

# Welcome to Thorpe Hesley Primary School

## Class 3

We are part of a multi- academy trust - NCLT or New Collaborative Learning Trust, made up of:

- 3 colleges
- 3 secondaries
- 3 primaries



# Welcome

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Welcome to our induction to school information.

We have an open door policy so please get in touch if you think of anything you need an answer to.

Thank you for choosing Thorpe Hesley Primary School.

## Our Team

Headteacher Mrs Sarah Hewitt

EYFS Lead Mrs Sarah Cullumbine

Office Admin Mrs Durham

## Our EYFS

Class 1 The Nest – 2 year old provision

Class 1 Nursery – 3-4 year olds

Classes 2,3 and 4 – Reception classes age 4-5



# Welcome Information:

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You should receive forms to complete before starting school. Forms include:

General information

Safeguarding

Health

Paying for visits / visitors

Special Educational Needs

This information needs to be returned as soon as possible.

# The School Day

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Phonics	<b>School times - Classes 2, 3 and 4 - Reception</b> 8.45 – 3.20
Guided Reading	Children to enter by their class door in a morning and to be collected from that door.
Wellbeing Walk	Children will only be released to people on the safeguarding list and staff will check.
Literacy based activities	Children need to bring their book bag daily.
Outdoors/ Continuous provision	They can bring a named water bottle containing water.
Dinner	Milk and fruit is offered daily.
Maths	Please ensure that children have suitable (labelled) coats and hats depending on the weather.
Outdoors/Continuous provision	
Story	

# Entry and Exit to School

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Children to enter by their class door in a morning and to be collected from that door.

Please wait in the large playground .

When children arrive at school we will be on the door to welcome them in.

Please do not allow your child or any younger siblings to play on outdoor equipment.

Children will only be released to the people names on the safeguarding list. Please speak to the office if you need this to be changed. We cannot release your child to anyone under the age of **14** in any circumstances. If for any reason someone not on the form has to collect your child from school we ask you to let school know as soon as possible and give a password. We can then tell your child the change in collection person and will ask that person for the password.

Please note that parents are not allowed to come down the drive in cars at any time. This includes appointments in the day.

Our surrounding roads can be very busy so please keep your child with you at all times.

If possible try to walk to school or park further away and 'park and stride' to help with congestion and increase your child's health.

# Foundation Stage Curriculum

New EYFS Curriculum 2021 Birth to Five

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**Prime Areas** are fundamental in supporting and development in all other areas.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Communication and Language

Physical Development

Each area of learning is implemented through planned, purposeful play and through a mix of adult-led and child initiated activities.

Play is essential for children's development, building their confidence as they learn to explore, to think about problems and to relate to others.

**Specific Areas** include essential skills and knowledge. They grow out of prime areas and provide important contexts for learning.

Literacy

Mathematics

Understanding the World

Expressive Arts and Design

# Assessments and observations of learning

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## Statutory Reception Baseline Assessment

Children will be assessed against our curriculum during the first few weeks of the term. This is done through play based activities and will help us inform our personalised teaching and learning for your child. We will discuss any concerns with parents.

Observations and assessments will be ongoing throughout the year and these will be done through play observations and when working with an adult.

More formal phonics assessments will be completed every half term.

In the final term of Reception, teachers complete the EYFS profile for each child. The profile provides parents and Year 1 teachers with a picture of a child's knowledge, understanding, abilities and their progress against expected levels.



# Home Learning

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We encourage parents to develop learning at home.

The curriculum newsletter has creative challenges.

Over the year we will send reading books home. These will be changed weekly.

We ask parents to share stories daily with their children.

As your child moves through the phonics program we will be sending a little book home for them to practise their sounds.

We will be sending number packs and games to do.

Children will have a reading record where we ask parents to record any home reading. We ask this is done 3 times (if not more) a week. This is the child reading their levelled book or e-book.

Your child will have a reading spine book which will be changed every fortnight. We also have a school library that runs every Tuesday and Thursday after school.

# School Lunches

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All Reception & KS1 children are entitled to free lunches (universal Free School Meal) since September 2014

Choices –

1. Hot choice 1
2. Hot choice 2
3. Jacket Potato
4. Chilled choice
5. Complete form for the start of week online – remember to include your child in the choice! Remind your child of their choice every morning.

We are a healthy school so if your child is bringing lunch from home we ask that there are no bars of chocolate or sweets and that any crisps are low fat / baked.

Please **DO NOT** send any nuts or nut based food into school as we have children with allergies.

There is no time limit on children eating and staff will support their needs.

Please send your child with a labelled water bottle which can be refilled during the day. They will also have milk daily until the age of 5.

School must know of any allergies or dietary requirements before starting school as we will need to make an appointment with the school meals provider to ensure that this is catered for.

