

Early Years Foundation Stage Welcome Booklet



**North Wheatley
CofE Primary**

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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 A Richardson
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Meet the team...



Miss G Ellis
EYFS Teacher



Mrs H-L Statham
Teaching Assistant



Miss M Barratt
Teaching Assistant



The School Day...

FS1 sessions are from:
8.30am to 11.30am Morning
session (funded session)
11.30am - 12.30pm Lunchtime
session (paid session)
12.30pm - 3.00pm Afternoon
session (funded/paid session)

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

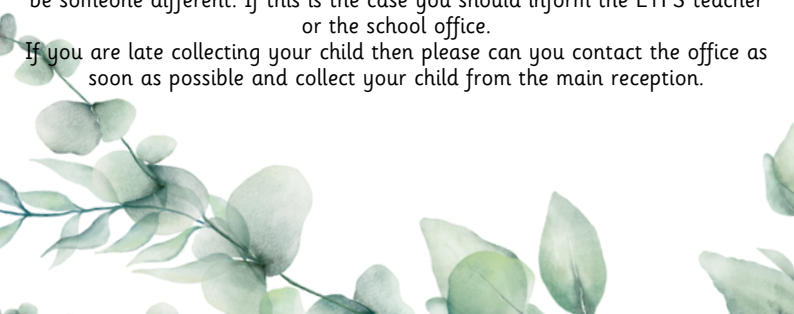
Please note that parents/ carers do not accompany children into the classroom in order to help them develop independent skills.

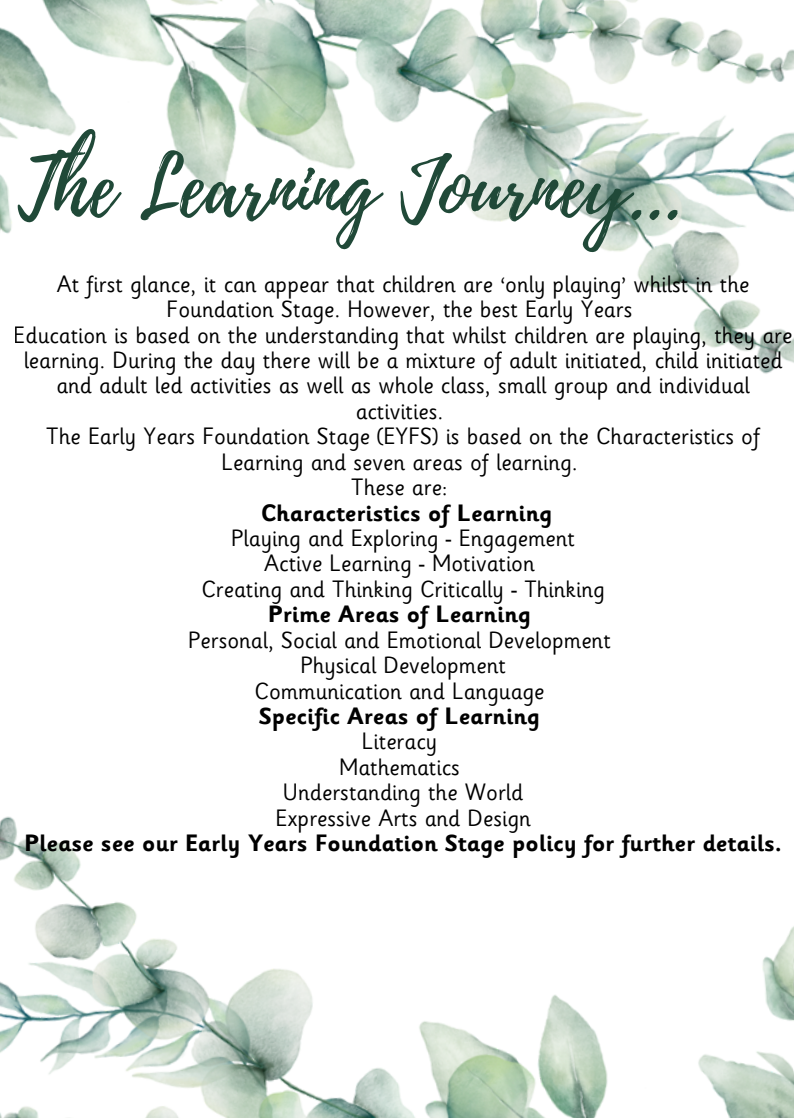
All FS1 and FS2 children are greeted by staff at the EYFS entrance and also dismissed at the end of their school session at the EYFS entrance.

