



Starting School at Moorside

What you need to know!

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Transition morning – Wednesday 12th July

- Children who are in the school nursery that day will come through into Reception with staff.
- Children who are new to school, or are not in nursery on a Wednesday, will meet at 9am at the school entrance. A member of staff will meet you there and bring the children into school.
- Children will spend the morning in Reception and then stay for lunch.
- Children who are new to school, or are not in nursery on a Wednesday, will be collected at 12.30 from the Whitcliffe Lane entrance.

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What will happen for the first few days in September?

- Emphasis on playing, building relationships, getting familiar with new environments, new routines etc.
- Everyone will do a week of half days;
- Tuesday 5th & Weds 6th until 12pm (no lunch)
- Thursday 7th & Friday 8th until 1pm (children to stay for lunch)
- Please drop your child at the Reception Class entrance
- Pick-up point is at the side entrance (near the Whitcliffe Grove entrance) for the first 4 days.

When collecting, the children will stay with a member of staff until we see their parent and then they will be handed over.

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Lunch

- All children in KS1 are eligible for a free school meal but they are also welcome to bring a packed lunch if they prefer.
- We are a Healthy School and encourage children to eat a varied, healthy diet. Please support us by ensuring that the food in their packed lunch contains a variety of food that supports healthy growth and brain development.

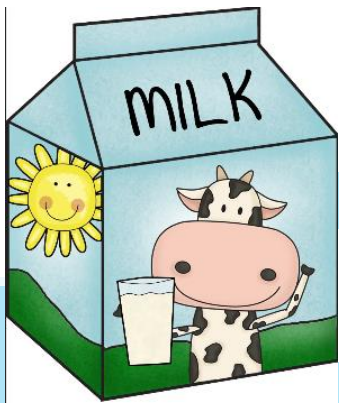
Please see the school website for ideas for healthy packed lunches.

<https://www.moorsideschools.org.uk/healthy-packed-lunch-ideas/>

- Reception children go into the hall earlier than the rest of school so that there is plenty of time to get served and eat their lunches in a quieter environment.

Snacks and Water

- Water is always available – each child has a named cup.
- Fresh fruit and vegetables and milk are available for snack every morning
- We encourage the children to help serve the snacks and the fruit to others



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What will my child do all day?

- **What will my child do during a school day?**
- 8.50 – 9.00 Door opens and children come in, hang up coats / bags, self-register and complete a learning activity.
- 9.00 – Phonics session
- 9.20 – 9.40 – Guided Reading session & reading activities
- 9.40 – 10.30 Adult-led and independent learning indoors and outdoors
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- 11.30 – Tidy-up time and story or maths games
- 12.00 – 1 – Lunch time
- 1.00 – Topic input
- 1.30 – Adult-led, continuous provision and independent learning indoors and outdoors
- 2.40 – Tidy-up time and story / singing
- 3.15 - Home time



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How to get your child ready for to start school...



- It's easier for the children if they can use the toilet independently, obviously staff are on hand where necessary and are used to accidents!
- Lots of sharing books.
- Listen to sounds in the environment and talk about them.
- Look at words and numbers in the environment and how / why they have been used.
- 'Natural' talk about starting school.
- It is very helpful if your child has shoes they can fasten themselves such as velcro as we promote independence, encouraging them to learn to put on their own coats and shoes.

What does your child need?

- Your child will need to wear our **school uniform** with a pair of **sturdy black shoes**.
- **A spare set of clothes** in case of accidents.
- A splash suit or **waterproof trousers and coat**.
- Named **wellington boots** for outside activities.
- A PE kit – black pumps, black or blue shorts, white t-shirt, trainers (for outside) and a pair of jogging bottoms (for outside if it is cold) – We will let you know what day PE will be on. Children should come to school in their PE kit on their PE day.
- School will give each child a **Moorside Hoodie** to wear on PE days.
- Warm coats, hats and gloves in **Winter** and sunhats & sun lotion in the **Summer**.
- A packed lunch - if they are not having a school dinner.
- A **book bag** to carry their reading book and another letters / homework.

