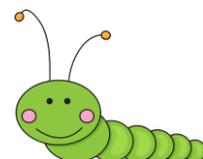




Measham CE Pre-School Induction Booklet



Welcome to Pre-School!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Everyone here at Measham CE Primary school is looking forward to welcoming you and your child into our school community.

One of our initial aims is to develop a good home-school relationship. This is essential for you and your child to have the best possible time while at Measham.

There are many ways in which you can help us to help your child. We hope to highlight some of these in this booklet but if you do have any questions please don't hesitate to come in and discuss this with us.

We wish you a warm welcome as you embark on your educational journey with us!

Kind Regards,

The Pre-School Team



Miss Jessica Moore
Foundation Stage Lead



Mrs Kirsty Newman
Pre-School Room Leader



Mrs Cree Wheatley
Pre-School Room Assistant



Mrs Sarah Jones
Pre-School Assistant



Mrs Karen Buckle
Pre-School Assistant

Frequently Asked Questions

What time does Pre-School start and finish?

- The morning session starts at 8.45 and finishes at 11.45.
- The afternoon session starts at 12.15 and finishes at 3.15.
- We also run a lunch club for any children that are staying all day. Please bring a nut-free packed lunch for your child on those days.

How do I collect my child at the end of the session?

- Follow the path around school and come in through a wooden gate into the Foundation Stage playground. We ask our parents to wait outside the Pre-School classroom door and school adults will release your children safely at the end of the day.
- Please ensure that if someone different is collecting your child, please let the school office and Pre-School staff know. In the interest of all children's safety we will not release children without having confirmation from a parent or carer.

How much do the sessions cost?

- Children that are 3 years old are entitled to 15 hours of Pre-School funding, please contact the school office for further information.
- Our sessions cost £4.65 an hour.

Will my child receive milk and fruit in school?

- Yes, all children will receive milk and fruit during the school day following parental agreement.

Can my child bring toys into school?

- We ask children not to bring their own toys into school as they may get lost or broken. We have lots of exciting toys to play with in school. If your child would like to bring in a comfort toy, please let the Pre-School staff know.

Can I bring my pushchair or buggy into the classroom?

- We ask parents not to bring buggies and pushchairs into school, but to leave outside under the canopy.

When should I bring my child back after sickness?

- We ask that children stay off 24 hours after a bout of sickness or diarrhoea.

Can my child wear nail varnish, stick on tattoos and jewellery for school?

- We ask that children do not wear nail varnish in school.
- We ask that children do not wear stick on tattoos in school.
- We ask that children only wear plain stud earrings if they have pierced ears and no other jewellery.

When I change my mobile number should I let the school know?

- We ask all parents to alert the office immediately of a change in mobile number as we may need to contact you in an emergency.

Can my child bring sweets in for their classmates on their birthday?

- Yes they can bring in sweets to share with their class. Please send nothing containing nuts as we are a nut-free school.

Should I provide a change of clothes/spare underwear for my child?

- Yes, we ask all parents to provide underwear and spare clothes for their child.

Independent Learners

We try to encourage children to become as independent as possible. The first stage, is to develop each child's sense of personal responsibility.

To help your child develop these skills encourage your child to:

- ✓ Practise dressing and undressing by themselves including putting on their shoes
- ✓ Practise putting on and doing up their own coat
- ✓ Practise using a handkerchief properly
- ✓ Practise going to the toilet, then washing and drying their hands

Please name ALL items of clothing. This will help children to recognise their name. e.g. Matthew Smith.

For ease in school we suggest marking shoes with your child's name and with a cross (X) on the inner side of both shoes. When they are put together correctly as a pair, the crosses are together.

Ensure all your child's belongings are clearly labelled, it makes their job of taking care of them so much easier.

Please name and bring a water bottle everyday.





The Pre-School Curriculum

Our Pre-School curriculum at Measham focuses on developing strong speaking and communication skills and our Early Years environment has many opportunities for this.

The curriculum we provide is based around four main themes:

- A Unique Child
- Positive Relationships
- Enabling Environments
- Learning and Development

Throughout their time in Pre-School, the staff will plan, work with and assess the children in 3 prime areas and 4 specific areas.

The 3 prime areas are:

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

The 4 Specific areas are:

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Expressive Arts and Design
- Understanding the World



At the end of the year the Pre-School staff will work with EYFS staff to talk about next steps for your child and comment on the journey that they have been on in Pre-School. You will receive an end of year transition summary at the end of the year.

The Pre-School Environment

Our Pre-School environment is exciting and engaging! Your child will have the opportunity to explore our provision independently and develop their natural curiosity through specifically designed activities. Our Pre-School children will also have access to our outdoor provision, where they can engage with sand, water, construction and much more!



Photographs

We ask parents to provide their permission for us to use photos of their child in school in different ways. We may want to put pictures of them on the school website, in the newsletter or in newspaper articles. We would hope that parents would trust our judgment and professionalism to make appropriate decisions in these cases. We give parents the opportunity to choose specifically the situations they feel comfortable with.



Uniform

Pre-School uniform will be available from the school office. Children are asked to wear a red polo shirt, a school cardigan/jumper and comfortable bottoms (trousers, skirts, leggings etc). Children should wear comfortable and appropriate shoes.

Parking

For obvious safety reasons we ask that parents do not enter the school grounds in a vehicle under any circumstances when collecting or dropping off their children. There is a car-park nearby in Peggs Close which is wisely used by many parents. Please be aware that the police do make spot checks to ensure that our parking is both safe and thoughtful to the people living near the school.

Parents and Friends Association (PFA)

Our parents are very successful in supporting the school. They work hard to raise funds and are able to provide all sorts of things which contribute to the life of the school.

Every parent is automatically a member of this association – you will be made very welcome at meetings and events. Details of meetings and forthcoming events will be included in school news letters. Some meetings are during the day and some are in the evening.

Communication

Each morning, at the start of the school day, we try to make the children our priority, as you would expect. If you would like to speak to the teacher, the end of the school day is the ideal time. If it is a matter of urgency either speak directly to the class teacher or come to the school office.

In any emergency, please call the school office and speak to Mrs Whittle or Miss Whittle. We want to support you and your child's teacher in getting messages to the right place quickly.

You can make an appointment to meet with Miss Carter, the Acting Headteacher to discuss matters of any kind.

We will also be holding some parent support sessions to assist you in helping your children in their learning. Other information is provided through our school newsletter and school Facebook page.

Parents and School Working Together

We look forward to sharing with you in the care and development of your child. We are always pleased to see you or hear from you. We value a close working partnership with parents and will be communicating regularly with you about the learning that your child is doing at school. We enjoy hearing about the learning that your child does out of school too whether it is a swimming certificate, riding their bike without stabilisers or the first time they got dressed all by themselves!

