

**Foundation Stage Two
(Reception)**

New Starters' Information Booklet
2020 - 2021



***Working through Christ
to inspire, learn, achieve and grow.***

At Endsleigh Holy Child Voluntary Catholic Academy, we believe that Christ is the cornerstone of all that we are and so we believe that everything we do really matters. This is expressed through high expectations of work and behaviour.

We aim to create a love of learning by providing a happy, challenging and exciting learning environment which inspires creativity and enables our children to achieve their full and unique potential. We aim to equip our children with the skills to make positive contributions to their own lives and the wider community.

Through a supportive culture of promoting, sharing and celebrating success, we recognise every individual's God-given talents. All members of our school community are valued.

We strive to build positive relationships between home, school and parish, supporting families in their role in supporting their child's education.

We offer a safe and loving environment that welcomes and includes everyone on a journey towards becoming compassionate, responsible and independent members of society.

The Catholic Nature of the School

The children take part in Whole School Collective Worship and regularly attend Mass with the rest of the School. They have weekly RE teaching inputs following the 'Come and See' programme. We have 'Sacred Spaces' where children can access religious artefacts and have time for quiet reflection. The children also regularly visit Our Lady of Lourdes and St Peter Chanel Church and St Anthony's Church during the year. We encourage the children to follow the Gospel Values in their everyday learning and play and we have Collective Worship and prayer times during the day.



Constance
Compassion



Forgiveness
Freda



OUR CORE VALUES

Peaceful
Peter

Forgiveness



Respectful
Ricardo



Peace



Respect

Compassion

ENDSLEIGH
HOLY CHILD
VC ACADEMY

Fairness

Justice Love



Justice
Jack



Fairness
Felicity



Loving
Liz

The Foundation Stage Team

Teachers



Miss Beavis
(EYFS Lead)



Mr Fox
(F2 Teacher)



Miss Dodson
(F1 Teacher)

Lots of other adults will also teach and help your child in our Foundation Stage Unit.



Mrs Brown



Mrs Beedham



Mrs Swallow



Miss Nahurski



Mrs Oglesby

The School Day

The school day begins at 8.50am and doors are open from 8.40am. Please bring your child into the Unit via the Foundation Unit door. You are then welcome to take them to their class. Coat pegs for both classes are in the Foundation Stage corridor.

The school also has its own Breakfast Club that the children are welcome to attend. This costs £1.50 daily and is payable via *ParentPay*. Breakfast Club is open from 8am.



Lunchtime

The children have their lunch at 11.50am until 1pm. They can choose to have a school dinner, packed lunch or go home. If you are collecting your child for lunch, you will need to collect them from the school office at 11.50am and return them in time for the register at 1pm.

The children will be able to have a free school meal every day as part of the Universal Free School meals scheme; however, if you are eligible for Free School Meals, please still apply. (More information can be obtained from the school office.) We are a Healthy School and ask that packed lunches don't contain any sweets or chocolate, though chocolate biscuits are acceptable. We are

also a nut free school. A member of the Foundation Stage Team has their dinner with the children every day to help support table manners and be a positive role model for using knives and forks correctly.

Home Time

The children are picked up at 3.25pm at the Foundation Unit gate. The Foundation Stage One children will be leaving first, so we ask that you stand back so that the adults in the Unit can see their parents first. The Endsleigh After School Club collect from our school. Please let us know if your child will be attending this Club and on which days.

At the end of each session the children will be released into your care when we have identified parents or carers. We have a password system in place and you will be asked to complete the 'Collection of a Child' Password Form.

Collection Procedures

- On occasions when you as parents or the 'named familiar adults' authorised to collect your child are not able to collect your child, please tell a member of staff.
- In cases where the new 'collector' is unknown to the school, we will ask for an introduction to the new 'collector' to ensure they know by sight who is collecting the child. (It is the parents/carers/legal guardians' responsibility to ensure the school knows who will be picking up their child.)
- If for any reason during the day, there is a change to the person collecting your child, please inform the school office. At collection time we will verify the identity of the person who is to collect your child by asking for the password. We will not let your child go with them if they do not know the password.



The Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum

Play is essential for children's development, building their confidence as they learn to explore, to think about problems, and relate to others. Children learn by leading their own play, and by taking part in play which is guided by adults.

A large proportion of our time will be Child Initiated Play, where the children can have sustained play, both inside and outside, following their own interests. The adults will be supporting their learning and encouraging the children to take their learning further.

Each area of Learning and Development must be implemented through planned, purposeful play and through a mix of adult-led and child-initiated activities.

Prime Areas

These Prime areas begin to develop quickly in response to relationships and experiences, and run through and support learning in all other areas.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Making Relationships
- Self- confidence and self-awareness
- Managing feelings and behaviour

Physical Development

- Moving and handling
- Health and self- care

Communication and Language

- Listening and attention
- Understanding
- Speaking



Specific Areas

These Specific areas include essential skills and knowledge. They grow out of the prime areas and provide important contexts for learning.

Literacy

- Reading and Writing

Mathematics

- Numbers and Shape, space and measure

Understanding the World

- People and communities, The world, Technology

Expressive Arts and Design

- Exploring and using media and materials, Being imaginative

For further information there is a booklet that has been written to help you as a parent know what to expect during these vitally important years:

<https://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/resources-and-publications/information-guides/what-to-expect-when-a-parents-guide/>



Teaching Inputs

As well as Child Initiated Play, pupils will also work with staff for adult-led activities from a number of the Learning and Development areas, either in small groups or on a one to one basis, depending on the child's individual needs. The children will have daily short teaching inputs focusing on key developmental skills in Writing, Mathematics and RE.

