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**The Early Years: Information for
Nursery and Reception Parents
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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Grange View C of E Primary School. We would like to take this opportunity to introduce the Early Year's team to those of you who do not yet know us and to give you some details about our Early Years Unit.

It's a big step in a child's life to start school. We're here to ensure that your child goes into Nursery and Reception feeling as safe and secure as possible. Our aim is to make the Early Year's a child centred and happy learning environment. One of our main advantages of having an Early Years Unit is that the staff and children all work together. The children become familiar with Nursery routines before they move into Reception.

Staffing

The Early Year's Team this term is:

- ❖ Mrs L Waters – Reception Class Teacher & Early Years Co-ordinator
- ❖ Mrs L Henderson – Higher Level Teaching Assistant
- ❖ Mrs L Tait – Teaching Assistant (Maternity Leave)
- ❖ Miss D Gutherson – Teaching Assistant
- ❖ Miss M Gray – Teaching Assistant
- ❖ Miss L Abbey – Apprentice Teaching Assistant

Class Organisation

Our Nursery offers 5 morning sessions (15 hrs per week) to all children and also 5 full day sessions (30 hrs per week) to those who are eligible. If you wish to access the 30hrs free childcare please access the website by following this link <https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare>

Once you have received your 30hrs eligibility code, you will need to provide your details to the office. The staff work closely together aiming to provide a high quality, balanced curriculum. The classes are located in two adjoining rooms - Oak Classroom being where Reception are based and Acorn Classroom where Nursery are based. Both classes access the Early Years Unit.

The Aims of Foundation Stage

Our aim in Nursery is to provide the children with a happy and secure environment where they will gain confidence and learn to play and develop with other children, joining in with all the activities provided.

Encouraging young children to learn through play is what the best Early Years providers have always done. It means being sure each individual child is learning through high quality play, that's tailored to them. It means they develop at their own pace, having fun, making friends and learning as they play. This will enable them to become confident, happy children who, when the time comes, are well prepared to progress through school. Not pushed, not pressured but ready to reach their potential.



The Curriculum

The Early Years Curriculum is split into seven areas of learning:

The three prime areas being;

- Communication and Language
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Physical Development

The specific areas being

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding of the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

Nursery Class Organisation



Our Nursery is called Acorn Class.

Children can start Nursery the term after their third birthday if a place is available.

The children must be accompanied to and from the nursery by a responsible adult, and, for safety reasons, the class teacher must be informed of any changes to these arrangements. Children will be dropped off at Acorn entrance and collected from there.

Morning Session - 8.40am – 11.45am

Doors open at 8.40am and collection will begin at 11.40am (15 hrs per week) or 3.05 (30 hrs per week)

Milk

Milk is provided free of charge for all children under the age of five. A piece of fruit is also given to each child at snack time.

Children accessing the 30 hrs provision will need to bring a packed lunch or pay for a school lunch.

Clothing

Accidents happen and we sometimes have to change children, so please can you provide spare clothes to keep on your child's coat peg. If we have used nursery clothes a speedy return of these clothes helps us greatly.

We go outside in all weathers, so please can you make sure your child always has a named coat, hat and wellies at school.

Some Practical Suggestions for our smallest school members:

- Help children to be independent by ensuring that they wear the sort of clothes that they can manage themselves.
- Name all clothes including coats, hats, gloves and wellies.
- Re-enforce toilet procedures ensuring that children can manage themselves.
- Encourage your child to share books with you (a love of books will help your child to learn to read). In Nursery and Reception your child will visit the library every week and bring home a book of their choice to share with you. Book bags, can be purchased from the main school office to carry their books.
- Give your child confidence – praise his/her effort and be prepared to answer all questions.
- Talk about experiences and listen when he/she talks.
- Talk about colour, shape, size, positions (in front behind) how things look and feel etc.
- Let him/her help at home.
- Setting boundaries with your child.



If at any time you are worried about any aspects of your child's Nursery Education do not hesitate to have a chat with the teacher. All staff will do their best to help.

Transition to Reception



Our Reception Class is called Oak Class.

Starting school can be a daunting experience with many new activities. We aim to strike a balance that enables your child to enjoy school and to arrive home with enough energy to share their experiences with you.

Milk

Milk is free for children under five years old. During the term in which your child reaches his/her 5th birthday you will be required pay for milk if this is required, the cost of which varies according to the number of days in a term.

School Lunches

Universal Free School Meals are available to all children from Reception to Year 2. If you opt for Packed lunches, these must be healthy and not contain sweets or fizzy drinks.

Please let staff know of any changes that will affect your child, as well as any change of address, telephone/mobile numbers and emergency contacts. These numbers are very important as we communicate with parents via a text messaging service and you may miss out on important information if mobile numbers are not kept up to date.

For safety reasons we adopt a no jewellery policy in reception and main school. However if you choose to have your child's ears pierced this is at your own risk. In order to reduce the risk we suggest you tape the earrings for every session.

Curriculum

Children in reception continue to learn through practical experiences based on the foundation stage curriculum.

Phonics & Maths



At Grange View we begin learning to read using a scheme called Read Write Inc. Once the children are confident with these sounds we begin to blend them

We consider every book to be a 'reading book' and part of learning to read.

Children will be encouraged to take books home to share with you. Each child will be given a reading record booklet in there we will write about your child's achievements we would also appreciate your comments about how well your child is reading at home.

Mathematical development depends on becoming confident and competent in learning and using key skills. In early years we help the child to learn to count, sort, match, find patterns and work with numbers, shapes, space and measurement. Mathematical understanding is developed through stories, songs, games and imaginative play, so that children enjoy using and experimenting with numbers up to 10 and beyond.

Starting school is a very exciting opportunity for children and their parents. The staff and governors are looking forward to working with you to ensure that your child has the best possible start to his/her school life. We hope that your child's time with us will be happy and successful.

Please contact me to discuss any worries or concerns that you may have or to share any information which we may need to know.

Many thanks,

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Head Teacher