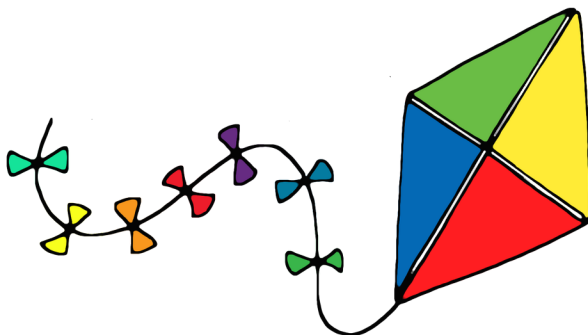


Ysgol Gynradd Rhydypenau



Reception Class Information for new parents 2022 - 2023



General Information

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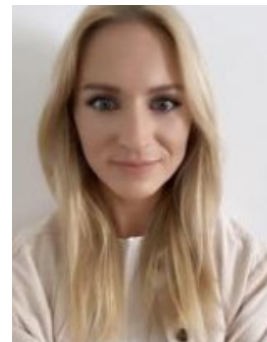
The Team



Miss Eveleigh



Mrs Joll



Mrs Williams



Mrs Lynch



Mrs Blake



Mrs Page

The school day

Morning: 8:55am - 12:00pm

Afternoon: 1:00pm - 3.30pm

Your child will be welcomed at the door by a member of the Reception team. They will then be guided to take off and hang up their coat and bag (if needed). We ask that parents remain in the playground whilst staff encourage the children to independently organise their belongings.

Uniform

All items of the uniform are available from YC Sports, Crwys Road, Cardiff.

The uniform is as follows:

- navy trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore dress
- jade polo shirt with school logo
- navy sweatshirt/cardigan/fleece with school logo
- black shoes
- sky blue summer dress



PLEASE LABEL ALL UNIFORM WITH YOUR CHILD'S FIRST AND LAST NAME.

Physical Activities

Children will have a physical session each week and are required to wear:

- black shorts/joggers, white T-shirt and trainers



This is to be worn to school on the allocated day, to be confirmed in

Independence

The reception day is a fun filled and active day. As part of your child's transition into reception it is important they build on their independence. Over the summer, please help your child learn to:

- take their clothes off and put them on e.g. coats, jumpers/cardigans, shoes (velcro until your child is able to tie laces) and socks.
- open any packets they bring to school e.g yoghurts.
- use a knife and fork.

Snack and Lunch

Rhydypenau is a healthy eating school and we will provide the children with a drink (milk or water) and a healthy snack each day. The cost is £1.50 per week, which will also cover incidental items such as ingredients for cooking. This can be paid weekly or half termly via ParentPay.

All reception aged children will be offered a free school meal from September 2022. A choice of hot and cold dishes will be available to order via Parentpay before 8am each morning. Alternatively, children are able to bring a packed lunch.

Lunch boxes

We encourage families to ensure that lunch boxes are healthy and do not contain sweets. Please ensure your child is able to open any packaging they bring e.g. yoghurts and dried fruit.

We are a nut free school so please can you ensure that these are not included in lunch boxes and products containing nuts e.g. Peanut Butter and Nutella.

Allergies and Dietary Requirements

Please inform us of any allergies or dietary requirements that your child has. As well as food, this may include sun cream, face paints or plasters. If your child cannot eat meat/dairy products please can you also let us know.

Water bottles

Children are encouraged to drink water throughout the day. Please provide your child with a refillable water bottle with their name clearly labelled. If you would like your child to have an alternative drink to water they are able to bring this in a lunch bag and take it to lunch.



Birthdays and treats

As we are a healthy eating school we would respectfully ask you not to bring sweets or cake in for your child's birthday.

The Reception Classroom

The reception classroom incorporates two indoor rooms and an outdoor area. It is divided into discreet zones that promote the development of a range of knowledge, skills and experiences. This is called 'continuous provision'.

Throughout the year the children engage in contexts for learning which enables us to change/enhance some of the areas, providing the children with exciting new experiences.

Contexts For Learning		
Autumn	Spring	Summer
Getting To Know You!	Paws, Claws and Whiskers	Down On The Farm

The school day

During the day we split into groups for Phonics (letters sounds and blends) and Maths. We have activities planned which involve the development of early skills. These activities will be differentiated according to the needs of the children. Focussed activities that incorporate all of the areas of learning will also run through the week as well as individual/group teaching of reading and writing.

Book bags

During the year the children will be introduced more formally to reading. This will be decided by the class teacher based on the development of early literacy skills. It is not unusual for children not to have a book bag until later in the year. You will be informed about which day the book will come home and when it needs to be returned. Once a week, the children will also bring home a story book of their choice. This is to be returned a week later and then another book can be chosen.

Toilets

Please can you establish toilet routines through the holidays and encourage children to be independent. Children will be expected to use the toilets independently, although initially we will remind and help them. Please be assured that we have a range of clothes should accidents happen.

Curriculum for Wales

All our children and young people will be supported to develop as:

- ambitious, capable learners, ready to learn throughout their lives.
- healthy, confident individuals, ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society.
- enterprising, creative contributors, ready to play a full part in life and work.
- ethical, informed citizens, ready to be citizens of Wales and the world.

The curriculum is broken down into six areas of learning experience.

Expressive Arts

Health and Well-being

Humanities

Languages, Literacy and Communication

Mathematics and Numeracy

Science and Technology

Teachers work together to plan an appropriate curriculum that takes account of children's developmental needs and the skills that they will need to become confident, independent learners.

The Foundation Phase places great emphasis on children learning through an activity led curriculum. We believe that young children should be given regular opportunities to gain first hand experiences through active involvement in play-led activities.

If you have any additional information, questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the office. They will then contact the relevant member of staff.