

Welcome to Huntington Nursery Class 23-24

Dear parents/carers.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to our Nursery class. We will do everything we can to ensure that your child enjoys their time with us here at Huntington, and we trust that the following information will clarify our procedures and assist you and your child with settling in to our setting.

Key Workers

Our Key Workers are:

Mrs Roberts - Nursery Teacher – Monday (all day), Tuesday (all day) and Wednesday morning

Mrs Robinson – Nursery Teacher – Wednesday morning, Thursday (all day) and Friday (all day)

Mrs Jermin - Teaching assistant (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday all day)

Miss James – Teaching assistant (Thursday, Friday all day)

BELONGINGS - Please only bring a **labelled water bottle** and **packed lunch box** and a **carrier bag with spare clothes in that will remain in school**. The spare clothes can be t shirts and leggings, plenty of socks and plenty of underwear (especially if your child is still toilet training). Write your child's name on the carrier bag. Please no backpacks/rucksacks as the cloakroom area is small and we have no room to store backpacks on the school pegs. Please remember to bring the spare clothes in on your child's first settling in day.

We would also appreciate one packet of wipes from each child to be provided for Nursery class to help with toilet training and any accidents that occur. Thank you. These can be put in the bag of spare clothes.

SCHOOL UNIFORM - Nursery children DO wear school uniform and it can be bought from this website -

<https://www.myschoolstyle.com/school/huntington/>

PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING!! (ALL UNIFORM) - ESPECIALLY JUMPERS AND CARDIGANS*

LUNCH - Nursery children are to bring in a packed lunch if they are staying all day. Also a water bottle is always required. Please **LABEL** lunchboxes and water bottles (quite often we can have 2 or 3 lunch boxes which are the same and you may have made the packed lunch without your child seeing what is in there).

Please provide **WATER only** in their bottles. Try to keep your child's packed lunch very simple and with food items that they are used to and will eat. We also recommend that at this time, to open packets slightly and have tangerines ready peeled, apples cut if possible, yoghurts possibly in pots if your child cannot independently open a lid. Grapes must be cut up for safety reasons.

TIMES -

For the settling in timetable from 7th September to 13th September, **please follow the timetable you have been sent by seedlings email account (Nursery).**

Morning -8.55am -11.55am

Afternoon - 11.55am - 2.55pm

From Thursday 14th September you will have your allocated full hours and the school day for the time being will be 8.55am to 2.55pm.

WHERE TO DROP OFF AND PICK UP - Go past the main entrance/reception area and go through the gate to your left.

Nursery is the first classroom you approach. Please stay and wait with your child behind the fenced outside area. We will open the doors at 8.55am and open the gate for your child to walk through into our cloakroom area. We would really appreciate you saying your goodbyes at the gate and allow your child to walk into the classroom on your own. We are there to support your child and don't want you to worry if they are upset. You will be welcome to make a phone call to school after about half an hour to see how your child is doing.

At the end of the session - 11.55am or 2.55pm - A member of staff will come and open the gate. Please again wait behind the small wooden fence to our outside area. We will open the door and when we see you, we will call your child's name and they will walk out to you in the playground. Please be patient in the early days as we will be getting to know you. **Please also let us know in the morning if there will be someone different doing pick up.**

Please be on time to pick your child up from school. We have a limited time to keep the gate open. If we have to close the gate, please go to the school office and we will bring your child to you.

If you know you will be late, PLEASE let the school office know, who will pass a message to us in Nursery.

It must always be an adult who does pick up and drop off.

P.E. - OUR P.E day is on a WEDNESDAY - on this day please can your child come to school wearing their school uniform and sensible trainers. All children can wear jogging pants, shorts or leggings on this day for PE.

FOREST SCHOOL

Our Forest school sessions are on: - **Tuesday PM and Friday AM.**

At the start of the school year we will ask you to provide a pair of wellies (PLEASE LABEL WITH CHILD'S NAME). These wellies will stay in school for the year and be returned at the end of the school year.

Stickers/rewards

Verbal praise is given throughout the day from your teachers.

Your child can earn a sticker for anything they have achieved in school (or home): for example, sharing nicely, being polite, having a try at an activity, tidying up, listening carefully, singing and also something they may have achieved at home.

TAPESTRY - *Learning Journeys* and information from home

Every child attending the Nursery will have a *Learning Journey* created for them which will be online using Tapestry, filled with photographs and observations of your child taken by the practitioners in our setting.

We would very much appreciate it if you could share activities and events from home: tell us what your child likes to do at home, whether they attend any clubs or have received any certificates (please bring them in to share or post a picture onto Tapestry), if they have attended a special family occasion or been on holiday. Such information gives us an insight into your child's experiences outside school.

Please do not forget the following guidelines which all parents have agreed to.

- I will not publish any of my child's observations, videos or photographs on any social media site.

Wow moments

Your child will soon be bringing home a 'Wow moment' per week. Please fill it in, return it to school and we will share your child's 'wow' moment with our class. This could include putting on their clothes independently, being polite or doing a job to help at home. We want to hear about anything your child has achieved (swimming or ballet certificate). We will send more details nearer the time.

Letters and Sounds and Communication and Language

We will be developing the children's early language skills through speaking and listening activities during small and large group work. We will be using the *Little Wandle scheme*. This term we will be focusing on environmental and instrumental sounds.

Medication

If your child requires medication please let the Nursery staff know and pick up a medical form from the school office and complete the form. The form is to be completed if it is a short term or long term medical need. Any long term medication (such as an inhaler for Asthma) will be required to stay in school for the academic year. Therefore you may need to speak to Doctor for an extra inhaler.

Absence from school

If for any reason your child will be off school, please contact the school office to let them know first thing in the morning. Email address - admin@huntington.cheshire.sch.uk. Please do not email seedlings account as staff do not always see emails first thing in the morning.

Holidays – please complete a holiday form in advance, so we are aware if your child will not be in due to a holiday.

S4YC - BREAKFAST OR AFTER SCHOOL CLUB - If you have a query regarding the possibility of using breakfast or afternoon club, please contact S4YC - here is the link to their website.

<http://www.s4yc.co.uk/page/contact/6414>

Reception Class places 2024

In the following weeks you should receive a letter from Cheshire West and Chester Council regarding your child's place in primary school (Reception and onwards).

There is also an option to complete this form online on the Cheshire West and Chester website (school admissions).

[Reception admissions \(cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk\)](https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/school-admissions)

Please complete the necessary forms before the closing date in January 2024 to ensure your child has the best chance of a place in your chosen school.

****The information has not been released yet for Reception 2024, so please keep checking website.**

We hope we have given you information which will help you in September for the start of Nursery. We are so looking forward to welcoming your child to our settling and hope we have an amazing and fun year ahead of learning through play.

Kind regards Mrs Roberts and Mrs Robinson