

"We aim to be outstanding in all we do"

Welcome To Cheadle Primary School



Information for parents
& carers of children starting
school in nursery or reception

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Introduction

Welcome to Cheadle Primary School. Making the right start at school is crucial for everybody and helps to provide a firm foundation for future learning.

We work hard to ensure that the induction process is a positive and happy experience for you and your child.

We take account of individuals and their varied pre-school experiences.

Our Aims:

To provide a happy and secure environment that will stimulate a child's natural curiosity and enthusiasm to explore, play and learn.

To ensure that all children are valued and that there is equal opportunity for every child regardless of culture, race, gender, religion or disadvantage. To learn to develop respect for others.

To develop an effective partnership with parents and Carers and to build upon the invaluable foundations of learning already taking place at home. We want to involve you fully in your child's education right from the start.

To help each child to feel happy, independent, confident, accepted and included enabling him/her to form good relationships with adults and children.

To make playing and learning challenging, exciting, interactive and above all, FUN!

Organisation

We hope that the following information will give you a clear insight into how our Foundation Stage unit is organised and run.

Our unit has 40 part time nursery places and 40 reception places. We have two registration groups for nursery and two registration groups for reception. Your child's registration teacher will be their key worker.

Reception children have full time places in school from 8.50am – 3.10pm.

Nursery children have a choice of 2 different options:

Option 1:

Monday & Tuesday
and Wednesday

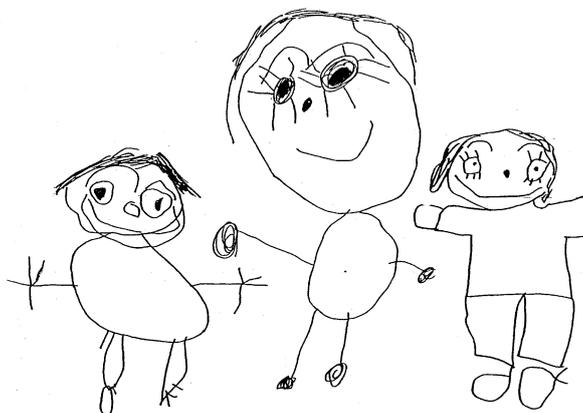
9.00am – 3.00pm
8.50am – 11.50am

Option 2:

Wednesday
and Thursday & Friday

12.10pm – 3.10pm
9.00am – 3.00pm

There is a possibility that top up hours for nursery children may be available.



How We Prepare Your Child For Foundation Stage

This may well be the first time that your child has spent a period of time away from you. We want to make the transition from home to school a happy experience for everyone. We have a comprehensive induction programme to ensure that this happens.

Home Visits

This is an opportunity for us to visit your child in familiar surroundings. We would like you and your child to get to know us a little before he/she starts at Cheadle Primary School. Also, it is an ideal opportunity for you to ask any questions that you may have.

Visits to Previous Settings

We would love the opportunity to visit your child in the setting that they currently attend before they are due to start school. This will enable us to speak with staff that are familiar with your child and observe them in an educational setting.

Visits to School

If your child is starting in nursery, you will be invited to visit school with your child. This will be a shortened session which will give you chance to help your child settle in.

How You Can Help Your Child

Build your child's confidence by talking about starting school. Talk about all the exciting things to do and all the new friends to be made. Also, reassure your child by talking about what you will be doing whilst they are here.

Encourage your child to: -

Take turns.

Wait for your attention.

Share his/her toys.

Play with other children and also independently.

Put their coat on/take it off independently.

Put their shoes on/take them off independently.

Share books with you and talk about what happens.

Look after their toys.

Recognise their name and belongings.

Work with different children and adults.

Dress and undress independently for PE. (Reception children)

Please ensure that your child is able to go to the toilet and wash their hands independently.

Home School Communication

Good home school communication is very important to us at Cheadle Primary School. Everyone is very approachable and friendly! There are opportunities on a daily basis to have informal chats about your child. Also, you are always welcome to come in if you have any questions or if you just want to find out more about how your child is getting on. You will receive regular newsletters which will give you information about events in school.

Home School Books

Each child will be given a home school book which will give you a review of the skills that your child has been learning each week. This book is intended to be a two-way communication and we would very much like you to comment upon or stick in any relevant work which your child has done at home. Your child will be given a free school book bag when they start at Cheadle Primary School which we use for home school books and reading books.

Parents` Meetings

Throughout the year, we have individual parents' meetings where we share your child's work and discuss their progress. You will also receive a comprehensive written report.

We also have regular parent events where you will be invited into school to take part in activities with your child linked to their current learning.



