

*From little acorns mighty oaks
grow...*



A Handbook for Nursery Parents



It is with great pleasure that I welcome you on behalf of the pupils, staff and governors of our school.

At Gentleshaw Primary Academy, we know that no two children are the same. All of our pupils have different interests, different talents and different skills. For this reason we place high emphasis on each child's individual needs and learning, in order for everyone to achieve their full potential.

Our highly dedicated, experienced and caring staff work hard to encourage and support all children throughout their learning journey. We work collaboratively with our school community and know that we can only achieve the very best for all of our pupils by working closely with parents and carers.

From when your child is born, up until the age of 5, the early years experience should be happy, active, exciting, fun and secure. Ash Class at Gentleshaw is an opportunity for children to engage in learning through play and build a firm platform on which to base their future academic success. We know that if children are happy in the early years, they will go on to prosper throughout their academic career.

If you have any further questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact our school office or visit our school website: www.gentleshaw-squirrel.com

We look forward to the start of our journey together.

Yours,

Genevieve Saunders

Headteacher

There are many things that you may want to ask when your child begins nursery

Here are the answers to a number of frequently asked questions.

What if my child is sick?

- We ask that children are not sent to nursery unless fit and well enough to participate in all normal activities.
- If your child is unwell we ask that you contact the school office as soon as possible explaining the reason for absence.
- If your child is taken ill at school or has an accident, the school will notify you or a nominated contact as soon as possible.

My child has allergies, what should I do?

- Please inform the school of any allergies your child has. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT.
- If your child develops an allergy or school information requires updating, please inform the school office as soon as possible.

What if the weather is bad?

- During times of inclement weather, children are supervised in their classrooms during break times. If there is snow, we will keep all parents updated using the text messaging service, our school website and twitter account.

Can my child bring sweets, toys or valuables to school?

- Children are not allowed to bring toys or valuables to school. This prevents arguments over ownership and removes any temptation to take other's property.
- As a health promoting school we do not allow sweets in school, children may purchase fruit, milk and toast during the mid-morning break as a healthy snack.

What if my child has a dental / medical appointment and will be late arriving?

- Where possible, the school Office Manager and class teacher should be informed the day before the appointment.

What if I need to see the nursery staff?

- There may be occasions when you wish to speak to a member of the nursery team. In these circumstances please contact the school office and an appointment will be made at the earliest convenience or arrange a time with the class teacher after school.

At Gentleshaw we take pride in wearing our school uniform and ensuring that we look smart at all times. We expect all children to wear the agreed school uniform.

Uniform

Grey Sweatshirt / Cardigan with school badge
White blouses, shirts or polo t-shirt
Grey trousers /grey shorts
Grey skirts / grey pinafore dress
Black, low heel shoes

In Summer

Red and white checked summer dress
Short sleeved white shirt
Grey shorts may be worn

In the events of accidents we will provide alternative clothing, which should be washed and returned to school.

No jewellery should be worn to school, only stud earrings may be worn.

We ask for all long hair to be tied back for school.

Please note:

**ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING SHOULD BE CLEARLY
LABELLED WITH THE CHILD'S NAME**

Getting Ready for Nursery

We want your child to feel happy and secure in their first days of nursery. As you will appreciate it is helpful to us and gives confidence to your child, if they can do certain things for themselves. These might include:

- Go to the toilet by themselves and wash their hands afterwards.
- Put on their coat and do it up.
- Put their own shoes on. We know shoelaces are difficult, the buckles can be too, but if they can have a go they will feel good about themselves.

We believe that by working together in partnership, your child will receive the best possible start to life at Gentleshaw Primary Academy

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