

WELCOME

To full time education at
William Murdoch Primary School



New Reception Parents



Meeting

15th June 2022

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Early Years Education



"The goal of education is not to increase the amount of knowledge but to create the possibilities for a child to invent and discover."

Jean Piaget

Opportunities for children to achieve and develop in all areas of their being.



Welcome to William Murdoch Primary School

This presentation is an introduction to William Murdoch Primary School and includes initial information which we hope you will find useful. Should you have any further questions, staff will be happy to discuss these with you.

The information in this presentation is also available on the school website for your reference.

The school website is kept up to date with the latest news and events and has information about our school.

September 2022

- Start on Wednesday 7th September 2022
- The school day is from 8:40am – 3:15pm
- Pupils will be staggered for the first 2 week and only attend school for half the day.



The EYFS Curriculum

Activities in Early Years are carefully planned and organised in order to provide a range of learning experiences. There are 7 Areas of Learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), which learning activities are planned around.

Areas of Learning and Development			
Prime Areas			
Communication and Language	Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Physical Development	
Listening, Attention and Understanding Speaking	Self-Regulation Managing Self Building Relationships	Gross Motor Skills Fine Motor Skills	
Specific Areas			
Literacy	Mathematics	Understanding the World	Expressive art and Design
Comprehension Word Reading Writing	Number Numerical Patterns	Past and Present People culture and Communities The Natural World	Creating with materials Being Imaginative and Expressive

Throughout the Early Years Foundations Stage, children will be working towards the Early Learning Goals. These describe the level of attainment expected at the end of your child's Reception year in school.

Daily Timetable and Important Dates

Reception Daily Timetable

9:00am - 9.30am: Phonics

9:30am - 10:40am: Session 1 & Enhanced Provision

10.40am: Word Time

11:00am – 11.55am: Lunchtime

11.55am – 1.00pm: Session 2 & Enhanced Provision

1.00pm – 1.15pm: Snack Time

1.15pm – 2.55pm: Session 3 & Enhanced Provision

2.55pm: Story Time

3.15pm: Home Time

Important Dates: Important dates and events can also be found on our school website, weekly Head Teachers letter and via class dojo.

Parent Consultations: You will be invited into school for a parent consultation during the Spring term. This will give you the opportunity to discuss your child's progress.





Classes and Class Sizes

Class Size: There are 3 Reception Classes and 1 Nursery class (am/pm) in our school. Reception classes are called R1, R2 and R3. Each class has a teacher and teaching assistant with approximately 30 children in each Reception class.

Although the children are in three classes, Reception still runs very much as a unit with adjoining doors and a communal outdoor area, giving the children the opportunity to mix with each other.

School



Navy/Gold Sweatshirt
from £9



William Murdoch Polo
from £6.50



Junior Grey Skirt
from £8.50



Junior Pleated Skirt
only £8.50



Girls Grey Trousers
from £8.50



Boys Grey Trousers
from £8.50



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P.E



Children will be required to wear a school P.E kit with appropriate sports footwear during Physical Education lessons. P.E kits should be worn to school on the day of your child's P.E lesson.



- Trainers or pumps – they should not wear their school shoes.
- A navy blue t-shirt – they should not wear their school t-shirt.
- Please support your child to get dressed to encourage them to be independent.

Please ensure that all clothing that your child wears or brings into school is clearly named.

On Your Child's First Day

During the first two weeks your child will attend a half a day session after which they will come to school full time. This will give your child the opportunity to settle in and get familiar with their new learning environment.

You will need to bring your child to the school Reception classroom between 8:40am and 8:50am.

If you arrive after this time please bring your child straight to the school office where they will need to be registered.

We usually ask you to leave as soon as you have dropped your child off, if your child finds it difficult and becomes upset, you maybe asked to stay with them until they are settled.



