



Early Years

Codnor Community Primary School



Nursery Parents and Carers Information

2023-2024



Welcome to our EYFS

Welcome to Codnor Community Primary school, and the Foundation Stage of your child's education. We are delighted you have chosen Codnor for your child and the children, staff and governors welcome you to our happy school. We are a Church of England school that believes in providing a well-rounded education, where every child's individual talents can be nurtured and celebrated.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to our school.

Meet the team:

Miss Marshall
Reception Teacher &
EYFS Leader



Mrs Hobson
Nursery Teacher



Mrs Shaw
Reception Teaching
assistant



Mrs Stocks
Nursery Teaching
assistant



Mrs Rogers
Mixed Year 1/Reception
Teacher



School Information

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General Information

The school day:

Morning session – 8.30am-11.30am

Afternoon session – 12.30pm-3.30pm

Full session – 8.30am-3.30pm

Start of the day: Every day the children are dropped off and collected from the Nursery entrance. The door will close at 8.45am and 12.45pm and if you arrive after this time, you must take your child to the school office.

Lunch time: If your child has a 30-hours code and are attending full days, they are entitled to free school meals, or you may want to bring in a healthy packed lunch for your child. Children will have time for their dinner and also access the Nursery outdoor area during dinner time. Every day we complete a dinner register, and children are able to have a packed lunch and school dinner on different days of the week if you would prefer, as long as it is consistent for the child and doesn't change weekly. All allergies will be catered for.

End of the day: Children are collected from the Nursery entrance at the end of the day. Staff will only release children to adults they are familiar with, so if someone else will be collecting your child, please let a member of staff know in advance.

Attendance and Punctuality

It is important that your child attends school every day and is on time. If your child is ill, please ring the office to inform us and let us know when your child will be back to school. Being on time to school helps children to become familiar with the morning routine and ensures that they have a settled start to the day. If your child is late for school, please take them to the school office.

PE

Our PE sessions are on a Wednesday afternoon with Mrs Hobson and on Thursday morning with the PE teacher Mr Hutchinson. We learn a range of skills including gymnastics, ball skills, dancing and team games throughout the year. If these days change we will let you know.

Please make sure that your child has their PE kits on their peg every day. They can bring their PE kit and leave it in school for the half term.

Toileting

We expect children to come into Nursery toilet trained where possible, however please inform the Nursery staff if your child still needs help with toilet training. If your child has a medical condition and is still in nappies, please see a member of staff to complete an intimate care plan. You must provide pull ups and baby wipes if your child still needs help with this. We would be grateful if all children could bring in a spare change of clothes in the bag in case they have an accident.

Updates

Please check Class Dojo, our website and Facebook page regularly for updates.



What will my child learn?

We follow the Early Years curriculum which includes 17 areas of learning. Children will focus on Prime Areas of learning in Nursery and focus on Specific Areas in Reception.

Prime Areas

Physical Development:

- Fine Motor
- Gross Motor

Communication and Language:

- Speaking
- Listening, Attention and Understanding

Personal, Social & Emotional:

- Self regulation
- Managing self
- Building relationships

Specific Areas

Literacy:

- Word reading
- Comprehension
- Writing

Mathematics:

- Number
- Numerical patterns

Understanding the World:

- Past and present
- People, culture and communities
- The natural world

Expressive arts and design:

- Creating with materials
- Being imaginative and expressive
- Self regulation



Our curriculum is planned around these areas, and learning is achieved through well planned, high quality play, both indoors and outdoors, where children can access a broad and balanced curriculum that is founded on their individual first-hand experiences. Children in Nursery will focus on the **prime areas** of learning.

Learning in Nursery

Children learn best through play. We provide a setting that promotes independence and encourages children to make new friends. Adults are always around to help children choose activities and help them access the classroom in their own way. We also change activities based on the child's interests when we see fit, to engage them in their learning further. We also encourage some small whole-class carpet sessions to introduce topics, teach skills, read stories, and sing songs.



A typical session in Nursery

- Children will enter class and settle in by choosing from the different areas in the classroom.
- Register.
- Daily topic session.
- Time for the children to play within the classroom, both inside and outside.
- A short, practical Maths lesson.
- Snack time.
- Daily phonics session.
- Story/song time.
- Lunchtime/home time.

RE and PSHE are taught every other week on Thursdays.

This timetable is the same for both morning and afternoon sessions.

Our Learning Environment

Children access a high quality, carefully planned environment throughout the day. We carefully plan our provision to meet the needs and interests of the children. Our environment encourages children to be confident and independent learners that welcome challenge. We aim to provide opportunities that inspire children to discover the awe and wonder of the world around them.



Parent Partnership

Class Dojo

In EYFS, we encourage all parents to sign up to our online observation system Class Dojo. You will be given a login and instructions on how to download the app once your child begins in Nursery. Teachers upload observations of children's learning for parents to view at home, and parents are able to upload home learning children have been doing at home. You can also keep an eye out for updates on our class story, and send in photos and messages.

Bucket lists

Your child will be given a home school book and a 'bucket list' of activities to complete each half term linked to our topic. Parents can choose which activities they would like to complete, and you can evidence this in their book by adding photos, comments and practical work. You can bring this back at the end of every half term and children will have the opportunity to show their friends in class. More information will be given in September.

Wow moments

We also have a 'Wow moment' system in which you can write a wow moment for anything special your child has done at home, or you can send a message on Class Dojo. We then celebrate this in class. Children will be given Wow moment templates at the beginning of the year. Please ask staff members if you would like more wow moments.

Our class page

We update the class page on the website regularly so check here for our class gallery, pictures of our work and information about our curriculum, topic and timetable.

Teddy club

Your child will receive a Teddy during their stay and play sessions the term before starting Nursery. This is to help the transition between home and school. You can dress up the Teddy and give it a name before it starts with your child.



Enrichment:

Visitors: Throughout the year, we have a range of visitors in EYFS to support children's knowledge about the world around them. These include chicks and caterpillars.

The world around us: We learn lots about the seasons and go on regular seasonal walks. Children also have opportunities to engage in lots of investigations, from melting ice to baking.

Performances: Throughout the year, children take part in numerous performances such as a Harvest Festival performance and Nativity. Parents will be given more information during these times.

Extra curricular activities: Children take part in a range of after school activities such as film nights and discos. We also have a summer and winter fair.

