

Thornhill Lees CE (VC) Infant and Nursery School



Reception Welcome Pack

September 2022

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

Our School Vision

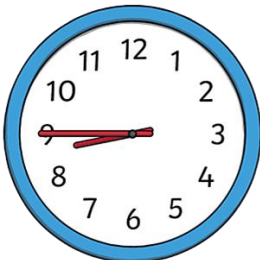
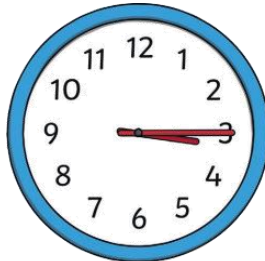



At our school we celebrate our faith diversity and provide a safe environment where our children are happy to learn. We are kind, caring and respectful to others. We aim to inspire future generations of our school and community to become lifelong learners.

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.

Reception Information

<p>School Starting Time (8.45am)</p> 	<p>Afternoon Session Times (3.15pm)</p> 
<p>Contact Details – please keep us up to date with any changes to your contact details such as:</p> <div data-bbox="226 1809 338 2033"></div> <p data-bbox="183 2033 399 2065">Mobile numbers</p> <div data-bbox="486 1809 817 2011"><p data-bbox="513 1877 683 1989">Miss S Pollard 1 Chapel Hill Heswall BOURNEMOUTH BH1 1AA</p></div> <p data-bbox="550 2033 742 2065">Postal address</p> <div data-bbox="960 1809 1193 2024"></div> <p data-bbox="992 2033 1173 2065">Email address</p>	

Clothing – School Uniform

Our school uniform is:

- Navy school jumper
- White polo t-shirt / white school shirt
- Grey trousers / shorts/ skirt / pinafore



Children should wear suitable flat shoes of a plain, dark colour. High heeled shoes, flip flops and sandals are not allowed for health and safety reasons, as they are also not suitable for outdoor play.

School jumpers with our school logo are available from Smart Uniforms in Dewsbury.

PE clothing

Children change for PE into:

- A t-shirt
- Shorts / jogging bottoms
- Pumps / trainers (for outdoor PE)



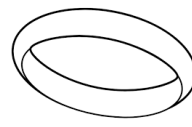
Please ensure these are brought into school in a clearly labelled drawstring bag. Long hair should be tied back and ear studs removed or covered with plaster tape.

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

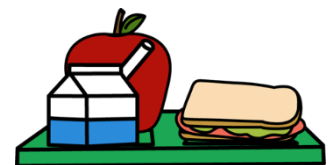
School book bags can be purchased from Nursery or the School Office for £3.50.



No jewellery can be worn at school



School Meals – All children have a school dinner which is free. The children have 2 meal choices 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 receive a free piece of fruit/veg each day. In Reception children can access this throughout the day, as well as water.



Milk – Children in Reception are entitled to free school milk until they turn 5 years old.

If you would like your child to have milk in school, please register at:
www.schoolmilkuk.co.uk



Select the pink tab named 'Pay for your child's milk' and Register. You will need to know which class your child is in and select their class code.

Galaxy – Mr Williams
Milky Way – Ms Logan
Mars – Mrs Lowe

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, please arrange to speak to your child's teacher as soon as possible. Please make sure your child knows how to go to the toilet by themselves as adults will not accompany them.



Attendance

It is important that your child attends school 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 Reception.



Covid 19 – if your child has coronavirus symptoms you must not send your child to school. Please let school know. Your child will need to have a PCR test. Please inform school immediately about the test result.

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



Medical Needs

Please tell your child's teacher 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.



Class Dojo

Your child's teacher will send you an activation email for Class Dojo, when they start Reception. Class Dojo is where Reception teachers will put weekly homework and information about what the children have been doing at school. 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

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 use the toilet and wash their hands independently.



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.

THANK YOU

I'M SORRY

PLEASE

EXCUSE ME

What to expect . . .

Our Curriculum

At Thornhill Lees CE (VC) Infant and Nursery School, we deliver the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS).

There are 7 areas of Learning and Development:

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Communication & Language
- Physical Development
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding of the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

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 Reception staff carefully plan activities and opportunities linked to children's needs and interests.



