

General Information

This booklet is designed to help you and your child prepare to start school in September. We have covered information about the school day and included everything you will need for starting in Reception. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us on...
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Foundation Stage Staff

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Claire Munday (Mon-Wed)
Becky Lamb (Thu-Fri)
Mrs Taylor (Mon-Fri)

School Contact Details

Please inform us if your child is absent or late by ringing the Office by 9:30am.
01539 814930
Email: admin@ghyllside.cumbria.sch.uk

The School Day

School Starts 8:50 am (door closes at 9am)

School Finishes 3:00 pm (door closes at 3:15pm)

If your child has older siblings, we advise you drop them off first. It is busy in the morning in Reception so a quick drop off is positive for your child and eases congestion. If you arrive later than 9am please take your child to the office to sign in.

You may collect your child between 3:00pm and 3:15 pm.

Staff will greet children at the Reception door and settle them into the classroom. Please bring and collect your child from the Reception door through the Reception playground.

Parents and carers are kindly asked to drop children at the door in the mornings and to wait outside for your child to be dismissed at the end of the day. If you need to speak to a member of staff please wait until the children have been dismissed.
If someone else is picking your child up please let a member of staff know in the morning.

Meet the Staff

Mrs Pearse– Teacher



Miss Munday– Teacher



Miss Lamb– Teacher



Mrs Taylor-Teaching Assistant



A Day in Reception

Here is a typical day in Reception (this does change throughout the year)...

8:50 School opens, children come in, hang up their coats and bags, put up their name cards and change reading books. Children can then choose where they want to play.

9:00 The children gather on the carpet for whole class welcome and introduction to the day. The children go and play where they choose to — we call this Child Initiated play.

9:30 We put fresh fruit and milk out and children are free to choose their snack during our child initiated play sessions.

10:10 Tidy up time

10:20 Whole class time on the carpet where we learn and enjoy 'Phonics' songs.

10:30 Small groups— this is where we split up into 2 smaller groups and the children take part in language and mathematics activities. In between these small groups we have our music and movement and story time.

11:20 We gather on the carpet for songs and story and get ready for lunch.

11:30 We go into the hall for our lunch. Staff members spend time making sure the children are settled. The children then go outside with the midday supervisors for lunch time play.

12:30 The children come inside and listen to some music. Register and circle time take place on two carpets. Children taken out in smaller groups to do Guided Reading.

13:00 Our second child initiated play session.

14:15 Tidy up time

14:30 Whole class story and singing then the children will collect their things for home time .

15:00 Home time

School Dinners

All school dinners for Reception children are free! School dinners are pre ordered by parents and carers online each week. You also have the option to bring a packed lunch from home if you wish. School Hub will email you a login over the summer, if you have not received this log in or you have trouble logging in please ring the school office on Monday 1st September or Tuesday 2nd September.

Reading / Book Bag

Your child will need a book bag to bring to school EVERY DAY. We will be holding a reading workshop in September to introduce the reading scheme to you. We will explain to you how the reading scheme works, how we teach reading and to emphasise how your input is so important to the children.

Please check for any letters inside your child's book bag daily!

Paperwork

We would like to request that we have the paperwork returned to school ASAP. This way we can get Tapestry set up for you and we can easily share information via email and Tapestry. Please can forms be named and returned to the school office on or before Monday 2nd June.

- Tapestry Consent form
- Child collection form
- GPRD photography form
- Contact details form

Birth Certificates

Please can you bring your child's birth certificate to the school office by Monday 2nd June.

Family Photograph

We are asking you to bring in a photograph of your family in September. We will use these as talking points to get to know your child. These photographs will be pinned up in school so please make sure you have an original copy.

Uniform

Please find in the pack a separate letter about school uniform.

Uniform includes-

Black shoes (no trainers)

Black or grey trousers/leggings/dress/skirt

White polo shirt

Green Ghyllside cardigan or jumper

Book bag

Breakfast Club and After School Club

Ghyllside has a very popular breakfast club and after school club. The breakfast club opens at 8am and after school club is available until 6pm. Both of these are held in the school nursery and are very popular.

Booking is available on the Ghyllside website.

You will need to register first before you can book.

