

Using large wooden bricks to create a police station.



Using creative resources to make 3D rockets.



# STARTING RECEPTION AT GREENWAY SCHOOL



### **Ofsted 2017**

“No opportunity is missed to develop children’s language and communication. As a result, children in both early years classes are confident, articulate and curious learners.”

“It was a joy to watch children playing together, often supporting each other in their learning. Children behave very well because the rules are clear and all adults have high expectations.”

“The safeguarding of children is given high priority. As a consequence, children in the early years are safe.”



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# Agenda

- 1. Welcome and introductions**
- 2. EYFS Curriculum**
- 3. SEND-Special Education Needs/ Disabilities**
- 4. Curriculum Organisation**
- 5. Routines**
- 6. Communication & Practicalities**
- 7. Whole school Information**
- 8. G.S.A.**
- 9. Questions**
- 10. Ensure forms are completed before you leave.**



## Receptions teachers!

- Mrs Harris will be your child's class teacher on a Monday
- Miss Bassil will be your child's class teacher from Tuesday-Friday and she will be your main contact:  
[lucy.bassil@greenway.herts.sch.uk](mailto:lucy.bassil@greenway.herts.sch.uk)

Children will be assessed within the first half term against the EYFS Baseline. Practitioners will use EY Outcome statements to assess children throughout the year from observations of adult led teaching sessions and child initiated play experiences. Assessments will culminate in the EYFS Profile which consists 17 Early Learning Goals. This is completed near the end of your child's Reception year.

### **Characteristics of Effective learning – how children learn**

Playing and Exploring - engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Finding out and exploring</li><li>• Playing with what they know</li><li>• Being willing to 'have a go'</li></ul>
Active learning - motivation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Being involved and concentrating</li><li>• Keeping trying</li><li>• Enjoying achieving what they set out to do</li></ul>
Creating and thinking critically - thinking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Having their own ideas</li><li>• Making links</li><li>• Choosing ways to do things</li></ul>





## The EYFS has seven areas of learning – 3 Prime areas, 4 Specific areas

PRIME AREAS	Communication & Language	Children are provided with opportunities to experience a rich language environment, to develop their confidence and skills in expressing themselves; and to speak and listen in a range of situations.
	Physical Development	We encourage children to be active and interactive and to develop their coordination, control and movement. Children are supported to understand the importance of physical activity and to make healthy choices in relation to food. Children are encouraged to develop independence with regard to self- help skills, toileting and dressing.
	Personal, Social & Emotional Development	Children are encouraged to develop a positive sense of themselves, and others. Children will be encouraged to form social skills, to have positive relationships and to develop respect for others. Children are supported to manage feelings, especially when expressing their feelings. Children will be nurtured in their development of curiosity, resilience, risk taking and personal responsibility.
SPECIFIC AREAS	Literacy	Children are absorbed in a rich literacy environment to develop a love of reading. Children will begin to link sounds to letters to support reading and mark- making leading to writing. Children will be given access to a wide range of literacy resources and materials to ignite their interest.
	Mathematics	Children are provided with real life, practical opportunities to develop and build upon their skills and understanding when counting, calculating, creating patterns and working shape and measures.
	Understanding of the World	Children are guided as they make sense of the physical world and community around them. They are encouraged to be curious to fully explore how they interact with people, places, technology and all that the natural world has to offer. Children are taught to reflect on their understanding of mutual respect and tolerance of others as world citizens.
	Expressive Arts & Design	Children are given opportunities to explore a wide range of media and materials. Children are encouraged to consider their thoughts, ideas and feelings as they interact with art, music, movement, drama, dance, role-play, design and technology



# SEND-Special Educational Needs/ Disabilities

- Inclusion Co-ordinator and Autism Lead is Dani Roe, who is also one of the DSP for safeguarding and is part of the Senior Leadership Team.
- SEND Policy is found on Greenway Website – [www.greenway.herts.sch.uk](http://www.greenway.herts.sch.uk)
- Link on website to the Hertfordshire County Council Local Offer
- DSPL- Developing Special Needs Provision Locally has a Facebook page- this provides another place to look for courses, groups and supports for parents of children with SEND
- If you are concerned about your child's development or your child has additional needs please do contact the school so that we can further support your child's transition.



