

Woodrow First School and Nursery
and Woodlands Children's Centre

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Induction 2024





“A child deserves the best possible start in life and support to fulfil their potential. A child’s experience in the early years has a major impact on their future life chances.”

This is the start of the partnership between home and school.

We are working to bring together all services to support children and families.

At Woodrow First School and Nursery, we care, we share and we learn together.



You are your child's first educators.

Teaching children to be independent will give them confidence and make starting school easier for them.

Help them to:

- take themselves to the toilet
- make decisions
- get dressed
- find names in clothes
- talk about starting school.

Make sure your child knows that you are coming back to fetch them at the end of the day. The teacher must be informed about other people who are allowed to collect your child.



Uniform

- White or yellow polo shirt
- Grey/black trousers or skirt
- Green jumper or cardigan
- Green summer dress



PE kit

- White t-shirt
- Black shorts
- Pumps or trainers



Water bottles

Please send your child with a water bottle to keep in class. This will be sent home daily for a wash.

If your child wants a separate bottle containing juice. This can go in their lunchbox.





School Day

Start time - 8.45am

Home time - 3.15pm

The classroom doors will be closed at 8.55am. If your child is not in class by this time they will be given a late mark.

Please follow our Facebook page and save the school website. Important information is shared on here regularly.

Foundation Stage Learning Environment



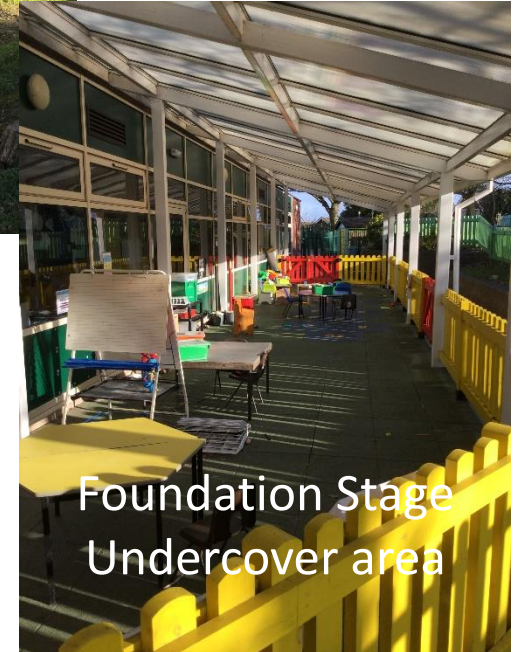
Nursery



Foundation Stage Woods



Foundation Stage Playground



Foundation Stage Undercover area

Foundation Stage Learning Environment

Reception classrooms



Reception class 1



Reception class 2

Our Learning Environment

- Opportunities for independent play
- Adult led carpet sessions
- Adult supported tasks
- Children have access to indoors and outdoors to provide opportunities for children to learn, whatever their individual learning style
- As the year moves on we might extend the focused carpet activity or do more group activities, guided by the need of the individuals.



Foundation Stage Curriculum

- Since September 2011 there has been a recognised Foundation Stage, which includes Nursery and Reception.
- In September 2021 the revised EYFS framework will become statutory in all early years settings.
- The EYFS framework supports children from the ages 0- 5 years. All areas of learning and development are connected to one another and are equally important.
- During your child's time in Reception we will offer opportunities for you to work alongside your child to gain further understanding of their learning.



Personal Social and Emotional Development

- Self-Regulation
- Managing Self
- Building Relationships

Communication and language

- Listening, Attention and Understanding
- Speaking

Physical Development

- Gross Motor Skills
- Fine Motor Skills

The EYFS Curriculum

Literacy

- Comprehension
- Word Reading
- Writing

Maths

- 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

Learning through play



Most children play spontaneously, although some may need adult support. It is through play that children develop intellectually, creatively, physically, socially and emotionally.

Mantle of the Expert



This is a technique for learning which we use throughout school. The children take on the role of experts involved in solving a problem. It provides the children with a reason for learning.

Why is Attending School Regularly So Important?

Excellent attendance is important for pupils to feel part of the school community and develop a sense of belonging. This supports each pupil's all-round development, mental health, and well-being.

If attendance over the school year is:	...a pupil will miss this many days:	...and this many lessons:
100%	0	0
95%	10	50
90%	19	95
85%	29	145
80%	39	195
75%	49	245
70%	58	290

Attendance

- **As a school we expect:**
 - Your child to be in school every day that they are well enough to do so
 - You to not book holidays during the school term.
 - You contact school before 9.00am on each day of absence, with the reason for absence and when your child is expected to return. This can be done via phone, email or parent app message.
 - Your child returns to school as soon as they are well enough to do so.
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- **As a school we will:**
 - Contact you if we have not heard from you on each day that your child is absent, this can be via phone, parent app or home visits.
 - We will use the other contacts that you have supplied, if we are unable to make contact with the parent/carer.



