



The Harmony Trust
Greenhill Academy



Welcome to Reception at Greenhill

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Our Academic Day

Gate on Harmony Street
open at **8:45am**

The gate closes at **9:00am**

If your child arrives after
9am they will be signed
in at the office and
marked as late.

- Please bring your child to school and collect them on time each day.
- Phonics starts at 9am daily so please make sure your child is on time each day.
- Breakfast club is at 8:30am each day in the main hall.



School Times



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In September, the children will be invited to one settling in session on either:

Thursday 3rd September

Friday 4th September

This will be so that the children will have an opportunity to explore their new classroom in smaller groups. They will also have the chance to have a school dinner.

All children will then start full time from Monday 7th September, unless they have a reduced timetable which has been discussed already.

Settling in Sessions

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- The **Early learning Goals** are skills which your child will be working towards achieving in their time in Nursery and Reception (from being 3 to 5 years old).

- There are **3 Prime Areas of Learning** which are:



- **Communication & Language** – Listening, Attention & Understanding and Speaking.
- **Personal, Social & Emotional Development** – Self-regulation, Managing Self and Building Relationships.
- **Physical Development** – Gross Motor Skills and Fine Motor Skills.

- There are **4 Specific Areas of Learning** which are:



- **Literacy** – Comprehension, Word Reading and Writing.
- **Mathematics** – Number and Numerical Patterns.
- **Understanding the World** – Past & Present, People, Culture & Communities and The Natural World.
- **Expressive Arts & Design** – Creating with Materials and Being Imaginative & Expressive.

The Early Learning Goals

Starting Reception

What Reception Really Looks Like...

- Children learn through exploration and play.
- Learning happens indoors and outdoors.
- Adults support children through interactions and experiences.
- Communication, creativity and social skills are highly valued.
- Play is purposeful and supports all learning areas.

Helpful Routines...

- Regular bedtime.
- Calm mornings.
- Practicing getting dressed.
- Preparing bags the night before.
- Healthy breakfast habits.



Working Together With School...

- Speak to staff if you have concerns.
- Celebrate achievements together.
- Keep communication open.
- Trust that settling can take time.

Supporting Early Learning At Home



Reading is one of the best ways to prepare children for school. It develops vocabulary, listening, imagination and communication skills. Children learn best through conversation and play. The more children hear language, the more confidence they become using it!

Reading Together...

- Read daily, even for five-ten minutes.
- Talk about pictures and characters.
- Ask simple questions about stories.
- Retell familiar stories together.
- Visit the library regularly.
- Enjoy rhymes, songs and repetition.



Communication and language...

- Have back-and-forth conversations.
- Introduce new vocabulary naturally.
- Encourage children to explain ideas.
- Listen carefully to children's thoughts.
- Model full sentences

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Independence Skills...

Children do not need to master everything before starting school, but practicing little tasks can help them feel more confident

Dressing

Encourage children to:

- Put on their coat.
- Attempt zips/ buttons
- Change shoes independently
- Manage simple clothing fastenings
- Recognise their own belongings

Toileting

Children can practice:

- Using toilet independently.
- Flushing the toilet.
- Washing and drying hands properly.
- Telling an adult if they need help.

Eating and Snack Time

Practice

- Opening lunchboxes
- Peeling fruit
- Using cutlery
- Opening packets and yoghurt pots.
- Drinking from a water bottle independently.



Emotional Wellbeing and Confidence

Starting school can trigger lots of new emotions – for both grown-ups and children! Some children will settle really quickly, whilst others may take a little longer. Both are completely normal

Separation Worries

- Keep goodbyes calm and positive.
- Establish a consistent morning routine.
- Reassure children that adults always return.
- Avoid long goodbyes.
- Praise bravery and resilience

Managing Big Feelings

- Name emotions together.
- Model calming storage gives.
- Talk openly about worries.
- Celebrate small successes

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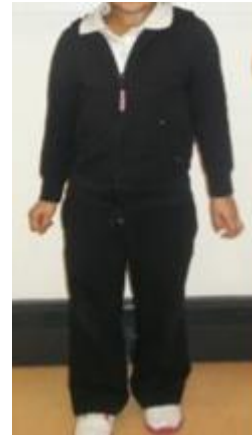
Indoor PE Kit

