

Welcome to Howard Park Community School Reception Class

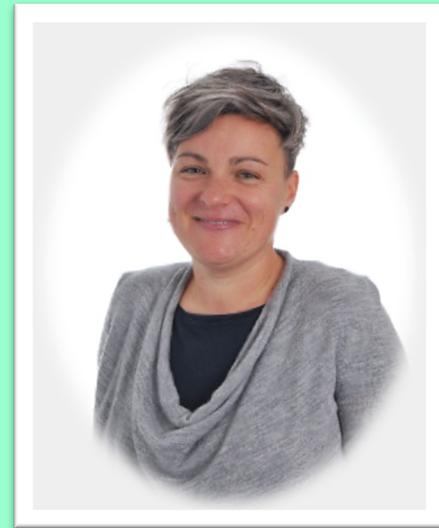


Meet the staff

Meet the staff who are always ready to help and are very much looking forward to working with your children in September.



*Mrs. McPherson
EYFS Leader,
Nursery Teacher,
SENCO*



*Mrs. Snowden
Reception Class
Teacher*

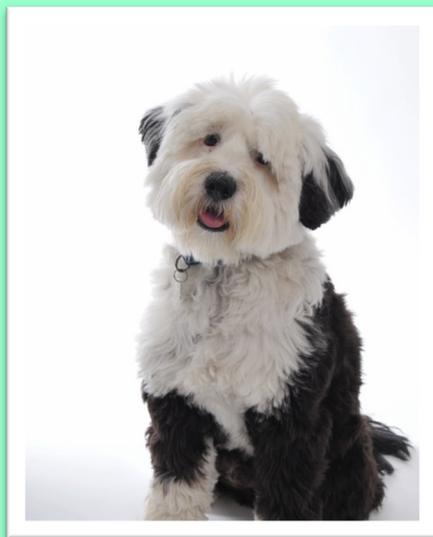


*Mrs. Bentley -
Nursery Nurse
in Nursery*



*Mrs. Coles
Reception
Class ETA*

Mr Pickles and Eddie - Headteacher



Mrs. Mollett- Deputy Headteacher



During your time with us at School you will get to know Mr Pickles our Headteacher and Mrs Mollett our Deputy Headteacher.

Mr Pickles and Eddie the dog often visit our Nursery and Reception classes. Eddie the dog loves to listen to children read. Mr Pickles also leads our celebration assembly on a Friday where we have our weekly awards and Star of the Week.

Our Deputy Head Mrs. Mollett teaches in our Nursery class once a week, she is also our English subject leader. Mrs. Mollett is developing a beautiful new library in our school and she is very keen to encourage and grow a love of reading throughout Howard Park.

The School Office

Mrs. Farrell, Mrs. Hudson and Mrs. Ainsworth are our friendly School Office team and often serve as first point of contact for any queries or questions you may have.

We share most of our communications online via ARBOR ParentMail app. Each week Mr Pickles sends out a newsletter via email to let you know what has been happening in school. Nursery and Reception Class also send you a weekly newsletter (paper copy) every Friday so that you can find out what has been happening in class that week and ideas for how you can help at home.

Our school uses online cashless payments for any purchases such as lunch payments, school trips, wrap-around care, extra-curricular clubs held after school etc. Transactions are paid via Arbor. You will shortly receive an activation email to set up your Arbor account if you do not already have one.



Mrs Farrell - School Business Manager



Mrs Ainsworth - School Administrator, Summers Hub Leader



Mrs Hudson - School Administrator

Early Years Foundation Stage Unit



- Reception and Nursery work as a Foundation Stage unit, so a lot of your children are already familiar with the classroom and the staff.
- We cover similar curriculum themes in both nursery and reception, whilst also following the children's own interests. We use the EYFS Framework (DfE, 2021) to help shape our curriculum.
- The children have access to both Nursery and Reception classrooms and the outdoor area.
- Opportunities for play - individual, pair and group learning.
- Practical, hands-on experiential learning opportunities.

These are our indoor classrooms

Nursery



Reception

Our Outdoor classroom...

■ We love to play outdoors...

The Early Years playground is very exciting - we have lots of exciting areas to explore. The children are able to access the outdoor area for the majority of the school day. Welly boots and a coat to suit the weather are an absolute must in our playground!



Daily Routines



- Children will hang their coat on their own peg on the coat trolleys located outside the Reception classroom. Parents are encouraged to support their child to do this.
- Children will place their named bookbags and water bottles in the boxes and crates provided.
- Staff will greet your child at the start of each day.
- Children will self-register and collect their names and put this on their milk. Milk is provided free of charge until your child turns five, there is a payment of £11.65 per term once your child turns five.
- Children will sit altogether on the carpet for registration.
- Carpet times will be kept short to ensure smooth transition and children can go to the toilet as and when they need to go.
- Children will be encouraged to put their own pictures and belongings in their own drawer and empty this at the end of each day. Letters will also be put into children's individual drawers.
- At the end of each day parents should wait outside the Reception door for the children to be called forward by their teacher.
- We also like to continue to offer children plenty of different types of snack and baking opportunities. We would ask parents to contribute 50p a week (snack money) so that we can continue to do this.

Snack Time

We have healthy snacks each day and sometimes even make our own.

We offer snacks such as Toast, crackers, fruit malt loaf etc. .

We ask for a small donation/contribution of up to 50p per week from each child.

