



Welcome to Nursery at

William Leech C of E Primary School

Part of Northumberland Church of England Academy Trust

Parent/Carer Guide 2022/23



A message from Mrs Thompson - Headteacher

We are looking forward to welcoming your child to our Nursery class at William Leech C of E Primary School. Starting Nursery is an exciting time for children and we hope that they enjoy this step in their learning journey.

We are here to support you as parents/carers through this step too, so please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions or queries you may have.

In this booklet you will find some information and some reminders for the new school year. If you need any further information, please check our school website at www.williamleech.ncea.org.uk or alternatively you can contact us by phone or email using the details below:

Email: adminwl@williamleech.ncea.org.uk

Telephone: 01670 860267

Meet the staff



Miss Scott



Mrs Madine



Mrs Thompson

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

We are part of the *Early Years Foundation Stage*, which the children begin in Nursery and finish at the end of Reception.

Our learning is made up of seven areas of learning within the Development Matters curriculum:

- Personal, social and emotional development
- Communication and language
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the world
- Physical development
- Expressive arts and design



Outdoors



- We spend a lot of our time in the outdoors, which is a great place to learn and explore!
- Children need to bring a coat to school every day, even if the sun is shining.
- School shoes need to be appropriate for all weathers.
- We have some spare wellies in school but if a pair of your child's wellies could stay in school, this would help (please put their name inside).
- In hotter months, please apply sun-cream to your child before school and send them in with a sun hat.
- Please name all jumpers and cardigans as they all look the same.

Tapestry

- We use an online app called 'Tapestry' to share your child's Learning Journey with you.
- We need an email address to set up your Tapestry account. Please let us know if you are experiencing any difficulty accessing Tapestry at home.
- Observations can be seen of your child in school to see what they are learning.
- You can upload photos/videos to your child's Tapestry account. It is really useful for us to see what they are interested in and what they have been doing at home.
- We often communicate other information on here with things that might be happening in school so please check it regularly.



Uniform

All children are expected to wear school uniform. Children should wear:

- White polo shirt
- Black trousers or skirt
- Purple sweatshirt or cardigan
- Black shoes (not trainers)
- In the summer, purple checked dresses are also available
- Your child will also need a book bag

Jewellery is not allowed to be worn for school.

Nursery can be a creative and therefore a very messy place! We do insist that the children wear aprons whilst painting but they may get glue or pen on themselves.

Uniform can be ordered online from **www.michaelsehgal.co.uk** and can be delivered to your home address or school.

Water, Milk and Snacks

- Children will be offered a healthy snack at school. There is also the option for your child to have milk.
- Children should bring a named bottle of fresh water with them to school every day, especially when the weather is warm (no juice or pop).
- Please let Nursery or office staff know if your child has any allergies or special dietary requirements.

Collecting from Nursery

You will be asked on your visit to school which family members will be collecting your child from Nursery. If it is someone else, please inform us in advance. Otherwise, we are unable to let your child go with someone we do not recognise, for your child's safety.

Top Tip: Make sure the school and nursery have up to date contact phone numbers, especially mobile numbers, in case we need to contact you in an emergency.



Speaking and Listening

Speaking and listening are at the heart of children's learning. Children need to be confident speakers and active listeners in order to learn about the world they live in.

Conversation with parents has been found to be one of the most important factors influencing children's achievement.

From the very earliest stages parents are teaching their children to communicate, through playing, chatting, singing, commenting and questioning. Parents are modelling speaking all of the time.

Here are some ways to develop your child's speaking skills:

- Talk to your child face to face, explaining what you are doing, what will happen next, why you are doing certain things.
- Encourage your child to talk about what they are doing and explain why they are doing things.
- Take turns in conversations with them and encourage them to listen to your contribution. 'My turn.....your turn.....'
- Show them how to listen by looking at the person who is speaking – good eye contact is vital.
- Take time to answer your child's questions, model being a good listener!
- Ask them questions; get them to ask you questions.
- Limit dummy use to bedtime only, as this will restrict speech development.
- Limit screen time e.g. tablets, phones, television.
- Read a bedtime story every day and share the pictures.

And finally, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff if you have any questions or concerns. We are here to support you and your child.



Checklist

- ✓ Please put your child's name in everything!
- ✓ Read to your child as often as possible - we need to work together.
- ✓ Arrive at 8.45am every day.
- ✓ Regular attendance is really important. If your child is ill or will not be attending Nursery for any reason, please telephone the school office to let us know.
- ✓ Please help them learn to be independent by encouraging your child to wash their hands, dress for school, fasten zips and shoes by themselves.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child starting Nursery, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us!

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