



WELCOME TO FOUNDATION

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WELCOME!



A very warm welcome to all the new starters and their grown-ups joining us in Foundation in September. We are very excited to meet you all!

This pack is all about Foundation at Murdishaw West and we hope you find it useful in answering any questions you have.

If you have anything you would like to discuss further please contact the school, no matter how small your concern may be.

If you have any concerns about your child starting in September, please address this with the teaching staff by making an appointment via our office.

START DAYS AND TIMES FOR SEPTEMBER



Your child will be starting school for their first session on:

- Tuesday 5th September **8.50am to 11.30pm** (children start school for a short session only.)
- Wednesday 6th September **8.50am to 1.30pm** (children are staying for lunch).
- Thursday 7th September onwards **8.50am to 3.20pm** (children stay all day).
- From Thursday 7th September, your child will attend school full time. Our school hours are 8.50am until 3.20pm.
- Drop off and collection is at our Foundation classroom door.

WELLBEING



- Your child will be welcomed into the setting by three very nurturing professionals. Our mission is to ensure that the emotional and social areas of development are a focus and that your children can feel at home in our setting.

We will promote this through the following:

- Free access to interesting and challenging play materials and spaces indoors and outdoors, in the setting and in the community.
- Many opportunities for free-flow imaginative play outdoors.
- Families, whatever form they take, are supported and valued.
- Children have a strong sense of belonging to their setting and local community, where they are listened to, acknowledged and affirmed and their contribution is sought and valued.
- Support with our learning activities whatever the ability of the child, creating a fun and inclusive learning environment.

TEACHING STAFF

MRS HIGGINS



My name is Mrs Higgins and I am the Foundation teacher and lead and this is my fourth year here, but I have done early year's teaching for all of my career! I have three children of my own, Cameron, Annie & Maddie. We love the outdoors, especially going to the beach!

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MRS CULSHAW



Hi, I'm Mrs Culshaw and I have three children, Cora, Keir and Agnes. I have been a primary school teacher for 12 years and have worked across the age ranges but working with early year's is my passion! I will be teaching every Monday & Tuesday and look forward to meeting you all!

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MISS FREEMAN



Hi, my name is Miss Freeman and I have been the EYFS teaching assistant for many years and am very well experienced with the year group and part of the Murdishaw West family! I can't wait to meet your children in September. I am excited to get to know you all as I have done over the years!

PARENTS AND CARERS



Staff work in partnership with you so that your child will have the best school experience possible. We keep a record for your child in school to celebrate their achievements in Foundation. We use observational evidence and also share things via various apps.

You will receive updates regularly via our social media, Facebook, Instagram and twitter, email, our whole school app, Seesaw and our EYFS assessment app that we use to observe the children in school. You will receive email updates about your children and you can send us things from home too!

Any 'wow' moments are welcome and we love to share every achievement, big or small.

We will hold regular enjoy and explore sessions at different times of year where you can join us for fun activities with your child.

OUR SCHOOL DAY...



Our doors open at 08.50am and your child will be welcomed on the door by one of the Foundation teaching staff.

We will help the children find their pegs and put their things away.

During the first part of the morning, your child will take part in phonics sessions and will also be able to lead their own learning in our provision.

We will also have snack around 10am where we provide fruit, cereal or you can add money to pay for toast.

The children will continue with a maths session and then go for their lunch at 11.50am.

At 1pm the children will return and we will have various learning sessions about a range of topics, literacy and again, lead their own learning in the provision.

We call it 'leading our learning' to coincide with our school values of 'collaborate, achieve, respect and enjoyment.' During our provision activities the children are expected to complete challenges independently that will help their learning to grow and for them to achieve while enjoying our amazing resources and classroom.

The school day finishes at 3.20pm where the children can be collected from our Foundation door.

THE EARLY YEAR'S FOUNDATION STAGE (EYFS)



Activities in Foundation are carefully planned and organised in order to provide a range of learning experiences. Individual records are kept on an app by staff to record the activities your child participates in and undertakes, as well as their progress in specific skills.

Planning for each term and week is carried out using a topic-based approach, following the children's interests and responding to specific events.

There are 7 Areas of Learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), which activities are planned around:

- **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**
- **Physical Development**
- **Communication and Language**
- **Literacy**
- **Maths**
- **Understanding the World**
- **Expressive Arts and Design**

Throughout the EYFS, children will be working towards the Early Learning Goals. These describe the level of attainment expected at the end of your child's Reception year in school.

THE IMPORTANT BITS TO REMEMBER...



- **Homework** Children will be set homework through our Seesaw app We encourage you to share photos on Seesaw these are shared and celebrated in class.
- **Reading**– We send a reading record home and ask that you write a comment or sign each time you read with your child. Please bring your child’s book bag to school every day.
- **Children’s names** must be put inside all their items– this includes, clothes, shoes, t shirts, PE kits, coats EVERYTHING!
- **Spare clothes** if possible please can you send some spare underwear, and socks/tights in a bag for your child to keep on their peg in case they need to get changed.

Every child in the class will be provided with a Murdishaw West CP book bag this year for free!

SPECIAL BOOKS AND BOXES...



- Next week your child's special books and boxes will be in their very own school book bag for you to collect!
- Your special box can be decorated with your child's name added to it, be as creative as you like! Over the year we will use this box for special activities but for now we would like your child to collect objects from their summer holiday activities.
- In their special book we would like you to fill it with lots of photos of them, you, your family, holiday adventures, days out and anything you do that is special to your child!