

# Thornhill Lees CE (VC) Infant and Nursery School



## 2 Year Old Nursery Welcome Pack

September 2022

# Welcome to Thornhill Lees CE (VC) Infant and Nursery School

## Our School Vision

*At our school we celebrate our faith diversity and provide a safe environment where our children are happy to learn. We are kind, caring and respectful to others. We aim to inspire future generations of our school and community to become lifelong learners.*

We are delighted to welcome you and your child to our school. We value our partnerships with Parents, Carers, Governors and the community, as it is essential to the school's success. Thornhill Lees promotes a family atmosphere where all children and families are welcomed and encouraged to express their individuality and talents which are celebrated.

Children deserve the best quality teaching and learning experiences to enable them to achieve their full potential. We offer a variety of ways for children to learn which include plenty of practical, first hand experiences balanced with direct teaching. We recognise that all children have differing needs and cater for them here at Thornhill Lees.

We look forward to working with you to make your child's years with us happy and rewarding.

## *2 Year Old Provision New Starters*

**Nursery Staff:** Miss Azam, Mrs Hardy, Mrs Sacha, and Miss Hafejee

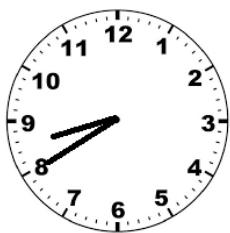
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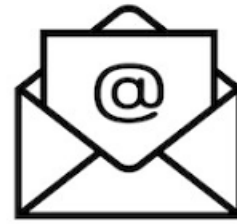
School website: [www.thornhilllees.com](http://www.thornhilllees.com)

**Morning Session Times (8.40 – 11.40am)**

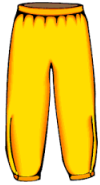


**Password for Nursery Collection** – The 2 Year Old team will ask you for a password, in case someone other than you collects your child.

Contact Details – please keep us up to date with new mobile numbers, email addresses and addresses



Clothing – comfortable, practical and not too special!

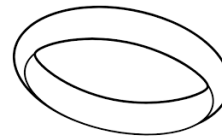


“I can manage my clothes in the toilet.”

“I need to run and climb.”

“I need to be warm and dry.”

No jewellery can be worn at Nursery



Attendance

It is important that your child attends 2YO Nursery every day, to make good progress in their learning and make friends. If your child is ill, please phone: (01924) 430548

If your child vomits or has diarrhoea, they must stay at home for 48 hours after.

Coughs and colds are normal for children starting 2YO Nursery.

Holidays are not authorised by school. Please book holidays for school holidays.



Medical Needs

Please tell Miss Azam if your child has a medical condition or takes any medicine. If prescribed medicines need to be given in school, you will need to fill in a medical form to give permission for this.



## Independence and Behaviour Expectations

We expect children to separate from parents/carers easily within a few days.



We expect children to drink from a cup.



We expect children to begin to use the toilet and wash their hands themselves.



We expect children to be able to put on their own coat and attempt to fasten it.



We expect children to choose their own play activities with enthusiasm.



We expect good behaviour for the majority of the time.



### What to expect . . .

#### *Our Curriculum*

At Thornhill Lees CE (VC) Infant and Nursery School, we deliver the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). We focus on the 3 Prime Areas of Learning: Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Communication and Language and Physical Development.



The characteristics of effective learning are also key:

1. Playing and exploring
2. Active Learning
3. Thinking creatively and critically

The children will learn through play. The 2YO Nursery staff carefully plan activities and opportunities linked to children's needs and interests.

#### *Our Routine*

When the children arrive at 2YO Nursery, they will self-register. They will then freely choose their learning in the 2YO Nursery classroom. They can access the outdoor area during the session. Please ensure your child has appropriate clothing for all weathers. During the session, they will join in with group times, which include singing, stories and music. The children will receive free fruit and milk every session.

#### *Tapestry*

We use Tapestry, which is an online learning journey to record your child's learning journey. Please make sure a member of the 2YO Nursery team has your email address. Once your child has started 2YO Nursery, you will be given details of how to login to Tapestry. When you are logged in, you will be able to see photographs and observations that have been made of your child. There will be 2 observations on Tapestry each half term.



