



**Welcome to  
Thorpe Hesley  
Primary School  
Reception!**



# Reception

We would like to offer a warm welcome to our school.

The following slides are to give you information about our school day.

We will give you an opportunity to ask questions at the end.

Hopefully we have everything covered but you can contact the office anytime during opening hours if you have any questions.



# Our School

- Creative Children's Academy Trust – we are part of a multi- academy trust.
- Local Governing Board- our school has a strong governing body. Let us know if you would like more information on this.



# Staff to remember

Mrs Toms (Head Teacher)

Mrs Cullumbine (FS Leader)

Mrs Hewitt (Deputy Head Teacher)

Mrs Screaton (School Business Manager)

Mrs Woodcock, Mrs Dawson, Mr Horn, Mrs Bailey  
and Mrs Marshall (Office Staff)



# Organisation of Foundation Classes

## ***Class 1 - Nursery 1:13 Ratio***

***Teacher: Mrs Oakley EYP's: Mrs Cole and Miss Booth and TA: Miss Marriott***

## ***Class 2, 3 and 4 – Reception***

***Teachers: Mrs Cullumbine, Miss Barker and Mrs Dimler and TA's: Mrs West, Mrs Taylor, Miss Marshall, Mrs Bamford***



**Welcome Pack:** You should receive a pack of information and forms to complete before starting school. Information includes

- General information
- Safeguarding
- Health
- Paying for visits / visitors
- Special Educational Needs



# The School Day

School times –

**Class 1 - Nursery (Willow / Oak) 8.40-11.40 and 12.10-3.10**

**Classes 2, 3 and 4 - Reception 8.50 – 3.10**

Children to enter by their class door in a morning and to be collected from that door.

Children will only be released to people on the safeguarding list and staff will check.

Children need to bring their book bag daily.

They can bring a named water bottle containing water.

Milk and fruit is offered daily.

Please ensure that children have suitable (labelled) coats and hats depending on the weather.



# Foundation Stage Curriculum

## EYFS Curriculum

**Prime Areas** are fundamental in support and development in all other areas.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Communication and Language

Physical Development

**Specific Areas** include essential skills and knowledge. They grow out of prime areas and provide important contexts for learning.

Literacy

Mathematics

Understanding the World

Expressive Arts and Design





Each Area of Learning is implemented through planned, purposeful play and through a mix of adult-led and child initiated activities.

Play is essential for children's development, building their confidence as they learn to explore, to think about problems and to relate to others.

In the final term of Reception, teachers complete the EYFS profile for each child. The profile provides parents and Year 1 teachers with a picture of a child's knowledge, understanding, abilities and their progress against expected levels.



# School lunches

All Reception & KS1 children are entitled to free lunches (universal Free School Meal) since September 2014

Choices –

1. Hot choice 1
2. Hot choice 2
3. Jacket Potato
4. Chilled choice
5. Complete form for the start of week online – remember to include your child in the choice!  
Remind your child of their choice every morning.

We are a healthy school so if your child is bringing lunch from home we ask that there are no bars of chocolate or sweets and that any crisps are low fat / baked.

Please **DO NOT** send any nuts or nut based food into school as we have children with allergies.



# Uniform

- Red sweatshirt
- White or red polo style shirts or blouses, with a collar.
- Black or grey uniform trousers or skirts are worn.
- Shoes must be plain black and not trainers
- Named wellies to be left in school.
- Please do **not** buy expensive clothes for school wear.
- No jewellery, nail varnish or fashion items
- Please label all items clearly
- School book bags. These need to be brought daily
- P.E. kit is white t-shirt and black shorts needed in Autumn 2



# Behaviour

- We have a positive behaviour policy
- We have high expectations of good behaviour throughout school
- Good behaviour is a feature of our school and we are often complimented on the behaviour of our pupils both in and out of school
- The behaviour and Bullying policies are on our website
- Children will receive class points and golden tickets for good behaviour and work.



