

Chadsmead Primary Academy



September 2021



Settling in

We hope that both you and your child are looking forward to coming to school. If anything is worrying you, please get in touch; we are used to parents and carers being anxious about new beginnings for their children and we recognise that you know your child best. Talking to staff about your concerns will usually reassure you and help you to help your child. It is also helpful for staff to know any concerns you may have so that we can do as much as possible to help you.

We aim to work with you to support you and your child so that the settling in process is as pleasant as possible.

Clothing

The children wear a school uniform; it gives them a sense of identity as part of a community and helps to keep their own clothes clean!

Girls:

- Black 'school type' trousers, skirt or pinafore dress
- White polo shirt (logo not required)
- Chadsmead sweatshirt or V-necked cardigan with school logo
- Black school shoes (flat sole/low heels, not trainers or boots)
- Black socks/tights
- Blue check only dresses (Optional-Summer term only)
- Plain blue/black hair band if required (no JoJo bows or equivalent)

NB: Summer fashion shoes e.g. 'jelly beans', flip flops, open toed sandals, and canvas shoes etc are **not permitted**

PE:

- Black shorts
- Chadsmead T-Shirt (either gold or light blue)
- Black pumps or trainers
- Black Tracksuit (limited logos) in cold weather

Boys:

- Black 'school type' trousers or shorts
- White polo shirt (logo not required)
- Chadsmead sweatshirt with school logo
- Black school shoes (flat sole/low heels, not trainers or boots)
- Black socks
- Plain blue/black hair band if required

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Please try and dress your child in clothes and footwear that can be easily managed – it improves a child's confidence if they can cope with their own clothes. It is recommended that you provide your child with school shoes that do up with velcro instead of laces until they are able to tie their own! Please **label all your child's items of clothing**, which will help us to ensure everyone comes home with the right clothes every day!

Please also be aware that the children will be offered opportunities to take part in messy play; whilst they wear aprons there is always the possibility that they may still get messy, however, we do ensure that all paint etc used is safe and easily washed out of clothes. It would be useful to send your child to school with a spare change of clothes if possible. Children have the opportunities in school to play with paint, water and sand and although aprons are worn accidents happen and they may need to get changed out of wet clothes!

In relation to toileting, please ensure that your child has a few pairs of spare pants in case of accidents.

Pre Loved Uniform

We have a stock of clean, preloved school jumpers and cardigans in a variety of sizes, each cost £5 and can be ordered through the school office.



PE

Nursery children will have a weekly PE session which will take place in either our infant hall or outside on the infant playground. Their PE kit should consist of shorts and a t-shirt, pumps or trainers for indoor PE and we advise parents to include jogging bottoms/leggings and jacket should PE be completed outside.

Forest School

Every week the children will have a forest session. This is a wonderful opportunity to engage in learning outside of the classroom. We kindly ask that you provide a pair of labelled wellington boots and all in one waterproof so that children can come into school in their uniform on their forest day. These can be left at school on your child's peg and will be sent home at the end of each term. Please note we will go into the forest in all weathers.



Daily Routines

We encourage the children to become as independent as possible; the environment is organised so that the children can access all the resources and equipment for themselves.

Where possible we reassure children to become independent learners. Over the school year, we will encourage children to:

- Put on/take off their coat and hang it up on their peg
- Fasten their zip or buttons
- Put their shoes on their correct feet
- Dress/undress (P.E)
- Wash and dry their hands
- Tidy up after themselves
- Serve themselves e.g. during self-service snack

Our Daily Routine

08:45 - Doors open (Independent tasks)
09:00 – Registration
09:10-Maths Meeting
09.25 – Whole class input
09.35 – Choosing / small group activity
11:00 – Read Write Inc (Phonics)
11.30 – Story Time / Singing
11.45 – Lunch (Morning children go home)
12.45 – Registration (afternoon children start)
1.00 –Input/ Choosing
2.45 - Dough Disco
3:00 - Story Time
3:15 - Home Time

We are able over 15 hours flexibly during the week. We also offer 30 hours, check your eligibility:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-30-hours-free-childcare>

School Lunch

Children are required to bring a packed lunch, which will be eaten in the Nursery classroom with lunchtime staff. After they have eaten, they will have the opportunity to play outside for the rest of the hour. Please do not overfill your child's lunchbox, as sometimes they can't always finish everything and food is wasted!

Snack

Snack is provided as a free choice snack where children choose when they would like snack. Children are provided with a variety of fruit and a carton of milk. Children's water bottles are made available to them throughout the school day if they do not wish to drink milk. **Please provide your child with a named water bottle and ensure your child brings it into school every day.**



Talk Talk Sheets

Every Friday an Early Years talk sheet as well as a school Newsletter will be uploaded onto the school website. These sheets will provide parents with an overview of the activities that the children have completed during their week at school, dates and important pieces of information linked to school activities.

Please follow link below to see examples of our Talk Sheets and Newsletters:

https://www.chadsmeadacademy.co.uk/web/early_years_talk_talk_sheet_2020-2021/506043

Learning Journeys

The children will have their own learning journeys which are a record of their learning at school. These learning journeys will consist of observations and photographs of the children's experiences in the classroom. We will endeavour to share learning journeys with you at intervals throughout the year including parents evening.



Workshops

Every half term we aim to hold themed workshops for parents and carers to attend. These workshops are wonderful opportunities to come into school and experience some of the exciting activities that the children complete on a daily basis. Depending on government guidelines we are hoping that our first workshop will take place during the Autumn term which will be a 'Stay and Play' session.



Contact Information