



Welcome to
Nursery and Reception New Intake
Presentation notes July 2021
This supplements the clips on our
website.

Meeting us!

Our names and roles – point of contact. Please see video clip and your Transition and Welcome pack.



Governors

We have a fantastic team of Governors who work hard alongside our staff to drive school improvement. We have Parent Governors, Community Governors and Co-opted Governors.

Remember to read our Ofsted Inspection Report June 2017. It is very positive, especially with regard to Early Years.



Safeguarding

- The most important element for us is to keep all children safe.
- We must know who is collecting children – passwords are in place. See your pack.
- Drop off and collection is outside the classroom areas. If you need to talk to staff, please wait until everyone has left. Our priority is always dismissing children safely.
- No mobile phones can be used in any part of the EYFS area.
- All of our staff have Level 1 Safeguarding Training.
- Our Designated Senior Persons for Child Protection (DSPs) are Lisa Clayton (Headteacher), Caroline Phillipson (Assistant Headteacher) and Emma Woollon (Pastoral Manager). We are all Level 2 trained and work closely with both families and Social Care.





Attendance

- Please phone us if your child is ill and follow up with a letter / email / ParentMail message on their return to school to explain why your child was not in school. If we do not hear from you, we will ring or visit you.
- Statutory School age is 5. Please do not book holidays in term time – they will not be authorised. We issue Penalty Fines for low attendance.
- Please be on time for school – lateness will not be authorised and this disrupts learning for all – your child, other children & our office staff.
- Please see our Attendance Policy on our website.

Inclusion

If your child has any additional needs, please let Mrs Phillipson know, such as:

- Special Educational Needs
- English as an additional language
- Medical Needs

We work closely with external professionals. We currently work closely with a Speech and Language Therapist and work with the School Nurses.

If you are entitled to Free School Meals, not be confused with Universal Free School Meals, please apply and this can help your child further.

Pastoral Support Team – we can help you and your child – Mrs Woollon is the Pastoral Support Manager.





Lunchtime

WEEK ONE	WEEK TWO	WEEK THREE
<p>Monday 1st September</p> <p>Hot and healthy burger with potato wedges and mushroom sauce. Soft drink or water.</p> <p>Hot veggie egg and mushroom sandwich. Carrot sticks and apple.</p> <p>Soft drink</p> <p>Monday 8th September</p> <p>Hot and healthy burger with potato wedges and mushroom sauce. Soft drink or water.</p> <p>Hot veggie egg and mushroom sandwich. Carrot sticks and apple.</p> <p>Soft drink</p> <p>Monday 15th September</p> <p>Hot and healthy burger with potato wedges and mushroom sauce. Soft drink or water.</p> <p>Hot veggie egg and mushroom sandwich. Carrot sticks and apple.</p> <p>Soft drink</p> <p>Monday 22nd September</p> <p>Hot and healthy burger with potato wedges and mushroom sauce. Soft drink or water.</p> <p>Hot veggie egg and mushroom sandwich. Carrot sticks and apple.</p> <p>Soft drink</p>	<p>Tuesday 2nd September</p> <p>Hot and healthy burger with potato wedges and mushroom sauce. Soft drink or water.</p> <p>Hot veggie egg and mushroom sandwich. Carrot sticks and apple.</p> <p>Soft drink</p> <p>Tuesday 9th September</p> <p>Hot and healthy burger with potato wedges and mushroom sauce. Soft drink or water.</p> <p>Hot veggie egg and mushroom sandwich. Carrot sticks and apple.</p> <p>Soft drink</p> <p>Tuesday 16th September</p> <p>Hot and healthy burger with potato wedges and mushroom sauce. Soft drink or water.</p> <p>Hot veggie egg and mushroom sandwich. Carrot sticks and apple.</p> <p>Soft drink</p> <p>Tuesday 23rd September</p> <p>Hot and healthy burger with potato wedges and mushroom sauce. Soft drink or water.</p> <p>Hot veggie egg and mushroom sandwich. Carrot sticks and apple.</p> <p>Soft drink</p>	<p>Wednesday 3rd September</p> <p>Hot and healthy burger with potato wedges and mushroom sauce. Soft drink or water.</p> <p>Hot veggie egg and mushroom sandwich. Carrot sticks and apple.</p> <p>Soft drink</p> <p>Wednesday 10th September</p> <p>Hot and healthy burger with potato wedges and mushroom sauce. Soft drink or water.</p> <p>Hot veggie egg and mushroom sandwich. Carrot sticks and apple.</p> <p>Soft drink</p> <p>Wednesday 17th September</p> <p>Hot and healthy burger with potato wedges and mushroom sauce. Soft drink or water.</p> <p>Hot veggie egg and mushroom sandwich. Carrot sticks and apple.</p> <p>Soft drink</p> <p>Wednesday 24th September</p> <p>Hot and healthy burger with potato wedges and mushroom sauce. Soft drink or water.</p> <p>Hot veggie egg and mushroom sandwich. Carrot sticks and apple.</p> <p>Soft drink</p>