How to Contact School

- School office - 01527 527619
- Scholar Pack - you will receive details once your child has been uploaded.
- School Website

www.woodrowfirstschool.co.uk

Hot Lunches



- In 2014 the government introduced the opportunity for a hot lunch for every child in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2.
- Parents do not need to pay for these hot lunches.
- Average saving of £480.70 per child per family
- Over 3 year period = £1442.10
- We will be asking you to order your child's hot lunch for the first three days of school at your home visit or by letter if your child is in our nursery.

Free School Meals

If you are in receipt of certain benefits you can register for Free School Meals which will carry on for as long as you remain eligible. Registering for free school meals could support your child at school and also at home.

You can apply for free school meals if you are in receipt of:

- Universal Credit provided they have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (616.67 per month)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by HMRC
- Working Tax Credit run-on-paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax

If you believe that you are eligible PLEASE register via the Worcestershire County Council Citizen portal that you used to apply for your child's school place.

Pupil Premium Grant

The school receives additional funding through the Pupil Premium Grant.

This for every child who is:

- Registered for Free School Meals
- Have been registered at any time in the previous 6 years
- Adopted from Local Authority care

We use this funding across the school to support all kinds of activities and extra support. Governors are accountable for how the money is spent and we have to evidence how the children have benefited or progressed. Breakdown of spending is on our website.

Uniform Grant

For new children to our school you will receive:

- A sweatshirt/cardigan
- A polo shirt
- A book bag

Worth up to the value of £25.70



For children who have been to our nursery, you will receive:

- A Woodrow First School fleece

Worth up to the value of £14.00

Uniform Grant



You will be invited to drop in and see us in the first two weeks of September to fill in the relevant information and order your free uniform.

Please look out for the letter!

Wrap Around Care Breakfast Club

- Sponsored by Greggs
- Available from 8am every morning
- Free of charge



- If you are interested in a space please fill in the form on the school website.

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Home, parents, school clubs, breakfast club

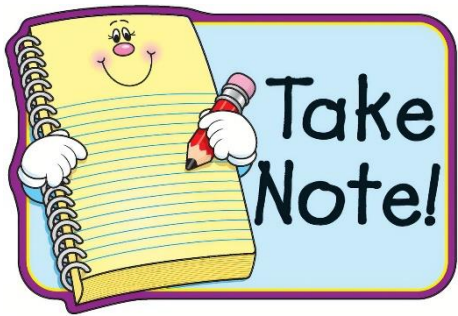
Please tell us your name, email and days you would like your child to attend.

Wrap Around Care Mini Moors



- In partnerships with
St Thomas More Catholic First School
- Available from 3.15pm - 5.45pm
- If you are interested in a space speak to Miss Hall or email the school office and they will send you application form.

office@woodrow.worcs.sch.uk



Home visits

Home visits are for children who are new to our school and who have **NOT** attended Woodrow First school Nursery.

Home visit appointments are available on the following dates:

Tuesday 18th June

Friday 21st June

Monday 24th June

Friday 28th June

Monday 1st July

Friday 5th July

Please make your appointment at the back of the hall today.

If you have a child that currently attends our Nursery and you would like to discuss the transition to Reception, please speak to a member of staff to arrange an appointment.

Stay and Play

If you have a child who has **NOT** attended our Nursery you will be invited to a stay and play session during the summer term.

Tuesday 9th July 3.30pm – 4.00pm

Wednesday 10th July 3.30pm – 4.00pm

Tuesday 16th July 3.30pm – 4.00pm

Please sign up for at least one session at the back of the hall



September 2024

Your child's first day in Reception will be:

Wednesday 4th September

8.45am – 3.15pm



Lunches

We will take your order for the first three days at your home visit or through a letter, if your child is in our Nursery.

Alternatively, you could send in a packed lunch on the day.

Timetable for Admission

18th June – 5th July

Home visits for new children and families joining our school.

9th, 10th and 16th of July - 3.30 – 4.00pm

Stay and play sessions for new Reception children starting school.

2nd and 3rd of September 2024

School TED days – school is not open to children.

4th September 2024

First day at school for all Reception starters



We care, we share, we learn together.

If your child is joining us for the first time:

- Collect an induction pack and fill in the paperwork for the home visit.
- Sign up for a home visit
- Sign up to at least one stay and play session

If your child is currently in our Nursery:

- Collect an induction pack – there will be no paper work to fill in.