

# Early Years Induction Meeting

Welcome to Lawnside Academy



# ADMIN

You should have received a school welcome pack and forms. Please ensure that you have completed the forms and returned it to school with the relevant documents that we need.



# Welcome to Lawnside Academy

This presentation aims to provide an introduction to Lawnside Academy EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE and includes initial information which we hope you will find useful.

## Aims:

- To understand how Foundation Stage works
- To understand the Early Years curriculum
  - Daily timetable
  - Your child's first day
    - Food & Drink
    - Uniform.



# Staff in the Early Years at Lawnside Academy

**Early years lead and class teacher: Mrs L Blackford – Willow class**

**Reception class teacher: Mrs S Dawson**

**Reception Support Staff: Miss R Slender, Mrs R Cummings, Miss L Aylott**

**SEN Support Staff: Miss T Albone**



# Classes

## RECEPTION:

2 Reception Classes. They are called Willow and Chestnut

Each Reception class can have a maximum of 30 children

All staff work across the 2 classes.



# Coffee Morning

**Coffee morning - Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July**

**Timings: 9.30am - 10.30am**

**A chance to buy some second hand uniform. Meet other parents and ask any questions about September that you may have.**

# Play and chat in September

## Getting to know you 'Play and Chat' -3rd, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> September

In September, we have 'play and chat' sessions. For these sessions, only a few families at a time attend, giving the children time to quietly re-familiarise themselves with the staff and their classroom after the holidays and giving you time to chat with staff about anything you think we need to know. It is a great opportunity for us all to get to know each other. **You will receive a 'play and chat' session time with your class information letter.** If you are unable to attend this time please ring the school office and we will try to find an alternative time, this may not be possible due to being at capacity this year.

# Our staggered start

It is best for children if they have a staggered start to school to help them settle in and get used to all the new experiences, rules and routines

We appreciate that for working parents the staggered start can be challenging , however it is in the best interests of all the children.

## Week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> September

Children with birthdays between September and April will attend morning session for the week.

Timings 8.50 -11.30 am Drop off and collect from the main playground.

Children with birthdays between May and August will attend afternoon sessions for the week

Timings 1pm -3.20 pm Drop off and collect from the main playground

Please note that the car park is for staff use only. We do not have the room for parents to park and we kindly ask that parents/carers do not drive up Lawnside.

# Our staggered start

Please come to the **playground to drop off** which is accessed via the alleyway and line up behind the sign, allowing space between children so adults may stand with children whilst they are getting used to the routine.

We would politely request that you arrive no earlier than 5 minutes before your start or collection times to minimise congestion. Thank you in advance for your co-operation. Please come to school wearing school uniform.

# Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

## What is the Early Years Foundation Stage?

From Birth to 5 years old

The EYFS sets standards for learning, development and care for children from birth to 5 years old.

All EYFS settings must follow the EYFS curriculum

# Early Years Curriculum

Area of Learning and Development	Aspect
<b>Prime Areas</b>	
<b>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</b>	Making relationships
	Self-confidence and self-awareness
	Managing feelings and behaviour
<b>Physical Development</b>	Moving and handling
	Health and self-care
<b>Communication and Language</b>	Listening and attention
	Understanding
	Speaking
<b>Specific areas</b>	
<b>Literacy</b>	Reading
	Writing
<b>Mathematics</b>	Numbers
	Shape, space and measure
<b>Understanding the World</b>	People and communities
	The world
	Technology
<b>Expressive Arts and Design</b>	Exploring and using media and materials
	Being imaginative

There are 7 Areas of learning.

7 areas are made of PRIME and SPECIFIC areas

Activities are carefully planned to help children develop in each area

Weekly planning is carried out using a topic based approach and children's interests.

# Early Years Curriculum



EYFS focuses on developing children's learning through PLAY because that is what children do best!

Play allows children to take ownership of their learning and develop at their own pace.

# How we keep you informed of your child's learning.

**Weekly Newsletters-** You will receive a weekly newsletter telling you about what the children have been learning and sharing pictures of children's learning.

**Topic overview and show and tell information-** You will receive an overview each half term or term informing you what we will be looking at in our topic and ways you can support.

**Parents Evening** – We hold 2 formal parents evening sessions

**Reports** – You will receive a end of year report for your child

**You can drop in and talk to your child's class teacher at the end of the day. Our doors are open!**



# Home Learning

We understand and value the support you provide for your child at home.

Early years staff would love to hear about what you and your child have been doing at home. We encourage you to share your child's learning, achievements and experiences with staff as this helps us to build a more complete picture of your child.

## RECEPTION:

Are given a sharing book along with a reading record to take home each week after the initial settling in period. Once children can blend confidently they will take home a reading book , this is often between half term and Christmas time.

Each topic has a show tell pick and choose chart for you to support our current learning.



# Daily Timetable

## RECEPTION:

Children are to line up in the playground (parents are to wait with children until staff come out to bring the class in). Gates open at 8.40am and the bell goes at 8.50am, the gates shut promptly at 9am.