Recording Your Child's Progress

When your child starts in Foundation Stage they will be assessed against the age related bands of the 'Development Matters' document. This information is then used to plan differentiated work and play activities to suit the learning needs of groups and individuals. Assessments are ongoing and progress is recorded.

Helping in Foundation Stage

Parents and carers are always welcome to come and help in school. We always appreciate any extra help!
This could be on a weekly basis or perhaps occasionally when you have a bit of spare time!!

Some ways that you could help: -

Reading stories/sharing books

Cooking

Imaginative play

Playing games

Creative activities

Preparation

Listening to children read

Key word games

Daily Routine

We have a flexible yet structured daily routine. Each day, there will be short, practical focused tasks for each of the areas of learning.

Throughout the sessions there are opportunities for structured free play and self-chosen activities as well as teacher-led tasks. The curriculum is broad and balanced and reflects a wide range of cultures.

Outdoor provision is a key element to the Foundation Stage curriculum. Children are given lots of opportunities to explore the environment, play imaginatively with others and use apparatus to develop gross motor skills. Also, we have dance and gymnastic lessons in the hall. Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately to learn outdoors each day.

Snacks

Each day, the children are provided with milk and a selection of fruit provided free through the National Fruit for School scheme. We sometimes use snack time to encourage children to try new and unusual foods which reflect different cultures. Occasionally, we cook our own snack! Also, the children have opportunities to help with snack preparation.

Milk is free for under fives. School pays for milk for reception children who are five until the end of the year. If you wish your child to continue to have milk in Year 1, please contact the school office to arrange payment.

Clothing

Please could you clearly name all items of clothing that your child is likely to take off, including PE kits and spare clothes.

Many of the activities in school involve the use of water, sand, dough, clay, paint and glue! Aprons are provided but it is inevitable that clothes sometimes get dirty. Therefore, we advise you not to send your child wearing their 'best' clothes!

The development of independence is very important. Clothes and shoes that are easily fastened will be of great help to us all!

Your child needs to have a named pump bag in school which contains a complete change of named clothing in case of 'accidents'! Pump bags can be bought at the school office.

Nursery

In nursery, we would like all the children to wear a school sweatshirt or cardigan so that they feel part of Cheadle Primary School. These can be bought from Tesco Online.

Reception

Children in reception need to wear full school uniform which is available to buy from Tesco Online. They should also have a full PE kit which remains in school in a named pump bag.

Uniform

White shirt or polo shirt
School sweatshirt or cardigan
Grey or black trousers/skirt
Blue checked dress for girls

PE Kit

White t-shirt
Navy shorts
Black PE Pumps

During the winter months please also send a tracksuit bottoms and a sweatshirt as children may be outdoors for PE.

Lunchtime

Lunchtime is from 11.45am – 12.40pm. Nursery and reception children may have a school lunch or bring a packed lunch.

All children in reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school lunch. Please complete the letter in your induction pack indicating whether or not you wish to take up the offer.

For nursery children school lunches should be paid for using Parent Pay. You will receive your user name and password for this in September.

We encourage children to start the year by trying a school dinner. We offer children a wholesome and healthy meal each day and encourage children to try new tastes and flavours. A range of meals are available each day including a meat option, a halal option, a vegetarian option, jacket potatoes, wraps and a salad bar.

Sickness

Please telephone to let us know if your child is ill. When your child returns to school, please send a note with your child to confirm the reason for absence.

If your child has had sickness or diarrhoea, he/she must remain at home for at least 48 hours after the last bout of illness.

If your child needs to have any prescribed medicines administered during their time at school, you will need to go to the school office to fill in a consent form.

Holidays

We are unable to authorise holidays in term time and absences will be recorded as unauthorised.

Safety

Your child's safety at school is of great concern to us. All children must be brought to and collected from school by a responsible adult over 16 years of age.

We need to be informed if someone other than yourself will be bringing or collecting your child. It would help us greatly if you could introduce us to friends or relatives who may be bringing your child to school.

When you are collecting your child, please wait at the entrance to the building. A member of staff will hand your child back to you.

Please try and collect your child promptly and if you are going to be delayed, please telephone to let us know so that we are able to reassure your child.

Emergencies

We may need to contact you whilst your child is at our school. Please complete one of our emergency contact forms. It is essential that you provide at least 2 contact names and numbers.

Please notify us immediately of any changes of address or telephone numbers so that we can update our records.

Pupil Premium

We receive additional funding for children who are entitled to free school meals and children who are looked after by the local authority or adopted. If you think that you may be eligible, please see the additional information leaflet in your pack for further information.

...And Finally

If you require any further information, or have any questions please don't hesitate to come and talk to us.

We hope that you and your child are very happy at Cheadle Primary School and we look forward to working in partnership with you.