Phonics is taught daily. We are using the *Read Write Inc.* scheme across EYFS and Key Stage 1. This scheme focuses on:

- teaching the 44 sounds and the corresponding letters/letter groups using simple picture prompts
- teaching to read words using sound blending
- reading lively stories featuring words they have learned to sound out
- after meaningful discussion led by an adult, children show that they comprehend the stories by answering questions



The Outdoor Environment

The children can choose to spend time in the outside environment as part of sustained child initiated play. We encourage the children to go outside in all weathers. Outside, the children can enjoy and develop using a variety of resource collections including the mud kitchen, building and construction, and large-scale water play. The outside area is supervised by an adult at all times.



Snack Time

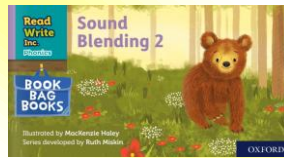


In our Foundation Unit we have a self-service snack area where the children can use snacks as a social time to chat with their friends around the table. At first, an adult will help encourage the children to develop good social interaction, healthy eating, good hygiene practices and acceptable table manners. We offer milk or water and a selection of fruit. We also encourage the children to bring a named water bottle in daily. This needs to be plain water, no bigger than 500ml and have a sports bottle top.



Reading Books

These will be picture books for the first few weeks. Children will progress onto word books when they know enough letter sounds to be able to blend words confidently. Reading books will be changed regularly. We ask that an adult has signed in the reading record to say it has been read at home. We would like to encourage you to let us know about their reading at home and the variety of their own books they have shared at home. Please send your child's reading book to school every day.



School Uniform

Our school uniform can be ordered from Rawcliffes in Hull City Centre. The children wear a yellow polo t-shirt, brown sweatshirt or cardigan and brown or grey trousers, shorts, skirts or pinafore dresses. We ask that they wear dark coloured socks or white ones, and that they have black school shoes. The girls can wear yellow summer dresses when it is warmer. Please clearly label all your children's clothes and footwear with sewn or stuck-in labels, which last longer in the wash compared to biro pen. It is very difficult to ensure unnamed items find their way back to the right child.

Information can be viewed on our website.



PE Kits



We will notify parents when PE lessons are due to begin for our Foundation children. From the Spring Term, the children have a specific PE lesson once a week. The children get changed into their PE kit for this lesson. They need a white PE t-shirt and black shorts, together with black sandshoes. The children will need a draw-string bag to store their PE kits in. We will send the children's PE kit home each half term for washing. Please label every item in the PE kit.

Please note: children are not allowed to wear earrings, including studs, for PE. They must be removed (not covered) in order to take part in the lesson.

Book Bags

Book bags are very useful for transporting reading books and relevant Home-School Link activities, as well as any important school letters. The children can also bring home any learning, writing or pictures they have produced. Endsleigh book bags are available from Rawcliffes.



Tapestry

All the children in our Foundation Stage have their own electronic learning journal through a piece of educational software called *Tapestry*. By logging on with a secure username and password, you will be able to view all of your children's observations, photographs and even videos from their learning in Foundation Stage. This will enable you to follow your child's individual progress closely and you can reflect upon their achievements with your child in their home environment. You can even upload your own observations so that we can see the learning they do at home. Staff will reference the Early Years Outcomes so you will know which area of learning your child is achieving and the age-band they were working in for that activity. All of this information is stored on a highly secure server which is monitored closely.

E-safety is extremely important to us at Endsleigh Holy Child VC Academy, therefore we ask you to provide us with the necessary information and to sign the agreement to show that you understand and will agree with our guidelines.



Home-School Links

We have two formal whole school Parents' Evenings during the year, the first one in October and the second in February. We also send out an Annual Report in July and have a whole school Open Evening in July for all parents to attend and talk with The Foundation Stage Team.

Each class also has a travelling bear that comes home to spend a few days with you and your family when your child has been chosen as the 'Star of the Week'. Please complete their diary and your child can then report back to class on what activities the bear did with you. This offers enjoyable and valuable speaking and listening opportunities for your child to develop.



Communication

A member of the Foundation Team is always available as the children come in. They are happy to help you with any queries. The Foundation Stage teachers are also available at the end of the school day if you wish to ask them anything. There is a notice board as you walk into the unit which displays important information and reminders. Please look here daily.

We offer termly 'Come and Play' sessions which offers parents the opportunity to experience a session in our Unit. School Newsletters are sent out regularly with key dates and information. The School also has its own website displaying information about events in school.

Absences

If your child is absent from school because of illness, or any other reason, please let us know by telephoning school on the first day of absence. Our telephone number is 01482 853203. For sickness and diarrhoea your child will need to be off for 48 hours after the last incident. If your child returns to school needing medication, we can only administer this if it has been prescribed by a doctor and you have completed a form giving us your permission. Please speak to a member of the Foundation Staff or the school office for more information.

We strongly discourage absence for holidays during term time. Absence due to holidays is marked as 'unauthorised' on your child's attendance (unless there are exceptional circumstances) and can result in a fine for both parents. Holiday absence requests should be discussed with Mrs Ryan (Executive Headteacher) before booking your holiday.

Open Door Policy

We aim to ensure that your child is happy and enjoys our Foundation Unit. For this reason, we hope to maintain regular communication with you. If for any reason you have any concerns, no matter how small, please come and speak with us at the earliest opportunity.

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