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.





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.



Mealtimes...

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. All school dinners are booked through an external company and should be booked online through their website.

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



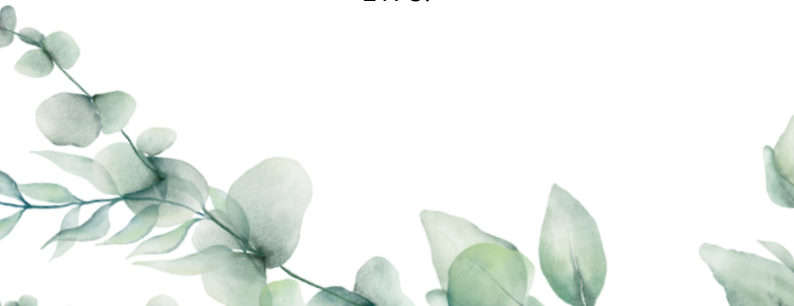


Working together...

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 we can offer a range of options for additional hours beyond 15/30hour sessions. These extended sessions are booked through the school office.

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.

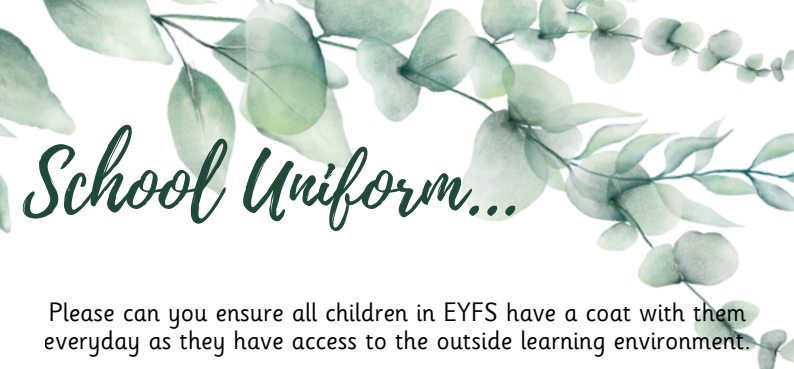
It is a good idea to provide your child with a spare set of clothes in case of accidents. The children do experience a range of messy activities and although we provide aprons and encourage the children to roll up sleeves do not be too shocked if your child does get a bit messy!

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

We would recommend that children in nursery & reception do not wear formal school uniform due to the hands-on and practical style of learning that is encouraged through The Curiosity Approach. Black joggers or leggings with a white polo shirt (or black t-shirt) and school cardigan, jumper or hoodie is ideal for our youngest children.

All EYFS pupils will need a North Wheatley book bag.





School Uniform...

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

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...

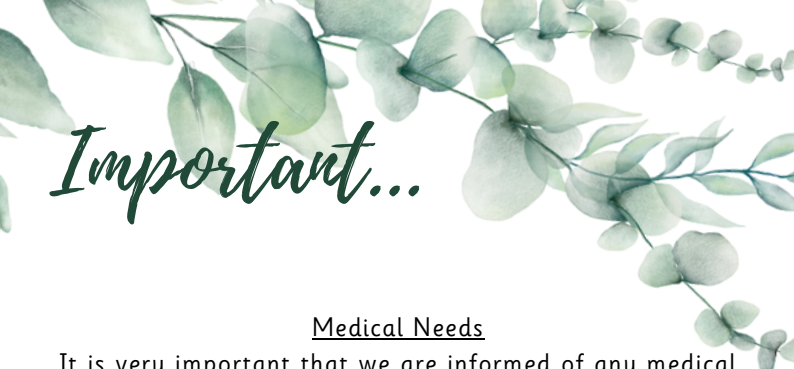
We want your child to attend school everyday so they do not miss out on their learning. If your child is sick and unable to attend school, please telephone the office, by 8.30 to report their absence.

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.





Important...

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.



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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