



ASKWITH PRIMARY SCHOOL
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INFORMATION FOR NEW PARENTS - Nursery **Welcome to Askwith Primary School**

The School Day

The school day begins and ends at different times dependent upon your child's school year, see table below:

Years	Drop off	Collect
Nursery, Reception, year 1 & 2	8.30 – 8.45am	3.15 – 3.30pm
Years 3,4,5 & 6	8.45 – 9.00am	3.30 – 3.45pm

The morning session ends at 12.00pm if not staying for lunch, or at 12.45pm if staying for lunch. To help with traffic congestion, please drop off / collect your child promptly then leave the vicinity of the school to free up parking spaces for other parents. Please park carefully, see enclosed 'Guidance for Parking' sketch. If your child is unable to attend school due to illness or a medical appointment, please leave a message on the school answer phone before 9.00am as this greatly helps with planning and allows any school lunches to be cancelled.

Break time and lunch time arrangements

There is no set break time for Nursery children as they have access to free-flow provision outside during morning and afternoon sessions Nursery children are provided with a piece of fruit or vegetable at snack time and water is always available drink. Children should bring their own named water bottle to school which can be refilled. Children may bring a healthy snack from home but this **must not contain nuts**.

Nursery children eat their lunch in the dining hall with the Reception, year 1 and year 2 children. Nursery children may bring a packed lunch but most nursery children enjoy the school lunches. Please see enclosed letter about how to order school lunches.

School Uniform & PE Kit

Children in nursery can wear their own clothes and should be dressed comfortably and appropriately for the weather. Shoes should be comfortable and of a type that your child can take off and put on themselves, Velcro fasten trainers are ideal. Purple nursery sweatshirts and T-shirts can be purchased from Sue Knowles but are not compulsory, see enclosed form. Please ensure a spare set of clothes is always in a bag in school in case of accidents or messy play mishaps! Children who use nappies should bring a supply of nappies, wipes and nappy bags. **All clothes should be clearly marked with your child's name**. Nursery children do not need PE kit.

Valuables / jewellery / hair styles and other items

Please ensure that your child does not bring toys or other items from home in to school. These may get damaged or lost and staff cannot be held responsible for ensuring their safety. Comforters can be brought into school but should





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be kept in children's bags. 'Show and Tell' will start in the autumn term and your child will be given a set day to bring an item in from home. No jewellery (unless pre-agreed with the Headteacher), or oversized hair accessories are permitted.

All children need a named water bottle in school every day. This can be refilled from the water coolers in school. In the summer term children in Nursery will need to bring a sun hat and a named bottle of sun cream.

Breakfast club and After School Club (Cedar club) and Sports Club

Breakfast is available to all children, including Nursery children, **from 7.30am** Monday to Friday and includes a variety of cereals, toast, yoghurt, cheese and fresh fruit. Please note, a booking must be made for all breakfast and after school clubs via Parent Pay. Breakfast club must be booked 4 days in advance and after school club by 2.30pm on the day. A variety of after school clubs are available on Monday to Friday **3.30 – 6.00pm**. The different after school clubs are announced in the newsletters and change each half term. Childcare vouchers can be used to pay for Breakfast club and After School Clubs. Please ensure children are collected promptly. Please see attached list of prices for the year 2024-2025.

Funding options for nursery sessions

Hours at the nursery can be funded via the Universal Hours scheme (0-15 hours), the Extended hours scheme (a further 15 hours if eligible) or self-funded using childcare vouchers, the government tax free childcare scheme or by parents paying themselves. See enclosed letter 'Funding for Nursery Places' for further detail.

Parent Pay

We use an online payment system called ParentPay. Once your child starts nursery, you will be given a secure account with a unique user name and password. The charges for any school lunches and extra nursery sessions, are put onto your account every week. Parent Pay is also used to book and pay for breakfast club and after school club. We ask that these accounts are kept in credit. We closely monitor your accounts and will remind you if you have outstanding amounts to pay. The school office is happy to help with any ParentPay related questions.

Communication with School

Your first point of contact for any concerns or questions regarding your child should always be the class teacher, Miss Brierley. Miss Brierley is generally available after school to discuss any matters or appointments can be made if a longer discussion is required. Children in Nursery have a 'home-school' communication book for any message between parents and school. These books are sent home and checked daily and must remain in children's bags. Parents' Evenings are held in the autumn and spring terms. School reports are sent home regularly and a full progress report in July.

Every Thursday a school newsletter is sent out via email and is published on the school website, www.askwith.n-yorks.sch.uk. Other letters are sent out as and when necessary. Urgent or important messages are sent via text message, **please ensure school has your current mobile phone number and email address.**

Further information about the school is available on the school website: www.askwith.n-yorks.sch.uk



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