Spare clothes

Your child will need a set of spare clothes in a draw string bag (no rucksacks please) to stay on their peg. It should include

trousers/leggings

t-shirt

Jumper

Socks

Underwear

BAG AND SPARE CLOTHES MUST BE LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME!

PE Kit

We do PE every Monday. Please make sure you child comes to school with their PE kit on (from Monday 15th September). We will stay in our PE kit the whole day.

Your child will need

Trainers

Black shorts/joggers

Light blue t-shirt

Navy blue hoodie/zip up

Please make sure ALL PE kit is named as well

Outdoors

We will be going outside in most weathers. Please make sure your child comes to school with the appropriate coat if it is cold and wet. We provide wellies for the children to use at school when it is wet.

In the summer please make sure your child comes to school with a named sun hat and sun cream on in the morning.

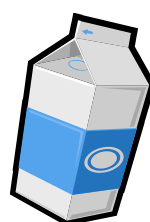
We use an Asda brand sun cream spray at school, any problems with this just let us know.



Milk, Fruit & Water

Free Milk and Fruit is provided daily for your child. No snack needed! Your child will need to bring a **named** drinks bottle into school everyday. We encourage the children to drink plenty of water during the school day. Water bottles should be taken home every night.

We ask that children only bring water to school. If you don't want your child to have milk please let a member of staff know. See a member of the Reception Team if your child has special dietary requirements.



We value our partnership with you!

Please do come and talk to us about any issues or concerns you have throughout the year either before or after school. We are happy to make appointments if you are working.

We are always uploading observations to Tapestry (please see Tapestry letter). Download the app to keep up to date with what your child has been doing at school. We also need your input on Tapestry so please do tell us about the activities and any mile stones that happen at home, children thrive on the opportunity to share their experience at home with the rest of their class!

What you can do to help.

Lots of parents ask what they can be doing over the summer to help prepare their child for school, we have included some ideas to help your child, these are just ideas and every child is different and may need extra time with some of these activities.

Help children to recognise their own name.

Practice putting on and doing up their own coat.

Practice going to the toilet independently (we are here to help so don't worry!)

Encourage children to follow simple instructions.

Enjoy a range of books together.

Practice putting their own shoes and socks on independently.

Practice opening and closing their own water bottles independently.

Attempt to use scissors correctly.

Practice lots of counting to a range of numbers.

Have lots of conversations about colours and shapes.

Talk about when their birthday is.

Enjoy listening and joining in with nursery rhymes.

Talk about asking for help and who they could ask at school.

Encourage children to explore a range of mark making resources, pen, pencil, chalk etc.

Play games with trying some new food over the summer holidays.

Water some plants in the garden together.

Encourage children to tidy up toys at home when they have finished playing with them.

Put some wellies on and jump in some muddy puddles together.

Encourage your child to use a knife and fork when eating.

Talk about how we keep our teeth healthy and encourage your child to brush their teeth twice a day.

THE FOUNDATION CURRICULUM

The curriculum in Ghyllside Reception Class continues from Nursery provision and as a staff, we believe that the curriculum should help to raise and develop children's self esteem and self-awareness. Most of the curriculum is based on the children's own experiences, encompassing the child's family, the school and local community.

The Curriculum's Key Areas of Learning and Development are:

Prime Areas:

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Physical Development

Communication and Language

Specific Areas:

Literacy

Mathematics

Understanding the World

Expressive Arts and Design

EACH OF THESE SEVEN AREAS OF LEARNING ARE COVERED DAILY THROUGH ENHANCED AND CONTINUOUS PROVISION .

Continuous Provision is available at all times in the classroom. This includes sand, water, role play, bricks, small world, writing, computers, art, dough, technology, listening and maths. We think of the outside as another vital space in which the children can explore and learn.

Enhanced Provision provides additional opportunities to widen children's experiences and knowledge. These are planned for through topics as seen in the table below and may include, for example, small world focus (i.e. Woodland Animals), trips into the wider community and people visiting. We will send home letters informing you of what we are learning and how you can help your child.

Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2	Spring Term 1	Spring Term 2	Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
~Starting School ~All About Me	~ Autumn ~ Celebrations ~ Christmas	~ Space	~ People Who Help Us ~Easter	~ Living, Growth and Change	~Keeping Healthy ~ Around the world ~Transition to year 1.