It is important that all clothes and footwear are clearly named.

The Uniform Shop in Ripon sells our school jumpers and book bags.



Tapestry – an online Learning Journey

- All children in our EYFS will have a personal on-line learning journal which records photos, observations and comments, in line with the Early Years Foundation Stage framework, to build up a record of your child's experiences during their time with us.
- You will have secure access (via an email address and password) to your child's Learning Journal and, in addition to viewing our contributions, we encourage you to talk to your child about the observation and add your own comments.
- It's also lovely if you can add photos of achievements / special times that the children have at home – they love to share these with us in class!
- If you are new to school, please complete the Tapestry form in your welcome pack.





Parents in school

- We are always happy to talk to you about your child. However, the beginning of the day is a very busy time so if you need a longer conversation with the class teacher, please make an appointment to see them after school.
- We also hold a Parental Consultation evening each term, which gives parents time to talk about the learning and development of their child.
- Termly reports are also written to summarise learning and progress.
- Give feedback on Tapestry – upload photos and then we can share them in class (the children love to tell us about their activities at home).

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Phonics

- Phonics is (for most children), the quickest way to start to read whole words.
- We follow the Little Wandle scheme in school.
- It is quick, fast-paced and happens everyday – come rain or shine!
- It is a way of using the sounds (phonemes) that letters make to blend and segment to read and write words;
 b – u – s = bus
- Children will learn 4 sounds a week – big help if you help your child to practise at home everyday.
- We will send home the new sound of the day – listen carefully to how your child pronounces the sound; it might be different to what you think! See our school website for support.

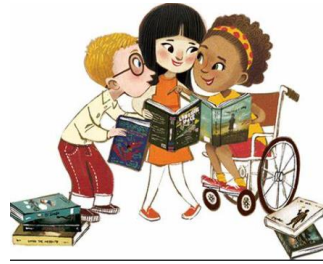
We will hold a meeting at the start of term to go over this in more detail.

Reading in school

- At Moorside, we know that reading is one of the most important skills your child will learn at school. Being a confident reader, has a significant impact on children's learning throughout their school life. Therefore, teaching your child to read is one of our top priorities.
- The children will take part in daily, focused phonics sessions and these skills will then be developed through daily group and individual reading activities in school.
- Your child will also bring **home a reading book** each week and we encourage all parents to read with their child **at least 5 times** each week.
- We also subscribe to an online reading and phonics resource called - **Reading Eggs / Fast Phonics**. Your child will be given an individual username and password in the second Autumn term. They will be able to complete these games independently and it will support their phonics and reading skills if they have additional time to use this resource at home as well as at school.

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What can I do to help develop my child's reading skills?



- The absolute best way to help is to read with your child at least 5 times a week (remember to record this in their Reading Diary).
- Practise the phonics that your child brings home.
- Practise reading the common exception / high frequency words that your child brings home.
- Access their Reading Eggs / Fast Phonics account as often as you can – it is a brilliant way to encourage your child to read / learn phonics at home.
- Visit the library to foster a love of reading!

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Forest School

- We have Forest School every Friday morning in EYFS – Mrs Goss is our Forest School teacher.
- The children absolutely LOVE this session!
- The children need waterproof suits or jacket / trousers & wellies (these will already be in school).
- They will need lots of layers for when it is cold (including gloves and hats).



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Concerns

- Starting school is an exciting time but some children may be unsettled at first, especially if they have been at home for a long time. Some children will run into school but it may take more time to settle for others – this is completely normal so please don't worry.
- We are all very experienced and we understand how to help children to settle and learn in school.
- SEND – Throughout the year, if we feel that your child isn't making the expected progress, there are lots of resources and interventions that we can use to help. We will always discuss this with you first.
- If you have any concerns, talk to us – we are here to help! Good school / home partnership is essential.
- Mrs Price, our Parental Support Worker, is very friendly and always has time for a chat so please get in touch with her or any member of the EYFS team if you have any concerns.

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We are very excited to welcome your child into school in September!

Any questions???



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