Milk is available

Milk is free for all children under the age of 5. After your child's 5th birthday there is a termly charge.



A free piece of fruit every day as part of the government 'School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme'.



This is where we keep our water bottles and packed lunches.

Children are required to have a labelled water bottle in school at all times. Please ensure that your child is able to open and fasten up the lid securely once filled.

Dinner Time



- School meals are made freshly onsite by our friendly catering team. School meals are free for all children in Reception and Key Stage 1.
- We all eat our lunch in the hall. Children can either have a packed lunch or a school dinner. We sit with our friends and have lots of adults supporting the children to help us cut our food or open packets up, carry our plates etc.
- Once they have finished their lunch, they will play outside in the Foundation Stage outdoor area.
- There is a vegetarian option everyday.
- There is a two week rota of delicious and favourite lunchtime menus. Each day, children have up to three choices of menus.
- Sample menus are available and will be sent to you via email.
- School often holds special themed lunchtimes throughout the year.

Uniform



- Book Bags will be gifted to the Reception children prior to starting school. Please encourage your child to take pride in and look after their book bag and reading books
- PE Kits - Children will not need a PE kit yet, as we do PE in the hall and just take off socks and shoes to begin with. PE kits are usually required after Christmas.
- Uniforms can be purchased from Sports FX in Cleckheaton at a reasonable price.
- Please bring spare clothes for your child, especially in the winter when it's wet outside. These can be kept in a bag on your child's peg.
- Hats, Scarves and Gloves are also very useful in the winter, as we do go outdoors in all weathers.
- Sun cream and a sun hat is also essential when the weather is warmer.
- We ask that children do not bring in their own toys from home. If they were to become lost or broken the children can become very upset.
- Please ensure that names are in jumpers, cardigans, coats etc.

Transition



- Mrs. Snowden (Reception Class Teacher) and Mrs. McPherson (Nursery Class Teacher/Early Years Leader and SENCO) are in contact with your child's pre-school setting if they attend one and 'drop-in' visits will also be made by Mrs. Snowden to your child's pre-school setting to discuss any transition information that key-workers in your child's current setting are able to pass on. We will shortly be in receipt of the Transition Forms that all pre-school settings and childminders are required to complete too.
- For children currently attending our Nursery provision at Howard Park then internal arrangements will be made for your child to participate in some transition activities with the Reception class staff. This year we are able to offer a visit for pupils new to the school an 'Outdoor' visit/drop-in session, our Reception class teacher Mrs. Snowden will be in touch with you to arrange a visit at a mutually convenient time before the end of the summer term.
- We will also provide your Transition Pack and your child's brand new book bag. All of the information you will need regarding your child's start to school e.g. finding out about some of the key routines and information you might require in anticipation of your child starting Reception Class. You will be able to collect this from school at your visit or if your child attends Howard Park Nursery then we will ensure that you receive this and Mrs. Snowden will be available to chat to you informally.

September 2021



In support of your child's transition we have planned the following visits starting from the week beginning the 6th September

- Monday 6th September- Inset Day (school is closed to all pupils)
- Tuesday 7th September- Children will come to school at 8.50am until 11.45am
- Wednesday 8th September - Children will come to school at 8.50am until 11.45am
- Thursday 9th September- All children will come to school at 8.50am and will stay for lunch and finish at 3.30pm.
- Friday 10th September - All children will come to school at 8.50am and will stay for lunch and finish at 3.30pm.

From the week beginning Monday 13th September 2021 - Children will attend full-time school from Monday. The school day begins at 8.50 a.m. and finishes at 3.30 p.m. (There might be slight alterations to timing owing to the staggered start and finish times if this is to be planned for all year groups attending school from September - we will inform you of any changes).



Registration

School starts promptly at 8.50 am and finishes at 3.30 p.m.

If your child is ill or will be absent for a medical appointment etc. you will need to report their absence to the school office.



First Aid

There is always someone on duty to look after us if we hurt ourselves when playing. We have staff that are first aid trained to help children.

If your child has an accident a member of staff will record it in the first aid record book. Parents/carers will receive a copy of this record sheet. School would of course be notify you immediately by telephone in the event of a more serious injury.

Toilets

Nursery and Reception toilets are located inside the classroom. Children are allowed to go to the toilet at any time. They are also encouraged to visit the bathroom and regularly wash their hands at various times throughout the day. We also encourage the children to use hand sanitiser as they enter the classroom in the morning and after outdoor play activities.

If your child needs any help at the toilet and/or are not yet toilet trained please do not worry - our staff are here to help your child with their personal care needs.





Tapestry



- We use a piece of educational software called 'Tapestry' to record your child's learning progress. Every child will have their own online individual secure learning journal.
- Parents are alerted to new observations uploaded and can log in and see the learning their child is doing.
- Parents able to upload any learning children do outside of school.
- Please provide an email address so that you can activate your account immediately so we can share information with you prior to your child starting school.



Arbor



- All school communications and payments will be processed via the Arbor App.
- You will be sent an email prior to your child's admission to verify your details and enable the set up of your Arbor account.
- School will use Arbor to communicate all correspondence with you via email throughout your child's time in school so please ensure you check this regularly.



Finally.....

- We have an open door policy! All parents are welcome to come with any concerns, questions or worries at anytime.
- Thank you for your time and we hope you have found this presentation useful.
- If you have any questions or queries then please do not hesitate to contact us at school via telephone or email.

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