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PRIMARY SCHOOL





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We hope you are looking forward to starting school with us.

We understand that this is an exciting yet possibly apprehensive time so, this is an opportunity for us to discuss your child starting school, rules, routines etc and answer any questions you may have.

We are really looking forward to welcoming you and your child to Maes yr Haul Primary School.





MEET THE TEAM



Mr K. Stroud
Headteacher



Mrs C. Merfield
Deputy
Headteacher



Mrs R. Roach
Assistant Headteacher
ALNCO



Mrs A. Sullivan
Class Teacher



Mrs R. Morris
LSO



Mrs M. Stephens
LSO



Mrs C. Morgan
LSO



Mrs S. John
LSO





YOUR CHILD'S FIRST DAYS

Your child will be part of our staggered intake of pupils over the first few weeks.

- On your child's first day, please bring them to the Sunshine Room door where a member of staff will greet them.
- We are very aware there may be children (and adults) who may feel apprehensive about starting school. If your child is upset at the door, we will do our very best to encourage your child to come in and we ask that you support us in doing so by allowing us to guide and encourage them.
- Usually, the quicker we are able to get them in, the quicker they will settle as it's often the transition that they find difficult. If they continue to be upset or distressed for a longer period of time, we may ask you to return and collect earlier than planned.





TIMES AND ROUTINES OF THE DAY

- Please arrive between 8:40am and 8:50am in readiness

- 8.50am - 9.00am Doors Open

Welcome, Self-Registration, Emotional Check-in



- 11.40am - 12.40pm Lunchtime

staff will take children to the main hall for this and help them to settle.

- 3.10pm Collection from classroom door



TIMES AND ROUTINES OF THE DAY

- Your child is entitled to a **free school meal, daily** (Please do apply for FSM if eligible as this has wider benefits to you and the school.)
- If your child chooses to bring a lunchbox this needs to be taken out of their bags and placed on the blue trolley each morning.
- We have **snack time** in class each day- please ensure that this is a healthy snack, fruit or vegetables only. **Please put your child's snack into a labelled tub**. This will go on to the trolley outside every morning.
- **Please bring a labelled water bottle to school to drink** throughout the day. This will also go on to the trolley each morning.
- Children are able to have milk daily; we can provide oat milk as an alternative for any dairy allergies.





HOW NURSERY IS ORGANISED

The Nursery is run as one whole unit.

All pupils have access to both sides of the classroom and all activities within each.

We have two doors into our Nursery:

The Sunshine Room door and the Rainbow Room door (pictures and names are on doors). This is to ease congestion and to help us to register pupils more quickly.

Once all / nearly all the children have progressed to full-time, we will then re-organise the classroom so you know what door to drop-off and collect from. You will receive a slip to inform you of this.

Your child will also be organised in to a "Family Group".



A DAY IN NURSERY

We are very child centred and put an emphasis on learning through play!

During each day your child will learn and play in the classroom and outdoors



- Welcome, Self-Registration, Emotional Check-in

Children arrive, hang up their belongings on their own peg, collect their name and self-registration before identifying with their face how they are feeling today.

- Rhymes, Songs & Stories
- Family Groups
- Play and Learn
- Dough Disco
- Large Scale Mark Making
- Movement (indoor/outdoor)

What are "Family Groups"?

Family groups are a smaller group of 8-10 children. They help children to feel safe and secure within a small familiar group with a key adult. We teach many of our key concepts in these groups daily.

SETTLING IN / EXPECTATIONS



- We gently introduce clear and consistent routines to help children settle in.
- Routines provide a sense of safety and security, helping children to feel confident, understand what is expected and become comfortable in their new environment. These help the children to focus on their learning, reduces worries, and encourages positive behaviour.
- Learning happens through a range of everyday experiences – exploring, sharing, taking turns, listening, trying new things, singing, playing, making friends, and most importantly, having fun. Along the way, children also learn important life skills, like waiting for short periods of time and understanding that sometimes they may hear the word “no”.
- Working together makes such a difference, and your support at home in gently reinforcing these routines and expectations really helps your child to feel happy, settled, and ready to thrive.



