



*Welcome to
Foundation
Stage
2024-2025*



Welcome to Anchorsholme Academy we are really excited to welcome you into our wonderful school family.

The purpose of this evening is for you to meet your child's class teachers and other members of staff and gather the key information you will need before September.



Induction Pack

You should have collected your induction pack on the way in tonight. If you haven't they are in our entrance area waiting for you to collect.

Inside your pack are some key information booklets and an admissions form which must be returned to us by **Friday 5th July**.

Please note your child's house team colour as this isn't the same as their class colour.

Dahl- **Red** PE shirt

Rowling- **Blue** PE shirt

Shakespeare- **Green** PE shirt

Blyton- **Yellow** PE shirt



Inside your pack there is also a Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) questionnaire that we request you to fill in for your child whether or not your child has needs and return alongside the admissions form.

Mrs Foster our SEND Co-ordinator and Deputy Head and Mrs Hylton our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) have a table in the small hall after tonight's presentation.

Please do stop and let them know of **ANY** existing disabilities, medical conditions, safeguarding concerns or allergies that school will need to be aware of e.g. asthma, allergies, hearing, vision problems, English as a second language or premature birth.

We want to be fully prepared to give your children the best start in September so please do share this information with us tonight.



Classes in Foundation Stage

All the classes have been carefully considered. We have spoken to each childcare setting and worked hard to place your child in the class that is right for them.

We envisage the children moving through school in these classes but sometimes changes do have to be made in Year 1 and beyond to ensure children get the best possible learning experience.

EYFS Curriculum



We have an exciting and stimulating theme based approach to learning which follows the statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage.

Themes usually last two weeks and are based on the children's fascinations and interests. Example themes are; castles, animals, superheroes and space.

We are lucky enough to have five learning spaces. We have a Numeracy room, a Literacy room, a Creative room, an Art room and a large outdoor area. Staff will be based in each of these areas to support and extend learning. Activities will be both adult and child led.

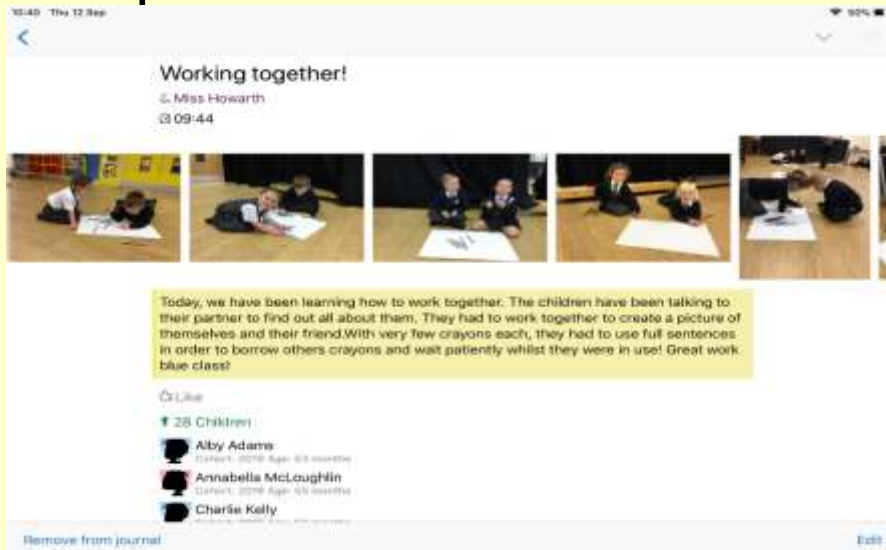
The system we have enables the children to access all of these areas every day, thus providing them with a wealth of open ended activities.

Tapestry



Tapestry is an online record of your child's learning. This is a brilliant resource as you can see what your child has been doing at school and like and comment as appropriate. You can also upload pictures of activities and experiences your child has enjoyed out of school for us to see.

We will communicate with you via Tapestry and your child's activation email will come through to your email account early in September.





SCHOOL UNIFORM

Children are required to wear a school uniform.

Winter: Grey skirt or pinafore or grey trousers, white blouse or shirt, school tie, navy blue cardigan or jumper or school sweatshirt and black school shoes.

Summer: Blue and white gingham dress or jumpsuit, short sleeved light blue polo shirt, grey trousers or shorts and black school shoes.

Each child should also have a named PE bag, dark blue shorts, a school T-shirt (in the appropriate house colour - of which you will be advised) and pumps.

Any item containing a school logo is available to purchase from **Bispham Clothing, All Hallows Road, Bispham**. Please ensure that your child's name is **CLEARLY MARKED** on all his/her belongings.

We also have a variety of preloved uniform available via the school office.

Please note clothing does not have to include the school logo.



School Dinners

Your children are entitled to free school meals up to and including Year 2. You will be sent a menu and children choose their dinner in class each morning. We have samples of the meals for you to taste tonight. If you'd prefer your child to bring a packed lunch, please let us know in September.

Application for Pupil Premium

Please also apply for this funding via our school website if you could be entitled to it as it will provide school with extra funding for your child and entitle your child to free school meals beyond Year 2.

Breakfast Club/ After School Club

Wrap around care is provided by Kids Planet Anchorsholme (next door) please book in directly with them.

Routines



Children should be able to dress and undress themselves- please use the summer to practise zips and buttons!

Please make sure your child can do up their own coat!

Velcro shoes are preferable to lace-ups

Please make sure your child can manage their own personal hygiene. It is particularly important that your child is able to use the toilet independently unless a medical need prevents this.

Children are not allowed to wear earrings for PE so please remove on PE day.

Please name jumpers, shoes, ties, coats and PE kits.

Please read our starting school checklist for ideas on how to prepare your child for school.

Whole School Communication



Tapestry is our communication system and all newsletters, reminders and information will be sent to you on this App.

Our weekly school newsletter Anchornews will be sent out via Tapestry each week. Paper copies can also be requested from the office.

We have termly Parents Evenings to discuss your child's progress.

Staff are available at the end of each day or on Tapestry.

We also have a school Facebook and Instagram page for you to follow.



Settling in Sessions

You will have received an email with details of your child's settling in session. These sessions are on Friday 5th July and are a chance for children to come into school and meet their teachers and peers. Please note these sessions are just for the children.

We are also offering three optional story time sessions for parent/carers and children to attend. This is a chance for you to come into your child's classroom with your child and have an informal story time with the class teacher. We are aware that this may not be feasible for some families so this is **optional** and you can attend as many of the sessions as you like. Please enter via the Foundation Stage door.

- **Monday 8th July** **9.10am - 9.30am**
- **Wednesday 10th July** **9.10am - 9.30am**
- **Friday 12th July** **9.10am - 9.30am**

Starting School



School starts on Wednesday 4th September 2024.

Doors will open at **8.40 am** and close at **8.55am** so children can free flow into school. You can bring your child to the Foundation Stage door where the teachers will be there to greet them.

Children will be full time from this date.

Children are collected from the Foundation Stage doors at 3.10 pm. **Please note that this is five minutes before the rest of the school finish.**

- Thank you for listening please feel free to ask any questions you may have as we move through into the small hall and our Foundation Stage department.



What happens next....

- Mrs Foster is in the small hall if you want to speak to her with regards SEND.
- We'll walk you through the small hall to show you around the FS department and show you where you will drop your child off for school. There will be the chance to see our school uniform, sample our delicious school dinners, find out about wrap around care and speak to the staff.
- We are looking forward to meeting your children on Friday 5th July. All the information shared tonight can be found on our school website

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