



Manorfield
Infant & Nursery School



Welcome to

Reception!



Inclusive



Resilient



Confident



Nurturing



Transformational



Respect

Our reception unit consists of 2 reception classes, joined by a shared area with many areas of provision for children to access. We also have an outdoor learning environment which children can access throughout the day. Each class has a teacher alongside a team of teaching assistants who work across reception.

Meet the teachers:



Mrs Hall



Mrs Towse

The School Day

School starts at 8:40 and ends at 3:10.

Please make sure that your child comes to school every day and on time. Research shows that children learn best at the start of the day so that is when more of our direct teaching takes place. If your child is late they will miss this important learning time.

Starting school...

In September children will start school gradually. Over the first week their time at school will increase before they stay for their first full day in the second week. This is to support them to get to know their teachers and their classrooms and feel secure in their new environment.



To ensure that children are kept safe at the end of the day we can only allow a child to go with an adult if we are expecting them to collect them. If someone else is collecting your child please make sure that the class teacher and your child know in advance. It is also our policy not to let anyone under 16 years of age take children home.

If your child is ill or cannot attend school it is essential to let school know before 9:30 either in person or by phoning the office on 01924 326718.



Outdoor Learning

The outdoor environment is very important in supporting learning in young children and so children are encouraged to use the outside area in all weather conditions. Please make sure that your child brings a coat to school every day, which is suitable for the weather. They will also need a warm hat in winter and a sun hat in summer. They are welcome to bring wellies to school which can be kept under their coat peg.

Uniform

Our school uniform consists of a royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan, white shirt, blouse or t-shirt and grey trousers, skirt or dress with black shoes.

Your child will need a PE kit, which is a white T shirt with black shorts, jogging bottoms or leggings. Your child can wear their PE kit to school on the day that they do PE (we will let you know when this is separately).



Please make sure that all school clothes including coats have your child's name in as items of clothing are very easily mixed up!



We can source free school uniform from The Uniform Exchange. This charity provides good quality preloved uniform free of charge. Please speak to the school office if you would like to take advantage of this service.

Lunch and milk

All children from reception to year 2 are entitled to a free school meal. All of our meals are cooked on site every day by our kitchen staff. All the meat we serve is Halal. Should your child have any additional dietary requirements, please contact school to let us know, especially if they have any allergies.



Children can have a carton of milk every day. This is free until the start of the term in which your child turns 5 years old, after that there is a charge (more details will be provided about this when your child starts school).

If you are eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals then your child will receive free milk at school, as well as other benefits such as help towards the cost of school trips.



What will the children learn?

The EYFS is made up of seven areas of learning. The three Prime areas underpin any other learning, so it is really important that children have experiences that support their development in these areas, particularly in their earliest years.

The Areas of Learning:

Prime Areas	Specific Areas
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal, Social and Emotional Development • Physical Development • Communication and Language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Literacy • Mathematics • Understanding the World • Expressive Arts and Design

Children develop and learn in different ways and at different rates and all areas of learning and development are equally important and inter-connected. In reception we provide a balance of adult-led and child-initiated activities. We provide focused learning activities to enable children to develop specific skills such as reading, writing and maths, whilst allowing children time to play and learn independently under the guidance and challenge of an adult.



Play is an essential part of children’s learning and development and it is through play that they develop intellectually, creatively, physically, socially and emotionally. The curriculum is taught through several engaging topics, details of which will be provided each half term.



When your child starts school they will start phonics lessons. Phonics helps children to learn to read and write. They begin by learning letter sounds and how to ‘blend’ these sounds to form words. We will be offering parent’s sessions with more information about phonics when your child starts school.

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)



We aim to support the progress of all children, regardless of their ability. At times some children may need some extra support with their learning, and when this is the case we will involve the child’s parents at every step of the way. SEND support can take a variety of forms, depending on the needs of the child. For more information please see our school website.

Should you have any concerns about your child’s development or learning, please do arrange a meeting with their teacher or with Miss Clarke our SEND Coordinator.

Working With You

A strong partnership between parents and/or carers will have a positive impact on children's development and learning. As well as termly parent's evenings, we are available at the start and end of every day if you wish to speak to us.

We use the Parent Hub app to send messages regularly so please make sure that you have the Parent Hub app on your phone as soon as your child starts school (speak to the office if you need support with this).



We also use Evidence Me to keep you updated with what children have been learning about in class and to share observations of your child's learning.

How can we help at home?

Read stories every day!

Developing a love of books, stories and reading is crucial to your child's education. Make time every day to read with your child - a bedtime story is a great time to do this. Reading to them helps support their speaking and listening, knowledge that print has meaning, allows them to learn about places they have never been, make sense of the world as well as giving them the desire to read!



Singing nursery rhymes and talking about the things you see and do also helps them to use and understand language. Play simple card games, board games and dominoes to help your child develop turn taking skills and number sense. Playing games, taking turns and just being with your child helps them to feel special and gives them the skills and confidence to work well in school.



The Kirklees 'START' programme has some great advice to get your child ready for school. See the enclosed leaflet for more information.

'50 things to do before you're five' is a website and mobile app that has some fantastic ideas for things to do with your little one to support their learning and development.



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For more information about Batley Multi Academy Trust please visit batleymat.co.uk

Keeping Safe

It is very important that we have up to date contact information for you. Please tell the office straight away if your address or telephone number changes.

Please inform us if your child is taking any medication. The office staff will ask you to fill a consent form in that gives the teacher permission to administer medication.

PLEASE NOTE: The roads around Manorfield get very busy in the morning with cars dropping children off at Manorfield and Staincliffe. If it is possible to walk to school please do. Alternatively please park a little further away from school and walk from there. The car parks are for staff only.



Finally - we are looking forward to welcoming your child and hope that they enjoy their time in reception. Starting school can be an exhausting business, so don't be surprised if your child comes home tired during the first few weeks!

Please come and talk to us if you have any questions or worries.

Should you need any further help or information please contact school on 01924 326718.



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