecting your child then please can you contact the office as soon as possible and collect your child from the main reception.





EYFS Curriculum: The Learning Journey

At first glance, it can appear that children are ‘only playing’ whilst in the Foundation Stage. However, the best Early Years Education is based on the understanding that whilst children are playing, they are learning. During the day there will be a mixture of adult initiated, child initiated and adult led activities as well as whole class, small group and individual activities.

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) is based on the Characteristics of Learning and seven areas of learning.

These are:

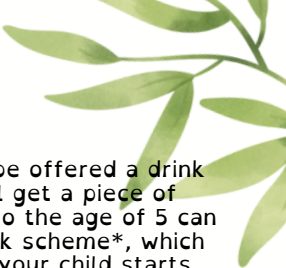
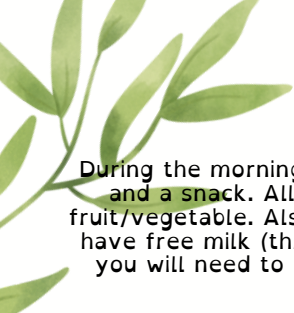
Characteristics of Learning
 Playing and Exploring - Engagement
 Active Learning - Motivation
 Creating and Thinking Critically - Thinking

Prime Areas of Learning
 Personal, Social and Emotional Development
 Physical Development
 Communication and Language

Specific Areas of Learning
 Literacy
 Mathematics
 Understanding the World
 Expressive Arts and Design

Please see our Early Years Foundation Stage policy for further details.





Snack

During the morning all children will be offered a drink and a snack. All EYFS children will get a piece of fruit/vegetable. Also all children up to the age of 5 can have free milk (through the Cool Milk scheme*, which you will need to sign up to before your child starts school).

We encourage all pupils to bring in a water bottle. Please can you ensure that this has their name on. No juice is permitted.

* A Cool Milk form is enclosed with your welcome pack.

Lunchtime

All FS2 children (and FS1 children who stay for the lunchtime session) can have a school dinner or a packed lunch from home. There is no charge for a school dinner for FS2 children. For FS1 children school dinners should be paid for in advance, normally on the Monday morning for the week. This payment should be made online through a 'schoolmoney' account which will be set up for your child.

As a school we encourage the children to eat healthily. An example of a healthy packed lunch would be:

Sandwich
Carrot sticks/tomatoes
Yoghurt
Fresh fruit/fruit snacks
Cereal bar/chocolate covered biscuit



Drinks should be in a plastic bottle or carton, no fizzy drinks are permitted. Lunch boxes should also have the child's name on.



Working Together

In order for your child to be confident and independent in school, it may help them to practise some of the following before they start:

Put on, take off and fasten shoes
Put on and take off their coat
Take off and put on their jumper
Use the toilet and wash their hands
Use a tissue to wipe their nose
Share toys and take turns
Put toys away in the correct place
Use appropriate cutlery at meal times

We also recommend that parents work with their child on toilet training to aid their independence when they start in EYFS.

Wrap Around Care

We provide additional care sessions for children as follows:

Extended sessions: For FS1 children you can extend their day to include a lunch session up to 12:30pm and also an afternoon session up to 3pm

Early Birds: For all children who require before school care we provide a session from 7.45am—8.15am

Night Owls: For all children who require after school care we provide a session Monday—Thursday from 3.00 until 4.00pm or 5.00pm and on Friday from 3.00pm until 4.15pm

If you are interested in any of these sessions please contact the school office for further details.



School Uniform

We believe that wearing a school uniform encourages a greater feeling of ownership or belonging on the part of the pupils whilst also generating a status and pride in the school within the local community.

It is a good idea to provide your child with a spare set of clothes in case of accidents. The children do experience a range of messy activities and although we provide aprons and encourage the children to roll up sleeves do not be too shocked if your child does get a bit messy!

Our school uniform supplier link is currently available on the School website

The current requirements for our school uniform are:

White short sleeve smart shirt
Grey blazer, jumper or cardigans (with logo)
Plaid pinafore, black plaid skirt, black trousers or shorts
Tie
Black socks or black tights
Black shoes or plain black smart trainers

All EYFS pupils will need a North Wheatley book bag



Please can you ensure all children within the Foundation Stage have a coat with them everyday as they have access to the outside learning environment.

PE

Our PE kit consists of:

Black shorts
Black/red t-shirt (with logo)
Black tracksuit bottoms/leggings
Trainers

* Please note that FS1 pupils require a PE kit for Active Fridays.

All of the PE kit items above should be available in school every day and need to be kept in a small drawstring bag on pupils coat pegs.

Please remember to clearly name all your child's clothing. School jumpers and coats are expensive and often get muddled up.



Attendance

We want your child to attend school everyday so they do not miss out on their learning. If your child is sick and unable to attend school, please telephone the office, by 8.30 to report their absence.

Children starting school do get a lot of colds, but do not need to be off school with a runny nose or a small cough. If you are unsure please send your child to school and let us know, we can call you if they feel worse during the day. However, after any episodes of sickness or diarrhoea, we ask that children remain at home for 48 hours.

Holidays

Please do not take holiday during term time. Absence for holidays cannot be authorised. If you are planning a holiday please complete the necessary form from the school office.

Medical needs

It is very important that we are informed of any medical conditions relating to your child. School are only able to administer medicine to children who have a medical plan in place.

Contact details

Please keep us updated on any changes to your contact details. We do need emergency telephone numbers of people who can be contacted if the necessity arises. We also operate a parent mail system whereby you can receive notifications by email or text. Speak to the school office for further details.



And finally.....

We really want you and your child to be happy during their time at North Wheatley C of E Primary School. Please feel free to come and talk to any member of the Early Years Team should you have any problems, concerns or worries or if you wish to share some good news.





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