

# Foundation Stage Information

## Welcome!



# Meet The Team



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# Information covered in this powerpoint

- Areas of Learning
- The school day – times, lunches, snacks & milk
- The Foundation Stage Curriculum.
- Uniform requirements.
- How you can prepare your child for school.
- Parental Involvement.

# Areas of learning and development

We cover the 7 areas of learning and development through our play-based curriculum as set out in the Early Years Framework.

Three **prime** areas (crucial for igniting children's curiosity and enthusiasm for learning)



1. Communication and language
2. Physical development
3. Personal, social and emotional development



# Four specific areas

Through the following specific areas the prime areas are strengthened and applied:



1. Literacy
2. Mathematics
3. Understanding the world
4. Expressive arts and design



# Characteristics of Effective Learning

There are 3 main Characteristics of Effective Learning that we look for when the children are learning:

## Playing and exploring – engagement

- Finding out and exploring
- Playing with what they know
- Being willing to 'have a go'

## Active learning – motivation

- Being involved and concentrating
- Keeping trying
- Enjoying achieving what they set out to do



## Creating and thinking critically – thinking

- Having their own ideas
- Making links
- Choosing ways to do things

# The School Day

8.30am – Gates to main school site open

8.40am – Gates to Reception and doors to classrooms open.

8.50am – Registration

10.30am – Morning break (Snack during morning session)

11:40am – Lunchtime. Hot dinners or packed lunch.

12.55pm – Afternoon registration

3.30pm – End of School Day

Absence- ring school before 8.50am

Holidays cannot be authorised during school times, speak to office if exceptional circumstance.

# School Dinners

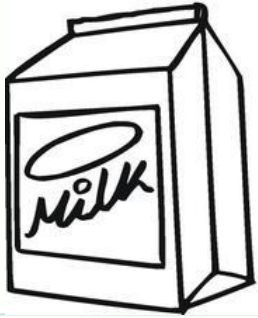
School dinners will be available when the children start full time.

Free School Meals will be offered to ALL pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

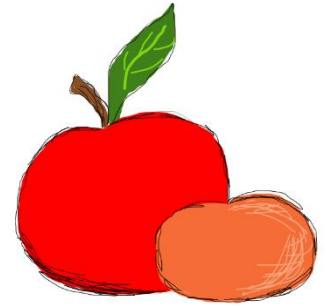
More information on how to order the meals via parent pay will be shared with you when your child starts school.

You will need to provide your child with a packed lunch initially but more information will be shared closer to the time





# Snacks & Milk



- Fruit and vegetables are available as a snack for the children, everyday.
- Milk is available every day, free of charge for children under 5, we will register all children for free milk but if they have an intolerance or a dislike you **MUST** let your child's teacher know before they start school.
- A milk letter will be included in your packs which you will receive in the post.
- Once your child is 5 years old then milk will need to be ordered online by the parent and there will be a small charge.
- [www.coolmilk.co.uk](http://www.coolmilk.co.uk)

# School Uniform

- Uniform orders — information available in welcome pack which you will receive in the post.
- Order online
- Uniform will be delivered directly to your home or work address.
- Name labels (PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING!)
- Book bags



# P.E Kit

- Green round necked P.E t-shirt with Oakley Vale crest or a plain white t-shirt.
- Black shorts
- Plimsolls
- Hair tied back
- Appropriate uniform to be worn on P.E days e.g. no tights for girls
- No earrings or jewellery –these cannot be taken out by a member of staff.



# How to prepare your child for starting school

- Please refer to checklist, it includes information on:
- Dressing themselves
- Toileting and hygiene
- Maths Activities e.g. counting out how many toys they have.
- Literacy Activities – reading stories, practising to write own name.
- Looking after equipment/tidying away.



# Parental Involvement and Support

- Open door policy
- Regular home reading books
- Learning logs
- Tapestry
- Knowledge organisers/Newsletters sent out each term
- Regular Stay and Play sessions
- Education Welfare Officer- Julia Baulch

If you have any questions about the above these can be discussed during your phone call with a staff member in the coming weeks or emailed to: [Reception@oakleyvaleprimary.org](mailto:Reception@oakleyvaleprimary.org)