

## Welcome to Huntington Nursery Class 25-26

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 afternoon, Thursday (all day) and Friday (all day)

Miss James - Teaching assistant - Monday, Tuesday (all day)

Mrs Bennett – Teaching assistant – Wednesday, Thursday, Friday all day)

**BELONGINGS** - Please only bring a **labelled water bottle** and **labelled packed lunch box** and a **carrier bag with spare clothes (The spares clothes bag 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, CARDIGANS and COATS\*\***

**LUNCH** - Nursery children are to bring in a packed lunch if they are staying all day. A water bottle is always required for everyone. 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 AND CHERRY TOMATOES MUST BE CUT UP** for safety reasons.

We are also a **'No nuts' school** and this includes products such as 'Nutella'.

### **TIMES -**

Please follow your settling in timetable letter for your child starting Nursery. We have a settling in session on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Your child will either be in the AM or PM groups. An adult must accompany your child for this session. It is a drop in session so you may come and leave at a time that suits you within the AM and PM time .

AM – 9am to 10.30am (group 1)

PM – 1pm to 2.30pm (group 2)

On Tuesday 2nd September, please come to the group/time you have been allocated in letter.

From Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September your child will follow their settling in timetable given to you by letter.

Your requested hours will begin on WEDNESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER.

If you are full day it will be 8.55am -2.55pm.

Morning sessions are 8.55am to 11.55am and afternoon sessions are 11.55am to 2.55pm.

Any queries, please email using the address – [seedlings@huntington.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:seedlings@huntington.cheshire.sch.uk)

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

Nursery is the first classroom you approach. There will a sign on the gate saying 'Nursery gate'. Please stay and wait with your child behind the fenced outside area. If you can line up along the fence, this allows other classes to move around us. Please make sure your child STAYS with you at drop off time, as it gets very busy with junior classes and Reception classes all lining up in the same area. Therefore for SAFETY reasons we ask that your child stays with you in the line until we are open. Thank you for your support in this.

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 afternoon session at 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.

If you are picking up after morning session or dropping off for afternoon session. Please wait outside the main entrance of school. We will bring /collect your child from there.

**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.

### **School Website – Huntington Community Primary School –**

[Huntington Community Primary School:](#)

Please check our school website. You can find our Nursery page on there (under classes) with useful information and uploaded files. The files include a PowerPoint presentation with helpful information about our Nursery class. From September 2025 onwards we will upload our Curriculum overview each term, for you to see what we will be covering that term.

### **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 whole school *Little Wandle Phonics scheme*. This term we will be focusing on environmental and instrumental sounds. We will be looking at Nursery Rhymes throughout the year.

### **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](mailto: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.

### **School Spider**

**\*\*Please join our School Spider notification app for Huntington. More information will be given to you from our admin team. On here you will be sent any important information about upcoming events and reminders.**

**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 2026**

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 \(cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk\)](http://cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)

**Please complete the necessary forms before the closing date in January 2026 to ensure your child has the best chance of a place in your chosen school. We as a school, are not involved in this process, but we will send you reminders nearer the closing date time to apply for your child's Reception school place.**

**\*\*The information has not been released yet for Reception 2026, 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