

Using large
wooden bricks to
create a spaceship



Using creative
resources to make
artwork in the
style of an artist



STARTING RECEPTION AT GREENWAY SCHOOL



Greenway Primary
& Nursery School



Ofsted 2023

‘Leaders know their community well. They make sure that they get to know their families and work with external agencies to find out all they can about the pupils who attend the school. This has enabled leaders to plan a curriculum with a clear focus on the needs of their pupils. Leaders make sure that they meet pupils’ social and emotional needs first and foremost. This starts from the moment they enter school. In early years, children settle quickly. Across the school, behaviour in and outside of lessons is good. Pupils listen attentively and participate well in their learning. As a result, pupils achieve well across the curriculum.’

‘Adults are skilled at teaching phonics. In Reception children apply their phonics knowledge to their writing well. Many can form letters correctly and some are beginning to write sentences accurately. Adults continually check the sounds that pupils do not know.’

‘Pupils are enthusiastic and fluent readers. They can talk about their favourite authors and how they use reading strategies to make connections and to explain what they are reading.’



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.**



Reception Staff

- Miss Bassil will be your child's class teacher from Tuesday-Friday
lucy.bassil@greenway.herts.sch.uk
- Monday teacher still to be confirmed.
- Mrs Coleman is our full time Early Years Practitioner in Reception

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



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
- 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.



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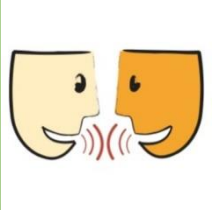
Reception Class Routines



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 their 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 into the 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 or communicate via email.



Please email the office or let a member of staff know, if your child will be going home with anyone other than you.
admin@greenway.herts.sch.uk



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 new Arbor app system in place, to inform you of events in school. This is a really useful tool that we recommend you download and use.





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



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 and clothing please.



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



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

Please provide a full and named water bottle each day.





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 Day

- Transition to a new class/ school is an big step for you and your child
- Transition morning for your child/ren to visit Reception and meet their peers and teachers will take place on **Thursday 6th July.**
- Children new to Greenway will be asked to arrive at the main school office for 10am and collected at 11.30am. Children currently attending our Nursey will arrive at school as normal and join the class, returning to their Nursery class at 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 2023

Dates:

Start of term is Friday 1st September (school closed due to a staff training day – INSET)

Children in school on:

Monday 4th Sept 8.55am – Midday

Tuesday 5th Sept 8.55am – Midday

Wednesday 6th Sept 8.55am – 1.15pm (including lunch)

Thursday 7th Sept 8.55am- 1.15pm (including lunch)

Friday 8th Sept 8.55am-3.15pm (including lunch)



Allergies

- Your child will be bringing in a packed lunch for their first week in school. (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday)
- You are welcome to send your child with an optional healthy snack for the mornings. We also provide fruit in school.
- We have some children in school with severe allergies. Please do not send your child to school with any of the following-
 - **Foods not allowed:**
 - Eggs, sesame (including hummus), nuts, avocado.

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 4th - Friday 8th September) as your children will be exhausted!

- After school club runs from a Monday-Thursday 3:15-5:30pm. An extra cost is charged for 5:30-6pm.
- Breakfast club each morning from 7:45am



Next steps....

- Have you completed all your forms and given them to the school office? If not there are forms available for you to complete and return this evening.
- Have you completed the permission sheet, if your child attends a setting, so their Key Worker can share information with us?

Thank you