# Reception Class Routines

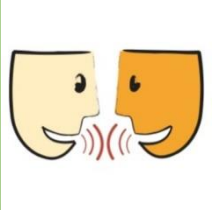


1. A typical day at the beginning of the year has short adult directed periods and longer periods of child initiated learning periods. Adults work alongside children supporting learning.
2. A typical day near the end of the year will have more adult directed teaching time and shorter child initiated learning.
3. Phonics and Maths adult directed teaching takes place every day
4. Lunchtime: Children eat in the dining room then go in EYFS outdoor environment





# Communication & Practicalities



Staff are always happy to speak with parents. Unless it is a quick message, please ask to see them at the end of a session when there will be more time.



Please use the board near the Reception class door to inform staff if your child will be going home with anyone other than you. If Covid19 guidelines continue in September (which means your child will be being dropped off/picked up at the school gates), please email the office on [admin@greenway.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@greenway.herts.sch.uk) to let them know if a different adult will be collecting your child.



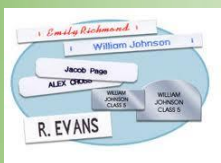
We visit the school library once a week. Your child will be able to borrow books for one week on these days.



Letters will be emailed unless your family has opted out of this system. We have a text system in place to inform you of events in school, head bumps etc.



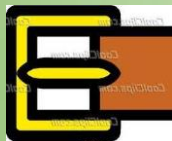
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**Clear name labels on uniforms** are most helpful. If it can be taken off, please sew a label on it.



Outdoor/indoor shoes. Please **name both pairs** and decorate indoor shoes for easy recognition.



Tough fastenings can hinder independence. Please save difficult belts and fastenings for the weekend.



Help us to help your child, practise changing for PE.  
**No trainers required. Name on PE bag please**



Every day the children will be learning outside regardless of the weather, please send a coat.



Spare clothing in a **named bag** is essential for water play or accidents. Please make it a separate bag to PE kit.



# Punctuality



- Please arrive and pick up on time
- School hours are 8.55 - 3.15 prompt
- The door will close at **9.00am**
- The first part of the day is crucial to young children
- If you arrive after this time please take your child to be signed in late at the school office
- Entry to Greenway School is through the main gate at the end of Crossways.

# Transition

- Transition to a new class/ school is an big step for you and your child
- The circumstances we find ourselves in this year means we will adapt transition procedures. You will need to complete paperwork at home and email/post to school.
- Transition morning for your child/ren to visit reception and meet their peers and teachers will take place on Wednesday 14 July. Children new to Greenway will be asked to arrive for 10am and collected at 11.30am. Children currently attending our Nursey will join the class at 10.30am and return to Nursery for 11.30am.
- This is an important visit for your child to build relationships with teachers and new children



# Whole School Information

- Positive behaviour - please see our current Behaviour Policy on the school website.
- Walking to school
- Attendance/ absence/ unauthorised absence
- Signing children out of school – medical reasons





# Medical

- Records – Please update us on any changes to your child's medical history
- Head Lice – please check your child's head regularly
- Sickness – 48 hours at home AFTER the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea.
- If your child needs Calpol/Nurofen they will not be able to cope in a noisy classroom



# September 2021

Under normal circumstances:

Start of term is Wednesday 1 September (school closed due to staff training – INSET)

Children normally in school on:

Thursday 2 Sept 8.55am – Midday

Friday 3 Sept 8.55am – 1.15pm

Monday 6 Sept 8.55am – 1.15pm

Tuesday 7 Sept 8.55am- 3.15pm

Full time from Tuesday 7 September

There may be changes due to COVID-19 procedures.



# GSA

## Greenway School Association

You are all members because your child  
attends Greenway

Support on the committee

Support at an event

Support in the way you shop

Water bottles, uniform and much more !



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# Extended Provision...WACCY Wrap Around care Club

We respectfully ask you not to use this provision for the first full week (Monday 6 - Friday 10 September) as your children will be exhausted!

- After school club
- Breakfast club



# Next steps....

- Complete forms
- Talk to us if you have concerns or are worried about anything!