Collection from School

- At the end of the day, the children are seen out of their classroom doors, please can you wait patiently outside your child's classroom.
- If someone other than a parent is collecting, please can you inform the office in the morning or during the day. We cannot release your child unless we have your permission.
- If someone else is collecting regularly, please add the name of the person(s) on your admission form or inform the office when the change occurs.



School Dinners &



- **Snacks:** Children will be able to have a piece of fruit during the day which they are able to access independently as part of the classroom provision.
- **Drinks:** In Reception children will need to bring in their own water in a named bottle.
- **Lunch:** Reception and Key Stage 1 children are entitled to a free school meal. **Dolce** is our school's catering provider who offers exciting new menus each term which are cooked fresh from raw ingredients. All dinner must pre-ordered online from home (login details will be provided).
- It is vital that you inform us if your child has any allergies, dietary restrictions or requirements.
- Members of staff will be present during lunchtimes if any required.



Absence and Attendance

If your child is not well enough to attend school, you must phone the school office in the morning for each day of their absence.

Attendance is very important at school as the children are learning new concepts every day. Our school target is 97% and there are rewards for children who attend school every day.

If your child has been prescribed antibiotics or medication that they will need to take at school, please hand these into the school office to be stored securely. A form needs to be completed by the parent for authorisation of medicine. Please note school will only administer medication which has been prescribed and has a label on the medication.



Health

- It is important that you make the school aware of your child's medical background; Allergies, dietary requirements and any medical conditions (e.g. asthma or eczema).
- Children can suddenly become ill and therefore it is important that we have all the correct information so that we can contact yourself or another named adult at all times.
- Please ensure that the school is kept up to date with your contact details should they change.
- If your child is unable to attend school due to illness, please telephone the school office to let us know.





Home Learning

We understand and value the support you provide for your child at home. Early Years staff would love to hear about what you and your child have been up to at home, as this helps us to build a more complete picture of your child.

Homework: All children will be issued with a homework book and given one maths and one literacy piece of homework each week to complete.

Reading book: Your child will be issued with a reading book. The book will be changed once a week depending on their understanding and fluency. Please read with your child and comment in their reading record. Your child will need to bring their reading books into school everyday.

Boromi Bag: A learning activity bag is sent home for families to take home and enjoy together.

Stay and Play- Stay and Play sessions will take place later in the Autumn Term. Details of this will be provided closer to the time.

Phonics &

Writing

- We have a phonics lesson every day at school. This is differentiated according to the children's needs and abilities.
- We follow the Read Write Inc scheme of work.
- <http://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/parents/>
- Nelson Writing – Sheets will be sent home to practise handwriting



Getting ready for school



Self-Care and Independence

- I can wash and dry my hands.
- I can wipe my nose.
- I can put on/fasten my coat and shoes.
- I can use the toilet.
- I am learning to dress/undress – this will help me change for PE.
- I am happy to be away from my parents or carers. I know they will be back soon.

Speaking and Listening

- I can talk about my ideas, needs and feelings.
- I can ask a grown-up for help.
- I can follow simple instructions.

1 2 3 4 5

Numbers

- I can count a small number of items.
- I like singing number rhymes or songs.
- I am learning to say numbers to 10.
- I can recognise some numbers.

Reading and Writing

- I can recognise/read my name.
- I can hold a pencil to draw.
- I am learning to write my name.
- I enjoy listening to stories and rhymes.

- I can use a spoon, knife and fork.
- I can open my lunch box as well as wrappers and packaging.
- I can drink from a water bottle, carton or open cup.



For Reception your child will need:

- Uniform
- P.E. kit
- Named water bottle
- School bag

PLEASE make sure all items are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Parents as Partners

- Developing positive and trusting relationships
- Supporting and encouraging one another
- Parent consultation meetings – Autumn and Spring term

Behaviour:

- High Expectations
- Talking things through
- Consistent and positive approaches



Open Door Policy

Any worries, concerns – never hesitate to share with us.

Please share the positive and joyous with us.

Thank You For Attending

- Thank you for all attending.
- If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to come to speak to us.
- Questions?

