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Dear Parents and Carers, 8th September 2025

We are excited to start a new academic year and welcome you all, parents, carers and children to Chicks Class.

This half term we will focus on settling your child into school and making sure they are happy with the routine and transitions. We will also look at different ways of supporting their communication skills. For the first few days we will do some Chick related activities to help the children identify with being in Chicks Class. We will then move onto our topic for this term which is families and homes and the story books “Owl Babies” by Martin Waddell, “The Gruffalo” by Julia Donaldson and “The Gruffalo’s Child” by Julia Donaldson.

We are now using Class Dojo, please sign up to it if you haven’t already. It is a great way of letting you know what the children have been doing. Please do not forward the photos using any other social media. You can message the whole group on Class Dojo or just me if you want a private chat. You can also contact us by phone on 0161 359 5322 or email [a.amies@ashgate.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:a.amies@ashgate.manchester.sch.uk)

We will be playing and learning outside in all weathers. Please send in a **pair of wellies** for your child to keep in school. Can you also make sure your child has **a full set of spare clothes** in school so if they do need their clothes changing for any reason, we can make sure they are still comfortable. Don’t forget to replace your child’s spare clothes the next day if they have been changed. Your child will also need their own **bottle or beaker** that can be kept in school. If your child wears **nappies** please send in 3 each day or if it is easier for you a full pack; we will keep them in their drawer and will let you know when we need more. If there are particular **snacks and drinks** that your child likes please send them in too.

This term we have the hydro pool on Friday afternoons, we can only take a few children in at a time but please make sure your child has a swim kit, **swim nappies, costume or trunks and a towel in a bag** each week so if it is not their turn but someone else is off sick or can’t swim for any reason we can make the most of this opportunity.

Each half term we ask for a donation of £1 a week or if it is easier for you £7 for the full half term. This helps us to buy ingredients for sensory play, cooking and other activities, as well as costs when we go out into the community.

If you have any questions please feel free to ask any of us on Chicks team.

Kind Regards,

Alison (Class teacher, out of class on Thursdays)

Dianne(TA3)

Codie (TA1)

Suditha (TA1)

Vicky (Lunchtime Support Assistant and she covers on Thursdays)