- Herts Catering cook our school meals on school site. There is a hot or cold option and children / Parents pick their dinners prior to lunchtime.
- The Reception children have their lunch in a separate dining room to the rest of the school.
- Universal School Meals are provided for Reception children – at present (paid for by the Government Reception, Year 1 and Year 2).
- Free School Meal / Pupil Premium entitlement – apply online if you think you are eligible. You may be entitled to financial reductions in other areas.
- There must be not any nuts brought into school at all due to allergies. This includes nutty cereal bars or Nutella in packed lunches.
- Please do not send juice in to school with your child. We permit water only in packed lunches.
- Milk is free until a child is aged 5, then you have the option to order and pay for this via ParentMail.

Uniform

Nursery and Reception

Please make sure your child is in named school uniform each day.

White shirt / polo shirt, grey skirt or trousers or pinafore, burgundy school jumper, cardigan or fleece.

Black shoes (not trainers).

No jewellery apart from stud earrings in school.

PE kit for Nursery and Reception children:

White t-shirt, black shorts and black plimsolls all to be kept in school. Nursery do not need plimsolls.

Earrings must be taken out for PE lessons. Please remove them on PE days.



Please make sure all items are labelled.

Sweatshirts, jumpers and cardigans are sold in school.

Please teach your child to be able to dress themselves, this includes putting their coat on and fastened and their shoes and socks.

Partnerships



We work with many different partnerships such as:

- Hitchin Partnership – Headteachers in Hitchin and surrounding areas work closely together.
- Hitchin Primary Behaviour Service – this service is based at Oughton and the team work across schools in the Hitchin Partnership.
- Premier Education provides our Breakfast and Afterschool Club. They also teach some PE lessons.
- Hitchin Football Club provides clubs, activities and some PE lessons.
- Friends of Oughton – our PTA organise events. Please help.
- Beavers, Cubs and Scouts are at Oughton Primary School – Wednesday evenings.
- Oughton Family Centre is on our site.
- Early Days Playgroup is on our site.



Keep up
to date!

Communication

Parentmail – you **must** sign up for this as it is how we communicate to all Parents. We send emails, letters, forms, orders & texts. Open evening appointments are booked via ParentMail and all money is paid via ParentMail.

- Website – information is also put on our website.
- Whiteboards outside each class have day to day reminders for Parents.
- Prospectus / Pack – please read carefully

Come and talk to us if you have any worries.



Transition for your child



Transition will be different this year due to Covid-19.

September plans for Nursery and Reception

Nursery: There will be a guide around the Nursery area in September. You will be given a time slot. Mornings start fully on Tuesday 7th September 2021 8:45-12pm.

Reception: Thursday 2nd Sept 8:45-12pm and Friday 3rd Sept 8:45-1pm to include lunch. Full time from Mon 6th Sept.

- Any worries can be discussed with Teachers – they will be phoning you for a chat.
- All Google forms need to be completed by 16th July electronically
- Birth Certificates - please send in a paper copy or email it to admin@oughton.herts.sch.uk attention of Mrs Channa.

Early Years Curriculum



- 7 Areas of Learning – Communication and Language, Personal, Social Education Development, Physical Development, Maths, Literacy, Expressive Arts and Understanding of the World.
- Phonics – we teach Phonics using Letters and Sounds
- Learning Journals – we gather observations and evidence of work and share these during the year with Parents. We also ask for information from Parents.
- How you can help at home – make your child as independent as possible with their clothes, they will be getting themselves changed. Read short stories and share books with your child and talk about language.
- Nursery children will be sent an All about Me book to complete and this will help our staff to get to know your child. Please fill it in and bring it into school by Monday 13th September.
- Please help us by getting your child 'school ready' for September.



Thank you



Please see our video clip.

Any other questions
please ask us.