

## Welcome to Birkby Infant and Nursery School

Reception Teachers: Mrs Walsh (Purple), Miss Schofield-Elliot (Blue), Mrs Helliwell/Mrs Rockett (Green), Mrs Law (Red)  
Mrs Lunn (Yellow)

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Staff are in the playground every morning to welcome the children and pass on any messages you have for the teachers. Should you wish to discuss something with the class teacher it is best to see them at the end of the school day when they are not supervising a class, or make an alternative appointment with them.

School starts at 8.45am and the gates will be locked.



School finishes at 3.15pm Mon - Thurs.

Gates open at 3.15pm.

FRIDAY – Gates open 3.00pm





School doors open at 8.32am so that children can enter school and be ready to start lessons at 8.45am

Children come into the playground through the rainbow gate.



There is a drop and go zone operating from 8.30 in the morning, with a voluntary one way system in place. Staff will be outside the gate in the zone to help assist children out of the car.



Cars go up  Osborne road and down  Clement street.

Contact details – please keep us up to date with new mobile numbers and addresses. Calls from school will appear on mobiles as an unknown number. Occasionally you will receive texts alerts from school particularly if there is bad weather, such as snow. ❄️



### Clothing

Our school uniform can be bought from: Term Time Wear or Natasha's

Term Time Wear  
St. John's Road  
Huddersfield  
HD1 5AY



Natasha's School Wear  
2 Buxton Way  
New Street  
Huddersfield  
HD1 2UL



### Items:

- Navy blue V neck jumper or cardigan
- Green polo shirt
- Grey trousers/ skirt or dress
- Velcro trainers that your child can put on and fasten by themselves.



### Health and safety

Children must not wear shoes with laces until they can fasten them by themselves.

### P.E kit

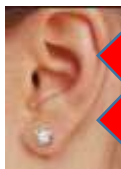
School provides a P.E. kit (t-shirt, shorts and tracksuit) for all children which is kept in a named bag and washed in school. As children do P.E several times a week it is very important that they wear underwear every day.



Please put your child's name in all pieces of clothing.



No Jewellery – Children are not allowed to wear any jewellery in school.



School Meals – All children have a school dinner which is FREE.

The children have a hot and cold choice each day. Menus are given out to parents in September so that you can discuss your child's food choices at home.

Please make sure your child can use a knife and fork and feed themselves.



Children will also be drinking from a cup. At this age children should not be drinking from baby bottles.

**Snack** – Children also receive a free piece of fruit/veg each day. In reception children can access this throughout the day as well as water.



**Milk** - will be provided free to those children with suitable eligibility. For other children wishing to have milk the cost is £11.50 which is collected, in special blue envelopes, at the beginning of each term. (Please note this cost maybe subject to change).



### Toileting

Children should be fully toilet trained on entry to school and should not be wearing nappies. If you think this may be a problem for your child arrange to see Miss Moscardini as soon as possible. Please make sure your child knows how to go to the toilet by themselves as adults will not accompany them.



### Medical needs

If your child has any allergies you must let us know. If your child uses an inhaler you will need to make an appointment to complete a health care plan, before an inhaler can be left at school. We can only give medicine prescribed by a doctor to your child when you have signed an authorisation form at the main office. Please see Mrs Todd regarding any other medical conditions/needs/allergies.



★ Please remember to sign a consent form or health care plan, otherwise we will not be allowed to give this medication.

### Attendance

Regular attendance is most important to a child's continued progress and development. If your child is ill please phone (01484) 223969. If they vomit or have diarrhoea they must stay at home for 48 hours after. Coughs and colds are normal for children starting school.

### Holidays

We do not authorise any holidays in term time as they severely disrupt your child's education. If you are planning a holiday for your child this must be done during one of the breaks that children have from school. This is in line with the North Huddersfield Learning Community Attendance Policy. Please see the term dates for the year.

Attendance is closely monitored by an attendance and pupil support officer from the local authority.

### Parent Session – 'What we are learning'

Come every Wednesday morning to the modular building at 8.45 for 15 minutes. You will find out what your child is learning that week and be given homework/ activities that you can complete at home with your child.

It is very important that children are taught the correct letter formation when they are ready to write. Please see the enclosed sheet. Please make sure that when your child writes their name they only have the initial letter as a capital. FAISAL✗ Faisal✓

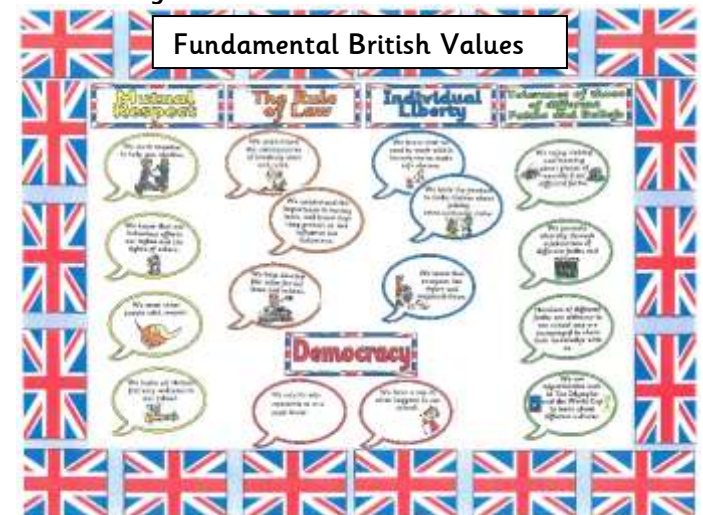
## Behaviour

All of the children are expected to follow our rainbow rules. This creates a safe and happy environment for all of the children. The rainbow rules help us with the British values.



The Fundamental British Values are:

Mutual Respect, The Rule of Law, Individual Liberty, Tolerance of other Faiths and Beliefs and Democracy.



## How the rainbow system works

Children in reception start the day with 3 rainbows next to their photo. If your child is not following the rainbow rules they are given a verbal warning. If they continue with the inappropriate behaviour then they will lose a rainbow. At the end of each day the class will have rainbow time. This is a fun time where children have an input into the type of reward they would like. If they have lost a rainbow then they will lose some of their rainbow time. The teacher will speak to you at the end of the school day to let you know why your child has lost a rainbow. If a child hurts another child they will immediately lose their rainbow without a verbal warning.

## Outdoor play – our outdoor classroom.

All children will be given the opportunity to play outside whatever the weather: therefore it is important that they wear the correct outer clothing on top of their uniform to match the weather. Children will get wet and messy when they play outside. From nursery we teach them how to minimize how messy they get and with time they do get better but it is part of their learning and development. Getting wet does not cause us to catch a cold. If the cold virus is around we will pick it up regardless of whether we are wet or dry. We have a selection of all-in-one waterproofs and wellies for children to put on.

Children in reception also have a playtime in the morning where they will access play equipment in the large playground. After their lunch they will also go out into the large playground.

## Curriculum

At Birkby Infant and Nursery School we deliver a curriculum based on the Framework for the EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE. This describes the seven areas of learning and development which “must be implemented through planned, purposeful play”. The framework also states that “Practitioners must respond to each child’s emerging needs and interests, guiding their development through warm, positive interaction”. We have a team of adults who put this into practice every day. In addition the framework describes “three characteristics of effective learning”

1. Playing and exploring
2. Active learning
3. Creating and thinking critically

Please visit our website for information on topics and guidance on learning and development in the early years.