# Golden Rules

1. We are helpful and act kindly
2. We always tell the truth
3. We do not hurt each other
4. We work hard every day
5. We care for, and look after, the school and our environment
6. We listen well and don't interrupt
7. We are polite and well mannered



# Attendance

- Regular attendance is vital to good progress and attainment
- Notify school daily of any absence – we operate first call system and work closely with the LA for persistent poor attendance.
- If you have any appointments during the school day you must fill an absence form via the office.
- Holidays during term time are not authorised and a leave of absence form must be completed.



# Punctuality

- Children are learning as soon as they come through the door.
- The Reception day begins at 8.50. The register closes at 9 so any children arriving after 8.55 will need to report to the main office to give a reason and collect their mark.
- Our attendance policy can be found on the website.



# Information

- Phone number: 01142570153 Email: [office@thorpehesleyprimary.rotherham.sch.uk](mailto:office@thorpehesleyprimary.rotherham.sch.uk)
- School website: <https://www.thorpehesleyprimary.rotherham.sch.uk/>
- Twitter: @thorpehesleypri / Instagram: thorpe\_hesley\_primary\_school – we use these to celebrate work done across school. Please see the website for relevant class and school information and policies.
- Class email – each foundation stage class has an email to celebrate home learning. We will send you these when your child has started school.
- Newsletter – we send a weekly newsletter for the whole school via Arbor. This can also be viewed on the website.
- Breakfast Club and Woodlies After School – we offer wrap around care. Please speak to Mrs Woodcock in the infant building office for more information.





# Arbor

- Arbor –this is the app that we use to send you information and you use this to order school dinners and make payments.
- We need your email to set this up.
- This is your link to school and we send newsletters, information about the class, order dinners through this app
- If you need help setting it up then please get in touch.





# Your Child

- It is **vital** that we know if your child has any specific medical or other needs before starting school. That way we can put everything in place before their arrival.
- We know starting school can be very daunting for both children and their families. Hopefully we will be able to make this a positive experience but please contact school if you have any concerns about starting.
- Please talk to your child as much as you can about school, walk past school to show them where they will be coming, try on the uniform and show them pictures from our website and class booklet.
- We focus our curriculum heavily in interaction and speaking so please encourage your child to talk in their play before starting school. For Health and Safety reasons, we do not allow dummies into the classroom so please use the summer to wean them off.
- We would like you to encourage independence before starting school. They will be expected to put their own coat on and hang it up and put their bookbag away in their drawer.
- We are available to help with toilet accidents but would like children to be able to independently use the toilet unless you notify us of any specific needs.
- At dinnertimes children will be expected to use a knife and fork to eat so this may be something you would like to practise before starting school.
- As they start PE (Reception) later on in the Autumn Term they will be changing independently so practise with any tricky fastenings.

# Safeguarding

- It is important that you complete your safeguarding forms.
- On these forms we must know about any medical or dietary needs that your child has.
- Please inform us of your child's emergency contacts plus anyone who will be collecting them from school. If they are not on the form we will not be able to release your child to them.
- If for any reason someone not on the form has to collect your child from school we ask you to let school know as soon as possible and give a password. We can then tell your child the change in collection person and will ask that person for the password.
- We cannot release your child to anyone under the age of **14**. In any circumstances.
- We cannot administer any medicine unless it is prescribed for three or more times a day. A medicine form must be filled in.
- If your child has an inhaler we must have one in school at all times and a medicine form must be completed.



# Entry and Exit to School

- Please note that parents are not allowed to come down the drive in cars at **any** time. This includes appointments in the day.
- Our surrounding roads can be very busy so please keep your child with you at all times.
- If possible try to walk to school or park further away and 'park and stride' to help with congestion and increase your child's health.



# Fill in forms please!

- Please fill in all paperwork and return it to us as soon as possible
- Safeguarding
- Pupil Premium
- Let us know of any dietary or medical needs before the summer.





# Thank you!

We can't wait to meet you and your families.

