

Welcome to Birkby Infant and Nursery School

Reception Teachers: Mrs Riley (Yellow), Miss Moscardini (Blue), Mrs Helliwell/Mrs Rockett (Green), Mrs Law (Red) Mrs Walsh (Purple) Miss Binns

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Some staff but NOT ALL are at the gate every morning to welcome the children. Should you wish to pass a message onto your child's teacher please ring the office. The teacher will call you when they are able to do so.

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



School finishes at 3.15pm. Gates open at 3.10pm. Friday only gates open at 3.00pm.



School gates open at 8.30am so that children can enter school and be ready to start lessons at 8.45am.



Children come into school through the black gates next to the main reception. Please say goodbye to your child at the gates as parents will not be allowed through the gates.



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



Please ring school if someone different is picking up your child. They will not be allowed to leave with that person unless we have had confirmation from you.

Clothing

Our school uniform can be bought from most Supermarkets.

Items:

- Navy blue V neck jumper or cardigan
- Green polo shirt
- Grey trousers/ skirt/ dress
- Green or blue summer dress
- Flat sensible shoes that your child can put on and fasten by themselves. Velcro shoes are ideal until your child can fasten their own shoe laces.

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.

No Jewellery

Children are not allowed to wear any jewellery in school.



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

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 £11.65 which is collected in envelopes at the beginning of each term. (Please note this cost may be subject to change).



NB: Children are not allowed UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES to bring any food stuffs into school including NUTS AND SWEETS.

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 to your child when you have signed an authorisation form at the main office. Please see Mrs Todd regarding any other conditions/needs/allergies.



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

Immunisations: Please check with your doctors surgery that your child is up to date with all immunisations.

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.

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.

At Birkby Infant and Nursery School
we always...



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.

