

# Welcome to Nursery



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We are very happy that you have chosen for your child to come to our school Nursery in September. Starting school is a very exciting time and we would like to make it as comfortable as possible for you and your child. In this booklet you will find all the information you need to make this a smooth transition.



# The School Day



Start time: 8.45am The gates into the school ground on Forster Road will be opened at 8.40am so that parents can bring their child down the ramp to the entrance to the Early Years unit where they will be greeted by members of our staff team.

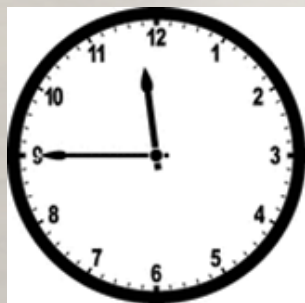
Morning  
Job

Together Time

Active  
Learning

Self Serve  
Snack

Together Time



Home time: 11.45am Please note the nursery finish time is 11.45pm but at the start of the year we always aim to open our gates a little earlier to ease congestion and allow us to safely ensure children get to the correct adult.

# Things you need to know: Drop off and collection

You will drop your child off through the Foundation Stage Entrance off Forster Road and collect them from the same place at home time.



When you complete your child's paperwork you will be asked to give us the names of key people who may collect your child from school and a safe word for when you need to ask someone different to collect.

We aim to develop independence in our children from the moment they arrive at school, so we ask that you hand your child over to the staff who greet you at the entrance. We are all experienced at settling children and more often than not, if they are upset, they are already calm by the time their parent has left the school gate.

Don't worry if your child is teary- this is perfectly normal and all children are different. Our best advice is that even if you are anxious about leaving your child, try not to show them. Make the handover a positive one and walk away.

We are always happy to talk through any questions or queries you may have, but, we find that first thing in the morning is not always the best time as it can be very busy. If you can wait until pick up time, we will have more time to talk to you. Obviously there are always going to be times when you need to speak to staff more urgently and this can be accommodated.

# Our Early Years Team

Here at Woodfield, we believe that it is important for children to make relationships with a range of adults and during their time in the Early Years they will work alongside all members of our team.

Before they start school your child will be given a colour group. Each colour group has a key adult, however, they will not be the only adult who supports your child and as such we do not refer to your child as having a specific teacher.



# Uniform

We encourage all our children to wear school uniform, some clothes and footwear are just not suitable for school. We need our children to be able to run and climb and get their clothes dirty with paint, glue, mud etc. Getting messy is all part of the learning experience!

Our Nursery uniform is:

Navy blue jumper/tank-top/cardigan - with or without logo

White or light blue shirt/blouse/polo shirt with a collar

Grey or Black leggings/tracksuit bottoms/trousers/skirt/pinafore dress

White, black or grey socks/tights

Black smart shoes - or black trainers - no other colour trainers

Smart waterproof warm coat



# Things you need to know: Uniform

There is no need to buy a book bag, P.E. kit or water bottle whilst your child is in the Early Years as they will not need them.



We are working in partnership with Cliff's uniform shop on Printing Office Street in Doncaster town centre to provide items of school uniform with the school logo on.

Children may wear one pair of plain stud ear rings to school – not hoops or dangly ear rings.

No other jewellery is permitted and school accept no responsibility for any lost, damaged or stolen jewellery – we strongly advise that no jewellery is worn to school

**Please could we ask that you clearly label your child's cardigans, jumpers and coats as this helps us to make sure they bring their own clothing home at the end of the day.**

# Our Curriculum

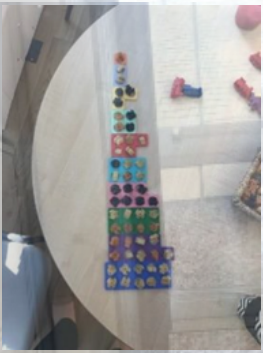
At Woodfield Primary School, we deliver a curriculum based on the framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage which **'promotes teaching and learning that gives children the broad range of knowledge and skills that provide the right foundation for good future progress through school and life.'**

The framework also states that **"Practitioners must consider the individual needs, interests, and development of each child in their care, and must use this information to plan a challenging and enjoyable experience for each child in all areas of learning and development."** We have a fantastic team of adults who put this into practice every day.

In addition the framework describes **three characteristics of effective teaching and learning- playing and exploring, active learning and creating and thinking critically.** These describe exactly the approach we take to learning in the Early Years at Woodfield Primary School.

Throughout the year the children play, make friends, develop and learn. They have great fun, exploring and creating, indoors and outside. They gain independence and confidence and their natural curiosity is encouraged at all times.

At the end of their time in the Early Years staff complete the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile for each child assessing whether they have reached 17 Early Learning Goals.



be a  
friend

Our Early  
Years  
Curricular  
Goals

tell a  
story

be an  
outdoor  
explorer



move my  
body

express  
myself

During their time in the Early Years our children work towards our Curricular Goals. More information can be found on the Early Years page of our website.

<https://www.woodfieldprimaryschool.co.uk/page/early-years/68786>

# Outdoor Play

All children will be given the opportunity to play outside throughout most of the day, whatever the weather.

It is important that you dress your child for school appropriately: warm clothes and a waterproof coat when it's cold and wet; sun hat and sun screen when it's sunny.

Children get wet, muddy and messy when they play outside. We provide protective clothing for them to wear, including wellington boots, although you can provide these things for your child if you wish.

We teach children how to minimise how messy they get and they do get better at this as they get older, but it's part of their learning and development.

We will not compromise on allowing children to play outdoors as we believe it to be an essential component of young children's learning and development.

Children must be allowed to experience the world around them in messy, muddy, and wet environments if they are to make useful meaning of it.

Getting wet does not cause us to catch a cold. If the cold virus is around, we will pick it up regardless of whether we are wet or dry.





# Free Range Fridays

**Every Friday** all children will access the outdoor area for a full day of learning. This will include their focussed teaching input, access to outdoor provision and snack time.

For our Free Range Friday sessions we will access the outdoors in all weather conditions. With this in mind, we ask that on a Friday, you please send your child to school in suitable clothing and footwear **which does not have to be school uniform**. This will include warm clothing, waterproofs, wellies, a hat, scarf and gloves on colder, wet days. As well as ensuring they come in sun cream and with a sun hat for the hotter days.



# Things you need to know: Free Range Friday



We wear non-uniform on a Friday so that we can explore our outdoor areas without worrying that uniform will get dirty or spoilt.

Please could we ask that you send your child in old clothes and shoes that are suitable for digging, weeding, building, painting, cleaning, climbing, running and generally getting messy! Coming in clothes that they are worried about spoiling when getting messy prevents children from joining in with the learning.

The experiences we have on a Friday are part of our curriculum so it is important that children can join in.



Children will be able to access milk and fruit, free of charge throughout their Nursery session.

**There is always fresh water available so there is no need for your child to bring to school any additional food or drink.**

Children will need to come to school with appropriate clothes for the weather everyday and will be outside all day on a Friday so do not have to come in uniform.

Children in the Early Years do not need to bring a book bag, water bottle or pe kit to school.



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