

Christ Church C E Primary School

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**Early Years Foundation Stage
Information for Parents and Carers**

Meet the Early Years Staff



Mrs Manning
**(Early Years Co-ordinator &
Reception Teacher)**



Mrs McKay
(Nursery teacher)



Miss Arnott
(Support Assistant)



Mrs Sadeghi
(Support Assistant)



Ms Rowell
(Support Assistant)

Welcome to Early Years

Welcome to Early Years at Christ Church C of E Primary School. It is our intention to provide high quality care and education for every child in our school and strive to do our best for everyone. We are an inclusive Early Years setting and work in a way that puts the child's experience at the centre of our thinking.

We believe that as part of our partnership with you, we must work together so that your young person is able to fulfil their potential. We are here to support you and your child as they take big steps with small feet.



Times of day:

Reception – 8.45am – 3.15pm

Nursery – Monday and Tuesday 8.55am – 3.00pm

Wednesday 8.55am—12.00pm

Daily Routine

- Children line up on the yard and come into school with their teacher.
- Registration and welcome begins at 9.00 am.



Children learn through a combination of child led and adult led sessions.

Adult led activities

- Daily literacy session
- Daily phonics sessions
- Daily maths session
- Focused activity sessions linked to a topic



Children have access to outdoor learning on a daily basis. Outdoor learning has a positive impact on children's well-being and development.

Children learn through play. Staff carefully organise enabling environments for high-quality play.

Sometimes, they make time and space available for children to invent their own play. Sometimes, they join in to sensitively support and extend children's learning.



Early Years Curriculum

Characteristics of effective learning

- *Playing and exploring
- *Active Learning
- *Creating and thinking critically



Areas of Learning

Communication and language

Personal, Social, Emotional
Development

Physical Development

Literacy

Mathematics

Expressive arts and design

Understanding the World

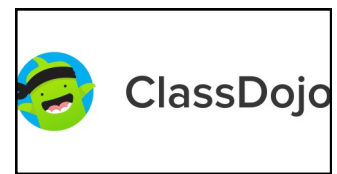


Partnership with Parents

“It is important for parents and early years settings to have a strong and respectful partnership.”

This includes listening regularly to parents/carers and building a supportive and positive relationship. At Christ Church we have many established practices to ensure positive partnerships with parents.

We use Class Dojo to stay in touch with parents and carers. Your teacher will provide you with the information you need to sign up to Class Dojo.



Parents/carers can message your child’s teacher directly. You can upload photos of things they have made at home or activities they have done.

Parents are very welcome to attend the school’s Celebration of Achievement assembly 9.00am—9.30 am each Friday.

Parents are invited to a ‘Meet and Greet’ with their teachers in September to find out more information and how they can help their children at school.

Parents are invited to our ‘Stay and Play’ sessions each half term to learn with your child in school.

There are plenty more opportunities across the academic year to get involved with your child’s learning these will be communicated at the appropriate times.

Lunch / Snack time

Lunch Menu

Please find our school lunch menu on our school website.

[www.christchurch.newcastle.sch.uk/website/
school_dinner_menu/269898](http://www.christchurch.newcastle.sch.uk/website/school_dinner_menu/269898)

Reception Children are all entitled to a free school meal provided by school.

Nursery can PAY for a school dinner or bring in a packed lunch.

*Please fill out the 'Free School meal' form included in this pack to see if you are entitled to FREE school meals.

Snack Time

All children in Early Years are entitled to a free piece of fruit and milk.



Attendance at School

Punctuality

It is essential that children are brought to and collected from school on time. It can be distressing for children to see their friends being collected whilst they have to wait.



If for any reason you cannot collect your child and you have asked someone else to do this, please inform the staff. Should you need to collect your child early for a dentist or doctor's appointment, please let a member of staff know, either face to face or by telephone at the start of the day.



Absences

If your child is going to be absent for any length of time either through illness or going on holiday then please let us know via phone call — 0191 2328054.

Uniform

You can purchase our school uniform at the office.

At Christ Church our uniform includes:

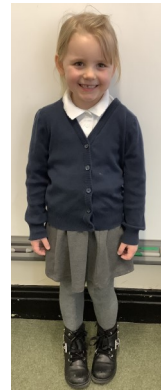
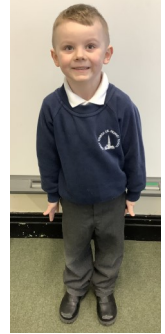
School dress or grey skirt

Grey or black trousers / shorts in summer

White polo top

Blue cardigan or jumper

black shoes (not trainers)



PLEASE LABEL EACH ITEM OF UNIFORM WITH YOUR CHILD'S FULL NAME.

We advise that children do not wear jewellery at school.

Going to the toilet in a new environment may not always take place as quickly as it would at home! Clothes need to be easily removable. Elasticated waistbands are ideal.

Your child will be provided with a school Book Bag.

Children will visit our school library once a week and bring home a book to share with you.



PE Kit

Your teacher will inform you which day your child has PE.

On this day children should come to school in their PE Kit.

At Christ Church your child's PE kit should include:

- Navy Tracksuit—joggers and zipped hoodie.
- Plain white short sleeved T shirt (long sleeves permitted for religious reasons.)
 - Navy shorts (optional in the summer term)
 - Trainers.

PLEASE LABEL EACH ITEM OF CLOTHING WITH YOUR CHILD'S FULL NAME.



Preparing your child for School

Starting school is an exciting time for young children and their parents. It can be a daunting time, too. But with a little preparation and encouragement, most children will settle in easily at school.

We are proud to use 'Makaton', which is a simple form of sign language, to help children communicate in our setting.



You can support your child's transition into school by doing things with them at home...

- Encourage them to use the toilet and wash their hands independently.
- Put on their own coat
- Share lots of stories together and ask your child questions about the book
- Recognise their name
- Count objects/actions
- Using child-friendly scissors to make snips in paper.



If you would like more information please visit:

www.pacey.org.uk/schoolready

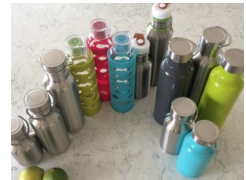
www.eric.org.uk

Getting ready for school

- ◆ Each child will have their own tray, labelled with their name. They will be able to put in any pictures or models they have made. Staff will remind children to check their tray at the end of the day.
- ◆ Your child will receive a book bag when they start school. This will make it easier for your child to carry things to and from school.

Please provide your child with a

1. Labelled water bottle. Please take home, refill and clean daily.



2. A suitable coat and a pair of wellies.



3. A bottle of sun cream and a sun hat when appropriate.

4. A change of clothes.



5. We ask children not to bring in toys from home.

Thank you!

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask any of our staff :)