- White t-shirt
- Blue/Black jogging shorts/pants or leggings
- Black trainers



Outdoor PE Kit

- White t-shirt
- Blue/Black jogging shorts/pants or leggings
- Black trainers
- Hooded jacket



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PE Kit

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All children need to wear the following school uniform:

- ❖ Blue school sweatshirt with Greenhill Academy Logo (from school)
- ❖ White shirt or polo top
- ❖ Black or grey trousers or shalwar kameez
- ❖ Sensible black shoes
- ❖ Sensible thick waterproof coat



- Please ensure that all items are marked clearly with your child's name – we have 60 children across Reception all wearing the same uniform unless it has a name we cannot guarantee it will be returned.



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It is always a good idea to have spare clothes in a bag on your child's peg

School Uniform

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A waterproof coat with a hood. – Please bring in all weathers



A spare set of clothes including underwear and socks – accidents happen! (these can be placed in a bag on their peg.)



If your child currently attends Greenhill Nursery their book bag will be passed on to their class teacher.

If your child is new to Greenhill a book bag can be purchased online. Please make sure your child bring their book bag EVERY day



Reception Equipment List

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Children can either have a school dinner or a packed lunch.

Children make their dinner choices at the beginning of each day with their class teacher.

Children will need to be able to-

- **Eat & Drink independently**

As children will be having their dinner at school, it is important that All children should be able to use utensils independently. Children should also be able to drink from a cup, no bottles

Dinners

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At Greenhill Academy we are a cashless school and use Parent Pay which is the way parents pay for different items such as jumpers, school trips and dinners (when your child is in the older classes).

When your child starts you will be given a username and password to create your own account.

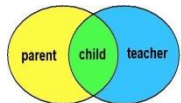
If you need support with this in September, you can speak to the office staff who will be happy to help.



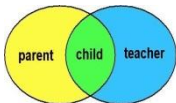
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- Parents are always welcome in school. You can walk your child to their classroom door each morning and have the opportunity to speak to a staff member then. The end of the day can get busy but, if you are willing to wait the class teacher will also be available then.
- Please feel free to talk to any of the EYFS staff at the start of every session.
- In Reception you will have a termly parent's evenings with your child's class teacher about their progress, what they are learning that term and how you can help your child at home.



Parental Involvement



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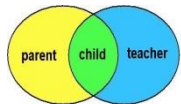
Tapestry

Children in EYFS will be using Tapestry next year which is an online learning journey.

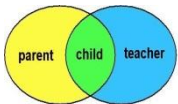
Parents will have the opportunity to view the pictures and videos that the teachers upload of children's learning.

We will be sending out a permission form which needs to be completed and handed in on the first day back in September.

We will also need an email address; this needs to be the email of the parent who will be downloading the Tapestry app to view the learning.



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By the time children start Reception they should be able to-

- **Dress themselves**

To help your child become independent and school ready for Reception, encourage your child to put and take of their own coats, shoes and jumpers.

- **Use the toilet independently**

Children will be expected to use the toilet independently and this includes being able to wipe themselves without assistance.

If you have any concerns with your child being behind with these steps or if your child's health visitor has raised any concerns, then please speak to a member of staff.



Being Prepared for Reception



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- At Greenhill Academy we aim to develop confident readers with a love of books and reading.
- In September, your child will bring home a phase 1 wordless reading book – This will be changed each week so please make sure your child brings their book bag every day
- Alongside this your child will bring home a book for pleasure for you to enjoy with them at home
- Once your child can blend confidently, they will be given a Little Wandle phase 2 book – Parents will be invited to a phonics parents workshop in the Autumn term
- We ask that these books are cared for while at home and if any damage is incurred, we will ask for a payment of £5 on ParentPay.

Reading in Reception



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Thank you for taking the time to attend this meeting.

If you need more information, please do not hesitate to
contact the school office on 0161 260 0621

or

email your queries to info@greenhill.theharmonytrust.org

You will also find lots of useful information on the Greenhill
Academy Website at
www.greenhill.theharmonytrust.org



Thank You