## Outdoor Play

All children will be given the opportunity to play outside whatever the weather. It is important that they wear weather appropriate clothing. Children will get wet, muddy and messy when they are playing outside.



### For cold and wet weather



### Sunny Weather



## Wow Wall

Please look at our 'wow wall' in 2YO Nursery to see some of the exciting things your child has been doing at Nursery!

## Library

We have a selection of books that your child can borrow, to take home and share with you.

You will need a book bag to borrow books from 2YO Nursery. School book bags can be purchased from Nursery for £3.50.

This book bag will be used throughout your child's time in school.

If a book gets damaged at home, parents will be charged £5 to replace it.



## Nappies and Toilet Training

When your child is ready to start toilet training, the 2YO Nursery team will happily support you and your child in school. Please ensure your child has a bag with spare clothes and pants, in case they do have an accident.

If your child is still wearing nappies, it is your responsibility to provide 2YO Nursery with nappies, wipes, nappy bags and spare clothes.

Please make sure you take your child's spare clothes bag home every day.



## Some things you can do at home with your child . . .

- Have conversations with your child. This is a really important thing to do, to support your child to learn to speak well.
- Read stories together every day. Look at the pictures and talk about the stories.

- Sing songs and nursery rhymes, including number rhymes.
- Get out and about and have fun!

### Parents Tab on the school website

On the school website: [www.thornhillees.com](http://www.thornhillees.com), there is a 'Parents' section. There is lots of useful information including: Newsletters, Online Safety, Attendance, etc

Also on the parent tab is a section called: *Is your child ready for school?*  
<https://www.thornhillees.com/parents/do-you-know>

This section has information to support parents and carers about toilet training, dummy and bottle use, communication and language and many other things.



### Class Dojo

Your child's teacher will send you an activation email for Class Dojo, when they start 2YO Nursery. Class Dojo is where Miss Azam will put information about what the children have been doing in Nursery. It does have a facility where you can send a message to the teacher. School Jotter is our whole school communication, please do not use Class Dojo to report absences.



**ClassDojo**

## General Information



### Communication in School

#### Monthly Newsletter

Our monthly newsletter is available on the school website [www.thornhillees.com](http://www.thornhillees.com) and Class Dojo. These keep you up to date with upcoming events, key dates and what has been happening in school.

#### **Inclusion**

At Thornhill Lees we value every child in our care. We have high aspirations and expectations for all children.

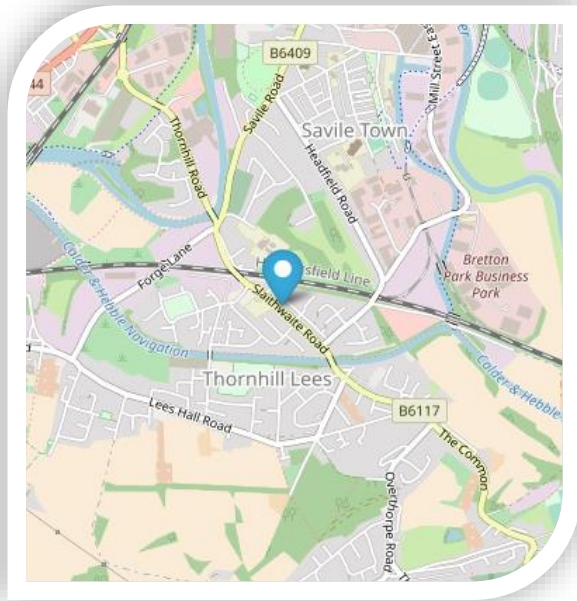
#### Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND)

It is important that children with additional needs are identified as early as possible to ensure their needs are met. If a child has been identified as needing additional support, their teacher will meet with the school SENDCo (Mrs Gratino), who will help tailor make a package of support to help the child with their individual learning needs. Parents are also invited into school to meet with the class teacher and SENDCo, so that they can all work together to support the child. Our SEND Policy is available on the school website.

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