Home time – children are collected from outside the Reception classrooms. Gates open at 3.10pm and home time is 3.20pm , the gates shut promptly at 3.40pm

## LATES:

If you are late dropping off or collecting your child, you will have to come to the front office, where a member of staff will ask for your reason.

If someone else is collecting your child, you must phone and inform the school office. We will not permit children to leave until this is done.

# Daily Timetable

## RECEPTION:

### Settling in table top activities

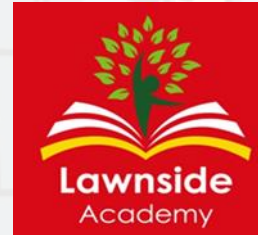
1. Morning registration
2. Phonics
3. Child led activities & Adult led activities
4. Snack and storytime
5. Maths
6. Child led activities & Adult led activities
7. Lunch
8. Afternoon registration
9. Topic Lesson
10. Child led activities & Adult led activities
11. Story time & Home time

# UNIFORM

**Clothing:** ALL children are expected to wear school uniform.

This consists of:

- Plain white or red t shirt / polo t-shirt
- Plain grey trousers / shorts / dress / skirt
- Plain red jumper / cardigan
- Black shoes (sensible, no shoelace please).



If you would like a school jumper/cardigan, fleece, PE t-shirt, school book bag or PE bag with our school logo on it, you can purchase this using the form in the pack, this can be delivered to school for you to collect.

**P.E. Kits (from Reception ):** Children will also require the following clothes to be worn during Physical Education lessons and activities.

- White or red T-shirt
- Dark navy /black jogging bottoms /shorts
- Trainers (no shoelaces please)



# Food and Drink

**Snacks:** Children will receive milk and fruit throughout the day.

**Drinks:** Water is available throughout the day, including lunchtimes. Children can also bring their own water bottle with only water.

**Lunch for Reception:** At lunchtime, your child can have a school meal or bring in a packed lunch from home. Lunchtime is between 11.45 – 1.00pm when the children can eat lunch and then play with their friends. All Reception and Key Stage 1 children are entitled to a free school meal each day. There will be a selection of different meals available each day for your child to choose from. Vegetarian options are also available. Please let us know if your child has any dietary restrictions or requirements. Please ensure you have ordered with innovate by midnight on the Saturday.

Packed lunches should support our school's healthy eating policy. Please note that our school is a 'nut free' zone which means that all types of nuts are banned. Also note that fizzy drinks/sweets/chocolate are not allowed in school packed lunches.

# Health



**Health:** Staff need to be aware of your child's medical background, in particular any allergies, dietary restrictions and any medical conditions that are important for us to know (e.g. asthma or eczema).

Children can suddenly become ill and therefore it is important that we know we can contact you or another adult relative / friend at all times. Please ensure that the school is kept up to date with your contact details.

If your child is unable to attend school due to an illness, please phone and inform the school office as early as possible.

## **Medicine:**

We are not allowed to administer any type of medication to your child.

Please do not put any type of medication in your child's bag.

If your child is on regular medications that needs to be administered during school hours, please inform the school office.

# Parent-Partnership

- We value our parents and understand that parents are the main educators in a child's life.
- We aim to work alongside you.
- Please share information about your child's learning at home.
- You can talk to your child's class teacher after school, our doors are open.
- We hold Play and stay sessions, termly drop in sessions and parents evening.
- We hold a parent phonic session for our Reception parents.
- We hold many other school events.
- Your child may be eligible for pupil premium funding if you receive certain benefits.



# Getting Ready for School

It is nearly time to start school! Here are some things you can practise at home to help you get ready for school.



## Self-Care and Independence

- I can wash and dry my hands.
- I can wipe my nose.
- I can put on/fasten my coat and shoes.
- I can use the toilet.
- I am learning to dress/undress – this will help me change for PE.
- I am happy to be away from my parents or carers. I know they will be back soon.



## Playing with Others

- I join in games and activities with other people.
- I can share and take turns.

## Speaking and Listening

- I can talk about my ideas, needs and feelings.
- I can ask a grown-up for help.
- I can follow simple instructions.

## Eating and Drinking

- I can use a spoon, knife and fork.
- I can open my lunch box as well as wrappers and packaging.
- I can drink from a water bottle, carton or open cup.



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## Numbers

- I can count a small number of items.
- I like singing number rhymes or songs.
- I am learning to say numbers to ten.
- I can recognise some numbers.

## Reading and Writing

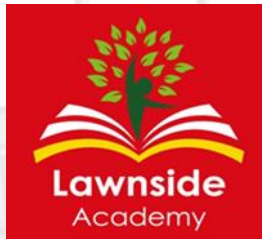
- I can recognise/read my name.
- I can hold a pencil to draw.
- I am learning to write my name.
- I enjoy listening to stories and rhymes.



Here are some things you can encourage your child to practise at home to help get them ready for school.

We hope that this presentation was useful. Should you have any questions, please feel free to ask.

We aim to ensure that your children's experience at Lawnside Academy is a happy and rewarding one. We look forward to working with both you and your children.





**Lawnside Academy**  
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