

St Helen Auckland Community Primary School Foundation Stage



Welcome to our Foundation Stage



This booklet gives you an insight into our Foundation Stage Unit with basic information which we think will be useful.

Staff are always here if you would like to talk about your child, ask any questions or discuss any problems. You know your child best and it is important to share information.

If you have any worries or concerns you would like to share please contact

Mrs Maeve Mackenzie (Headteacher)

Mrs Janet Elmes (Deputy Headteacher/Early Years Lead)

Mrs Airey (Reception Teacher)

Mrs Elmes, Mrs Whitehead (Nursery teacher)

Mrs Jen Hardwock (TA)

Mrs J Cooper (TA)

If you would like to make an appointment please contact the Office Manager and this will be arranged.

Creating the Foundations

Entering foundation stage is often a child's first venture into the outside world alone. The experiences and opportunities they have can create strong and lasting foundation on which to build.

We believe these experiences must be of the highest quality.

By working with parents we aim to provide a stimulating and challenging environment which is warm and friendly. An environment where adults and children have fun, investigate, play, talk, learn and develop.

We are a dedicated team who strive to provide the best opportunities and experiences for your children.



Starting nursery

Although it may be difficult for children and adults to make the separation into the unit, we do our best to ensure your child is happy.

It is important to collect your child on time- it can be upsetting for a child if they think no-one is coming.

For safeguarding reasons we would not allow your child to go home with someone who is not on the list you have completed. If you do require someone else to collect them you can ring the Office Manager and she will pass on a message.

Clothing

If your child is in nappies please discuss with the staff how you are approaching potty training. Also please ensure clothing is easy for children to get on and off to use the toilet or change a nappy.



We will help children to put their coat on and take it off but encourage them to have a go themselves.

Please remember warm clothes in winter and a sun hat in summer.



We do encourage children in nursery and reception to wear a uniform. In reception children have PE once a week and will require a PE t shirt and shorts.



PLEASE put your child's name in clothing as it can be difficult to find missing jumpers etc.

Jewellery

Children should not wear any jewellery in Foundation stage for health and safety reasons. If children have ears pierced then a small stud is allowed however this will have to be covered with a plaster for PE or removed by parents or the child.

Snack



Children are offered a snack during the day, milk, water and fruit. This is available to self select and is monitored by staff.

Children are given high quality experiences within the unit. We teach them to be confident, strong and curious children.

Your child may seem very tired when they come home. We will have been very busy, even though they will probably say they haven't done anything, only playing!!!

Children often make something, paint or draw so they can show you what they have done but sometimes we like to keep this to put into the progress file.

Early Years Curriculum

Young children learn from everything around them. The Early Years curriculum looks at different aspects of this journey.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

Building relationships

Managing self

Self regulation



Communication and language and literacy

Listening, attention and understanding

Speaking



Physical Development



Gross motor

Fine motor

Literacy/Maths



Comprehension

Word reading

Writing

Number /numerical patterns



Understanding the World

People , culture and communities

The natural world

Past and present



Expressive Art and Design



Creating with materials

Being imaginative and expressive

We hope your child enjoys their time in Foundation Stage.

We will work together to ensure this is a positive experience for all.