



**Welcome to
East Dene Primary
Foundation Unit
2020 - 2021**

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A very warm welcome. We hope the following information will be useful for you to refer to throughout your child's time with us.

We want your child to be:

- Safe in their environment, secure in the knowledge that they are special.
- Happy to learn, be enquiring imaginative and creative.
- Individuals - be themselves and respect others for who they are.
- Nurtured by new experiences, to embrace and learn through them with confidence.

Staffing



Mrs J Vickers
Foundation
Stage leader



Miss Norris
Class F2N - Teacher



Miss R Gordon/Mrs Murray
Class F2MG - Teacher



Mrs S McMichael
Class f1M



Miss S Avery
Teaching Assistant



Mrs A Wheeler
Teaching Assistant



Miss J Jobling
Teaching Assistant



Mrs J Kassim
Teaching Assistant

What is the Foundation Stage?

Nursery and Reception aged children are taught in the Foundation Stage. At our school the children are all taught together in one room.

Foundation Stage 1 is for children of nursery age (these children will be 4 yrs old between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021). Foundation Stage 1 children attend part time for 3 terms.

Foundation Stage 2 is for children of Reception Age (these children will be 5 yrs old between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021). Foundation Stage 2 children attend full time for 3 terms.



Principles of the Foundation Unit

- Nursery and Reception aged children share the same outdoor space and the same resources.
- During the time in Foundation Stage your child will have a key worker. This person will be responsible for providing links and continuity between yourself and school.
- Foundation Stage children are entitled to a play based experiential curriculum designed to encourage the use of all of their senses in provoking learning and building upon their past experiences.
- The environment is geared to children making their own choices.
- Children remain in an environment with familiar staff for the first 2 years of their school life. This has a positive impact on their personal, social and emotional development.
- FS1 children quickly settle with the support of the older children and experienced staff.
- FS2 children extend their learning through building on past experiences and still having access to appropriate activities.

The Foundation Stage curriculum.

The curriculum is divided into 3 Prime areas and 4 Specific areas.

Prime Areas;

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Making relationships
Self-confidence and self-awareness
Managing feelings and behaviour

Physical Development

Moving and handling
Health and self-care

Communication and Language

Listening and attention
Understanding
Speaking

Specific areas

Literacy

Reading
Writing

Mathematics

Numbers
Shape, space and measure

Understanding the World

People and communities
The world
Technology

Expressive Arts and Design

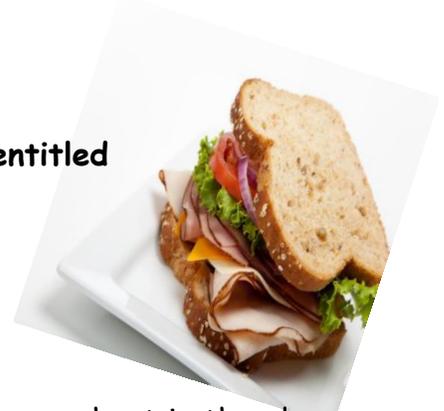
Exploring and using media and materials
Being imaginative



We plan and teach according to the Early Learning Goals within the EYFS statutory framework. All children have daily access to activities which promote each area of learning. These activities are differentiated according to the learning needs of your child. The curriculum is taught through a balance of child initiated learning and adult focused activities. The teachers use Read Write Inc to teach reading and writing. We value the outdoors and believe that children learn through physical, creative and role play activities.

Lunch times

To make things even easier, all children in F2 are entitled to a free school lunch.



General Information

- Children are asked to place their name card on a chart in the class. This helps them to self register and encourages them to read their name.
- Each session the children will be offered a healthy snack and a carton of milk.
- Parents/carers are kindly asked to donate 50p per week to cover the cost of their snacks, and also £1 per term to cover the cost of baking ingredients. This can be done via our sims pay
- All children are encouraged to get busy before being called to their focus groups. We are only a phone call away if you wish to ring and check if your child is settled.
- The children are encouraged to join in a range of activities both inside and outside before the end of the session.
- Children can go to the toilet at any time. Do let us know if your child has any specific needs.
- Please do not allow your child to bring toys or sweets as they can easily get lost or broken.





Attendance

- If your child is ill, please inform school on the first day of absence.
- Please note, from Sept 2013 there will be **no authorised days for the purpose of a family holiday**. A child having days off for family holidays will now be registered as having unauthorised absence and this has to be recorded in the class register.

How can you help your child?

We would always acknowledge that you are your child's first and best educator. You know your child so much better than we ever will. For that reason we celebrate all that your child has learned so far on their journey of learning. We look forward to working with you in partnership on this next stage. We hope that you find the booklets and resources helpful and here are a few tips that you can do together at home to make learning fun:

- Helping them to recognise colours, numbers, letters and words.
- Encouraging them to make marks, draw pictures and write their name.
- Helping them to develop their fine motor skills eg. Using scissors, threading beads, doing jigsaws etc.
- Sharing books. Singing songs and rhymes.
- Playing games especially turn taking games.
- Encouraging them to dress/undress themselves and put on/take off their own coat.

You can help us by: Collecting boxes, cartons, yoghurt pots, bottle tops, buttons, tubes etc. Volunteering to come along on trips or helping in the classroom. **(When the current government guidance allows this)**





This is our uniform.





Foundation Stage session times.

Foundation Stage 2 (Fulltime children) 9.15am-2.45pm. Please note to enable you to collect older children from other classes in school, we allow children to be collected from 3pm

**Foundation 1 (Part time children)
Morning sessions; 8.45am - 11.45am.
Afternoon sessions 12.30-3.30pm**

If you need to check any of these time details please contact the school office 01709512209

Thank you, and once again a very big welcome to your child's journey of excitement, investigation, enjoyment and learning!

