



Welcome to Hexthorpe Primary Academy Foundation Stage 1



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Learning and Development

At Hexthorpe Primary Foundation Stage we aim to give all children the very best opportunities for effective learning and development by providing a happy and stimulating learning environment. Our experienced team support children in becoming independent learners and in developing a positive sense of themselves and others.

When children join us in Nursery and Reception they follow the **Foundation Stage** curriculum which covers seven areas of learning. These consist of:

Three Prime Areas

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

Four Specific Areas

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

These 7 areas are used to plan your child's learning and activities. Our EYFS team will ensure that activities planned for are suited to your child's unique needs. Our curriculum is planned for through three broad themes each year and is designed to be really flexible so that staff can follow your child's own needs and interests.

Children in our Foundation Stage learn by playing and exploring, being active, and through creative and critical thinking which takes place in both our indoor and outdoor environment.

Further information about the Foundation Stage curriculum can be obtained from www.foundationyears.org.uk. Information regarding



the age related expectations for children in Foundation Stage can be found at www.foundationyears.org.uk/.../what-to-expect-when-a-parents-guide

Records and Feedback

Whilst in Foundation Stage staff will carefully record your child's progress. This is done through regular observations using different mediums. These observations will record significant learning and be kept in your child's Learning Journey. Parents will be invited to regular meetings to share these observations and celebrate your child's learning.

Parents are the most important people in their children's lives and their first and most enduring educators. At Hexthorpe Primary Foundation Stage we strive to work in partnership with parents and value the contribution you make to your child's development. We will send home many home school link activities over the year that contribute to us building a picture of your child's learning and development. You are welcome at any time to share significant moments about your child or speak to a member of staff about your child's progress.

Key Person

In line with the Early Years Foundation Stage guidance, we have a key person system. In Foundation Stage 1 each child has a designated key person who is responsible for settling them in, making sure they are happy and monitoring their general well-being and progress. It will generally be your child's key person that you will be invited to meet to discuss their progress and development. However, all the staff in Nursery work closely as a team and are equally

committed to each and every child's education and welfare whilst in Nursery.

The Nursery Session

Morning Nursery: 8.15am to 11.15am

Afternoon Nursery: 12.15pm to 3.15pm

There are three classes within our Foundation Stage Unit. Our Nursery children (FS1) are based in **The Station** class. Our Reception children (FS2) are based in either Sun Stream or Sun Chariot class.

Your child is entering Nursery (FS1) so will be based in **The Station**.

Doors open at **8.15am** if your child attends morning Nursery or **12.15pm** if your child attends afternoon Nursery.

Throughout the morning your child will take part in targeted adult led activities with a focus on developing their skills and knowledge in both the Prime and Specific areas of learning. Alongside this your child will also take part in child-initiated activities within our continuous provision both indoors and outside.

Near the end of a session we come back together as a class to celebrate the days learning, share a story and get ready for home time. Doors re-open at **11.15am** for morning Nursery and **3.15pm** for afternoon Nursery. A member of staff will call your child's name when they see the familiar adult that usually picks them up. In order to keep your child safe we ask that you inform us in person or by phoning school if somebody else is picking your child up that day. A form will then be completed with details of the adult that is picking up your child.

Drinks and Snack time

Mid way through the Nursery session we celebrate learning so far that day and have a drink of milk or water and a healthy snack. There are always a selection of healthy fruits or vegetables in Nursery for your child to choose from. There are always cups available for your child to have a drink of water throughout the session. Alternatively your child may bring their own water bottle into school if they wish. All children in Nursery are entitled to free milk should you wish them to have it.

Uniform

We have a school uniform which comprises of white polo shirts, navy blue jumpers or cardigans with the school logo on, dark grey trousers, dresses or skirts. Children can also wear blue and white gingham or striped dresses during the summer term. Footwear comprises of sensible black shoes that cover the whole foot.

Please help us by making sure all your child's uniform and footwear are clearly marked with your child's name.

For health and safety reasons we ask that jewellery is limited to a watch and if ears are pierced, small stud earrings are worn.

Attendance and Medical Matters

Please ring school if your child is ill or going to be absent for any reason. School will make a first day absence call or a home visit if no contact has been made from home. If your child has a medical or dental appointment in school time please inform the office in advance. Evidence of medical appointments are required by school.

All Foundation Stage staff are qualified First Aiders. If your child has an accident at school they will receive attention from us. If your child has an accident and sustains a more serious injury we will always contact you immediately. For this reason it's important that we have your up to date contact details.

It is also important that you inform us of any medical condition or allergy that might affect your child whilst they are at school.

School Website

Further information about our school is available on our website at

www.astreahexthorpe.org

You can also follow us on twitter at

<https://twitter.com/HexthorpePri>

We also have a school blog

<https://hexthorpeprimaryacademy.net/>

We hope you've found this information useful. The staff in Foundation Stage will look forward to welcoming you and your child to Hexthorpe Primary Foundation Stage 1. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact school.

Kind Regards

Mrs Jane Allen

Assistant Principal/ Foundation Stage Leader