HOW CAN YOU HELP TO PREPARE THEM?

Please help your child to be as independent as possible with:

- going to the toilet
- putting on and taking off coats, shoes and socks.
- Self-feeding using cutlery
- Coping with disappointment – Despite our very best efforts to be as attentive and caring as we possibly can be school is a very different environment and there are times when they will feel disappointed and have to wait for their needs to be met.
- Encouraging them to use their words when they need help, using full sentences where possible i.e. "I need / want"
- **Recognising** their name, (we will teach them how to write their name using lower case letters and correct formation).
- Reading to your child, discussing pictures and stories, singing Nursery rhymes and songs all really help with speech and language and essential pre reading skills.





UNIFORM

Please ensure anything and EVERYTHING that they bring to school is clearly labelled with their names!



- White polo shirt or short-sleeved shirt.
- Red jumper, cardigan, fleece or sweatshirt.
- Plain black jogging bottoms/leggings/trousers/shorts/skirt/pinafore
- Red / white 'gingham' dress (summer option)
- Plain black sensible shoes or shoe-style trainers



Please consider what will be easiest for your child when they are going to the toilet! They need to be able to do it independently (no playsuits and please no clips or buttons on trousers!)

We ask you send at least one FULL change of clothes for any accidents including a t-shirt, jumper, bottoms, underwear, socks.
More if they have regular accidents.

ATTENDANCE

- Our registers are taken at the start of the morning and afternoon sessions (i.e. 2 marks each day). The register is taken at 8.50 and 12.40pm, children arriving after this will receive a late mark.
- Please notify the OFFICE of any absence (messaging via School Gateway / phone / letter)
- On the first day of an unexpected absence you will receive a text from the school in the morning and again in the afternoon, if we still have received no notification.
- You will receive a follow-up phone call the next day, if there has still been no notification for reason of absence.
- **If you need to collect your child during the school day** – please inform the office in advance and collect from there.



ARRIVING / LEAVING SCHOOL



- Our staff do not supervise the school grounds before the start of the school day – children remain your responsibility.
- Outdoor play equipment (e.g. climbing frame, Nursery play areas) **is not to be used before or after school.**
- If you are late arriving, **please go to the main office.** They will ask you to confirm arrangements for lunches that day.

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL



- We have a free breakfast club which runs from 8:20am. Currently, this is not available to Nursery pupils, but we will update you if this situation changes in future.
- There is an after-school club, 'Simply Out of School' which is privately run, until 5:30pm. Parents need to register for this directly. <https://www.simplyoutofschool.co.uk/club/broadlands/>

ADDITIONAL NEEDS



- If you have any concerns about your child starting school, medical conditions, allergies, dietary requirements, behaviours or toileting needs **please make Mrs Sullivan aware as soon as possible.**
- BCBC Catering Services *can* provide for alternative dietary needs and food allergies, but this needs to be understood in advance and agreement made between catering and parents. Please inform us as soon as possible so that this can be sorted out.
- If your child has accessed any Early Help, portage or Speech and Language support, or if there are Additional Learning Needs concerns, please discuss this with Mrs Roach, our ALNCo as soon as possible.

COMMUNICATION



- School Gateway is our school messaging service. You will have information on how to set up / use this in your pack. You can also report absences using this service and it shows your child's current attendance.
- Mrs Sullivan will usually be available to speak to on the door at the start and end of the day. If your query / discussion needs to be more private, please email the office and Mrs Sullivan will phone / email you back.
- Alternatively, we are contactable via the school email and, where possible, will endeavour to reply within 48 hours.

OTHER INFORMATION



- Termly newsletters outlining the topics and information for the term will be on your child's Google Classroom (available through Hwb). Your child will be provided with log in details within a few weeks of starting school.
- There is a wide range of other information, including policies, term dates and lots of other materials on our school website www.maesyrhaul.com
- If you have any concerns (or complaints), please let us know and we will do our best to help resolve these. We would expect that these could normally be resolved with the class teacher. If this has been unsuccessful, please contact either the headteacher or deputy headteacher.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU AND YOUR CHILD!



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