

# Welcome to St Margaret's Primary School

## EYFS Starting School Information Pack

### (Reception)



Starting school marks a new and exciting stage of life for both a child and their parents. This booklet has been put together to provide some information about St Margaret' EYFS.

Nursery & Reception should be an enjoyable experience for all children from the beginning. Children entering the EYFS come from various backgrounds and have enjoyed a variety of pre-school experiences. Some children settle quickly while others take longer to gain confidence.

## Times

School starts at 8.55am until 3.15pm

Please try to be on time but not too early as EYFS staff have to set out the equipment.

Parents are asked to be punctual when picking up children, as young children who are left can easily become distressed. If, for any reason, you are going to be delayed, please telephone school.

The safety of children on the way to and from school is the responsibility of the parent. Children must be accompanied into and collected from school by an adult. Staff should be informed if someone else is picking up your child.



## EYFS Curriculum

There are seven areas of learning and development within the Early Years Curriculum. All areas of learning and development are important and inter-connected.

Three areas are particularly crucial for igniting children's curiosity and enthusiasm for learning, and for building their capacity to learn, form relationships and thrive. These are called the PRIME areas, and these are:

- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development.

We also support children in four *specific areas*, through which the three prime areas are strengthened and applied. The specific areas are:

- Literacy;
- Mathematics;
- Understanding the world
- Expressive arts and design.



For more information please go to the following

website [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/596629/EYFS\\_STATUTORY\\_FRAMEWORK\\_2017.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/596629/EYFS_STATUTORY_FRAMEWORK_2017.pdf)

## Uniform

We pride ourselves on our smart appearance here at St. Margaret's. All school pupils wear uniform and we have a simple uniform for our EYFS unit.

Children should be able to fasten their own shoes.



**All Uniform must be clearly labelled**

**With your child's name**

Below is a list of the required uniform:

### Girls

Pale blue polo shirt  
V neck navy blue jumper  
Grey skirt or pinafore  
Grey socks or grey tights  
Black Shoes

### Boys

Pale blue polo shirt  
V neck navy blue jumper  
Grey trousers or shorts  
Black or grey socks  
Black Shoes

## P.E Kit

Children will **NOT** need a PE kit until the summer term in Reception. At that point, the children will need a pale blue t-shirt, a pair of dark blue shorts, and some black pumps clearly labelled in a bag.

Please leave this PE kit in school with your child and we will send it home every half term to be washed.

## Spare Clothing

Please make sure all items of clothing your child wears is **clearly labelled** with their full name.

Please encourage your child to be as independent as possible when using the toilet. If there are any issues with toileting, please discuss these with a member of staff and we will do our best to be sensitive to these.

Accidents can happen and if you feel this is a possibility with your child, please send in some spare clothes in a P.E style bag with your child's name clearly labelled on it.

We will have a small amount of clothing available to change children into. If your child comes home in this please return this to the EYFS clean and as soon as possible. If your child comes in Wellington boots, please bring a spare pair of school shoes for him/her to change into.



## Outdoor Clothing

Children should always come to school with clothing suitable for outdoor play as we provide regular outdoor learning - even when it rains!

Please ensure your child has suitable shoes or wellies and a waterproof, hooded jacket. If we are lucky enough to experience some sunshine, children will need sun hats.

## What should a child try to do for him/herself?

Starting school means your child will begin to be more independent and to look after him/herself. There are many ways in which parents can help him/her on this path.

Children should be **encouraged** to:

- Undress and dress themselves so that they can cope on PE days.
- Put on their jacket and be able to fasten it.
- Put on their shoes and fasten buckles. We don't expect children to tie shoelaces at this stage. Slip-on shoes or Velcro fastenings will give that extra bit of independence.
- Use and flush the toilet themselves and redress before washing and drying their hands.
- Use a handkerchief and cover their mouths when coughing
- Use a tissue to blow their own nose.
- Ask for help politely when they find something difficult.

## How can parents help?

- Do things with your child and talk about it - whether it's everyday things such as shopping, playing outside, a walk or special things, such as buying a birthday present for a friend.
- Play games together - board games such as Lotto, Pairs, as well as football.
- Read stories to your child, teach him/her songs and rhymes.
- Encourage him/her to draw, paint, colour and model with play dough and junk.
- Encourage him/her to put his playthings away - this is an important mathematical activity as well as making life easier for us all!
- Encourage pleases and thank you's - this helps make the world a more pleasant place for everyone.





## Healthy Snack

During each session the children have a healthy snack consisting of milk or water and fruit or vegetables. Please advise staff if your child cannot drink milk or has any allergies.

We ask for a small voluntary contribution towards of **£1 a week** payable on Mondays for the week in advance. This covers the cost of baking and many other activities including enhancing areas for your child to use. This can also be paid on a half termly basis



## EYFS STAFF:

Mrs Jones - Nursery Class Teacher, EYFS Leader.

Assistant Headteacher and SENCO

Mrs Ferris and Mrs Thompson - Reception 1 Class  
Teacher's

Miss Shields - Reception 2 Class Teacher

## Health

If your child becomes unwell during the day, we will contact you to take him/her home. Please ensure we have the name, address and telephone number of a relative or friend who would take charge of your child if we cannot contact you.

If your child is unwell, please keep him/her at home until they are better. Please let school know as soon as you can that your child will not be attending school due to illness.



## SCHOOL & NURSERY ADDRESS:

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