

Welcome To Willow Bank Infant School

Foundation Stage
Reception
EYFS
2018



STAFF

- Headteacher : Mrs Michelle Masters
- Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Danielle Killick
- Foundation Stage Staff : Mrs Marian Ogbeide
Miss Charlotte Clift

Mrs Sarah Wilson
Mrs Laura Corper

GETTING READY FOR SCHOOL

What does your child need to do to settle into school?

- Toileting
- Washing hands
- Using Cutlery
- Dressing
- Taking turns
- Tidying up
- Using scissors

STAYING HEALTHY

- Check your children's hair weekly
- Make sure they go to bed early (7pm-8pm)
- Send water bottles to school
- Sign the permission form for health checks
- Service Referral Form if a request is made for contact with school nurse
- Community Nurses: 01189 495 054/5

A POSITIVE APPROACH AS A PARTNERSHIP

- **Ensure a safe and stimulating environment** - children safely taking on responsibility, gaining independence, set routines/structures which give stability and are important at times of change,
- **Create a positive learning environment-** Encouraging children to help in decision making, giving positive attention and encouragement , giving praise,

A POSITIVE APPROACH

Using discipline

We use stars and gems to reward children, and at most, timeout or a visit to the head for poor behaviour

Having Realistic Expectations

Dependent on developmental level

The Difference between Nursery and School

Staffing ratios

Information sharing- workload expectations

TRANSITION – VISITS TO SCHOOL

Your child will have two opportunities to visit the school before the summer holidays:

- **On Friday 21st June 2019**
 - Surnames A to J (inc) 9:30am- 11:40am
 - Surnames K to Z (inc) 1:45pm – 3:15pm
- **On Wednesday 26th June 2019**
 - Surnames K to Z (inc) 9:30am – 11:40am
 - Surnames A to J (inc) 1:45pm – 3:15pm

HOME VISITS

- We will be offering appointments for home visits in September, which is an opportunity for the class teacher and teaching assistant to meet your child in their comfort zone.
- Appointments are 20 minutes, and a chance to chat through any concerns or questions you may have.
- If you have concerns about your child coming into EYFS, or if your child has Special Needs, please contact the school for an appointment to discuss how we can help you prepare.
- We will give you an update on how your child has settled during our first parents' evening.

SEPTEMBER ENTRY

Tuesday 3rd September is an INSET day, some home visits will happen on this day.

Wednesday 4th September:

Home visits will happen on this day.

Thursday 5th September:

All children start school- 9:00am to 12:00 noon

Friday 6th September:

All children are in school and stay for lunch- 9:00am to 1:00pm

Monday 9th September:

All children are in school full time 9:00am to 3:15pm.

SEPTEMBER ENTRY (CONT.)

MONDAY 9th SEPTEMBER ONWARDS:

Rabbits Class and Badgers Class- 9:00am to 3:15pm

Term dates are available on our school website and reminders are posted on our school newsletter.

A note about absence- what are the rules?

WHAT WILL YOUR CHILD BE DOING?

Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum

Baseline Assessment

17 Areas of Learning:

Personal, Social, Emotional Development

Communication and Language

Literacy

Mathematics

Understanding of the World

Physical Development

Expressive Arts and Design

CONTINUED

- Phonics
- ICT and our Internet Policy
- RE and Collective Worship
- National Curriculum
- Gem Power

TAPESTRY

- We use an online programme called Tapestry to support the evidence base and evaluations that we make about children during their time in EYFS.
- You will be provided with a Tapestry login, so that you can see what your child has been learning and doing, and also so that you can contribute to our evidence with pictures of activities you have done at home.
- When you login to Tapestry there is an option to have a tutorial on how it works so that you can get the best out of your Tapestry experience.
- If you have difficulties let us know as soon as possible.



UNIFORM PLEASE LABEL!

School jumpers or cardigans

White polo shirt

Trousers

Skirt , Trousers, Dresses

PE Kit- black shorts, School T shirt, plimsolls

Draw String bag -No Backpacks please!

Please do not wear leggings under dresses.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

- Extra Curricular activities – Football, Sports Club, Gymnastics, Dance
- Willow Bank Infants Breakfast and After School Club here at the Infants- Provided by Get-Active
- Willow Bank Juniors Breakfast and After School Club at the Juniors- Provided by Energy-Kidz
- Both clubs run from 7:30am to 8:50am and from 3:15pm until 6pm.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

Our aim is to involve you as much as possible in your child's education and the life of the school

- Home School Agreement
- Behaviour and Discipline, SEN, Anti Bullying, Equality Policies
- Planning Online (Weekly Bulletin)
- Help in School- DBS Checks (not before Jan)
- School Association
- Partnership in Learning- Reading books and games
- ICT -Website - check regularly
- Family time- only in January

WHAT IS FAMILY TIME?

An opportunity for you to:

- Come into school to share your children's work/ Learning Journeys
- Look at your children's progress
- Look at displays on the walls
- Hear your children read
- Share a book from the book box
- Talk informally to the teacher and Headteacher

WEBSITE

- Communication through the Website – checking for information – news, calendar, governors, School Association
- School App is called Parentmail- you will be given a login and will receive updates through the app
- Text messaging Alerts
- <http://www.willowbankinfant.com/web>

ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

- Admission Forms and Birth Certificate a.s.a.p
- Signing In and Out
- Absence- Authorisation only in exceptional circumstances.
- Money
- Telephone Numbers
- Letters on the website
- Photographs and Data Protection
- Medication
- Illness (48hour ruling)



PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE
REGULARLY

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