Tapestry

We use Tapestry, which is an online learning journey to record your child's learning journey. Please make sure a member of the Reception team has your email address. Once your child has started Reception, 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 a minimum of 2 observations on Tapestry each half term.



If your child previously attended our school Nursery, their account will remain the same and move to Reception. You will still use the same login details.

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



What does your child need to bring to school each day?

Coat – a waterproof coat, as we like to play outside everyday



Water Bottle – children need to bring their **own** water bottle every day labelled with their name.



Book Bag – children will need a book bag to bring home their reading / library books and other masterpieces they have made at school.



Parents Tab on the school website

On the school website: 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.



Pupil Premium (Free School Meals)

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a universal free school meal. We want to make sure that we are providing your child with the best education and support possible. Your child may be eligible for 'free school meals' funding, which means additional money will be paid into school, which is called Pupil Premium. School uses this extra money to improve the educational provision and experiences for children at school. If eligible, your child will also be entitled to free school milk. For each child who is eligible for 'free school meals' we receive £1345.



What is Pupil Premium funding?

Pupil Premium funding from the government is given to schools to help pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation. It's provided for pupils who:

- * Are registered for free school meals
- * Have been registered for free school meals at any point in the past 6 years
- * Are, or have been, in care
- * Have parents in the armed forces

If you are in receipt of any of the benefits listed below, please still register for free school meals.

Your child might be eligible if you access:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)
- Universal infant free school meals

How do I register?

To register you can:

- * Follow the link on our school website (Information > Pupil Premium)
- * Use the link on the Kirklees website: www.kirklees.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

If you have any questions, concerns or would like any support in relation to this please contact the School Office.



Am I ready for school?



Tips for parents

When your child starts primary school there are a number of skills that they should ideally have mastered. Use this sheet as a guide to help track their progress.

Self-care

- I know when to wash my hands
 - I can wipe my nose
- I can ask for help if I don't feel well

Speaking & literacy

- I am interested in reading stories & looking at picture books
- I am able to talk about myself, my needs & feelings
 - I am practising recognising my name when it's written down

Getting dressed & undressed on my own

- I can button & unbutton my clothes
- I can put my own shoes & socks on
- I can put my coat on & use a zip

Interest in the world & new activities

- I enjoy learning about the world around me
 - I am interested in exploring new activities or environments
 - I like asking questions

Eating

- I can use a knife & fork
- I can open my packed lunch on my own
 - I am confident at opening wrappers & packaging

Writing skills

- I like tracing patterns & colouring in
- I enjoy experimenting with different shaped scribbles
 - I am practising holding a pencil

Going to the toilet

- I can go to the toilet on my own, wipe myself properly & flush
- I can wash & dry my hands without any help

Independence

- I am happy to be away from my mummy, daddy or my main carer
- I am happy to tidy my belongings & look after my things
- I am feeling confident about starting school

Listening & understanding

- I am able to sit still and listen for a short while
 - I can follow instructions
- I understand the need to follow rules

Sharing & turn taking

- I can share toys & take turns
- I can play games with others
- I can interact with other children

Counting skills

- I enjoy practising counting objects
- I like saying number rhymes & playing counting games
 - I can recognise some numbers when they are written down

Routines

- I have practised putting on my uniform & getting ready to leave on time
- I have a good bedtime routine so I'm not feeling tired for school
- I'm learning to eat at the times I will on school days



This tracker helps you and your child prepare for school.

The Road To School



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- I enjoy making marks
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Everyone starts school with different abilities - your teacher will help you progress at your own level.

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What are you looking forward to the most?
Is there anything you're unsure of?

Getting dressed & undressed on my own

- I can button & unbutton my shirt & use a zip
- I can put my own shoes & socks on
- I can change into my PE kit & put my coat on

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School bus



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Remember - learning is not a competition, children learn at different rates. For more ideas to help prepare your child for school, talk to your childcare practitioner.

General Information



Communication in School

Monthly Newsletter

Our monthly newsletter is available on the school website www.thornhilllees.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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