Children will have lunch in the main dining hall and then join the KS1 children in the large playground. Please encourage them to practise using a knife and fork at home.

You fill your dinner choices through the Arbor app.

# Uniform

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Red sweatshirt

White or red polo style shirt or blouse, with a collar

Black or grey school trousers or skirts

Shoes must be plain black and not trainers

Named wellies to be left in school

Please do **not** buy expensive clothes for school wear.

No nail varnish or fashion items. Watches can be worn from Year One onwards.

Please label all items clearly with your child's name

You can leave a drawstring bag with a change of clothes in school if needed.

P.E. kits will be needed from Autumn 2

Children need to be in uniform daily.

Children require a coat in school everyday. We go out in all weathers.

Children need to learn to dress and undress independently as they will need a P.E. kit after Autumn half term.

Children need to bring their book bag daily with their books and reading records.

No jewellery is allowed apart from a small pair of stud earrings. These must be removed or taped (please send this) for P.E.

We have lost property boxes in the classroom.

# Toileting

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We are available to help with toilet accidents but would like children to be able to independently use the toilet unless you notify us of any specific needs.

We will support your child with whatever part of their toileting journey they are at.

If your child is in nappies we will go through the changing routine with you.

Nappies and wipes must be provided for your child.

You can leave a change of clothes in school for children further along their journey.

If you have any clothes from school please launder and return as soon as you can.

We can offer toileting support if you need it so please speak to a member of staff.

# Behaviour

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We have a positive behaviour policy

We have high expectations of good behaviour throughout school

Good behaviour is a feature of our school and we are often complimented on the behaviour of our pupils both in and out of school

Children receive class points, golden tickets and Golden Time for good behaviour and work.

## Golden Rules

1. We are helpful and act kindly

2. We always tell the truth

3. We do not hurt each other

4. We work hard every day

5. We care for, and look after, the school and our environment

6. We listen well and don't interrupt

7. We are polite and well mannered

# Attendance and Punctuality

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Regular attendance is vital to good progress and attainment

Notify school daily of any absence – we operate first call system and work closely with the LA for persistent poor attendance.

If you have any appointments during the school day you must fill an absence form in from the office.

Holidays during term time are not authorised. A leave of absence form must be completed.

Our attendance policy can be found on the website.

Children are learning as soon as they come through the door.

The Reception day begins at 8.45. The register closes at 9 so any children arriving after 8.55 will need to report to the main office to give a reason and collect their mark.

# Information

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Phone number: 01142570153

School website: <https://www.thorpehesleyprimary.rotherham.sch.uk/> - Please check out our class pages.

X: @thorpehesleypri – we use this to celebrate work in school.

Class email [THP-Class3@nclt.co.uk](mailto:THP-Class3@nclt.co.uk)

Please use the class email to share home learning and achievements that your child has made.

- We will check these every week so please do not send urgent questions, please contact the office for these.
- We hope that this will encourage children to talk to us about their home life and the things that they enjoy.

Newsletter – we send a weekly newsletter for the whole school via Arbor. This can also be viewed on the website.

Breakfast Club and After School Club – we offer wrap around care from 8am until 5:45pm.

# Arbor

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Arbor –this is the app that we use to send you information and you use this to order school dinners and make payments.

We need your email to set this up.

This is your link to school and we send newsletters, information about the class, order dinners through this app

If you need help setting it up then please get in touch.



# Stay and Learn

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We will be running stay and learn sessions throughout the year to inform parents of our curriculum and help them support their child.

If you need any specific support with any areas of learning then please get in touch.

All of our stay and learns and workshop power points are available on our school website.

<https://www.thorpehesleyprimary.rotherham.sch.uk/>

# Other Information

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It is vital that we know if your child has any specific medical or other needs before starting school. That way we can put everything in place before their arrival.

We know starting school can be very daunting for both children and their families. Hopefully we will be able to make this a positive experience but please contact school if you have any concerns about starting.

We focus our curriculum heavily in interaction and speaking so please encourage your child to talk in their play before starting school. For Health and Safety reasons, we do not allow dummies into the classroom so please use the summer to wean them off.

We would like you to encourage independence before starting school. They will be expected to put their own coat on and hang it up and put their bookbag away in their drawer.

If you need to attend a medical appointment then you need to notify the office.

We can administer medicines that have been prescribed **3** times daily. A medicine form **MUST** be filled in for us to do this. Inhalers must be left in school.

Please inform us of your child's emergency contacts plus anyone who will be collecting them from school. If they are not on the form we will not be able to release your child to them.

If for any reason someone not on the form has to collect your child from school we ask you to let school know as soon as possible and give a password. We can then tell your child the change in collection person and will ask that person for the password.

We cannot release your child to anyone under the age of **14**. In any circumstances.

# Friends and Relatives Team

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We hold fundraising events over the year to help with school funds.

These funds are spent on areas that need replenishing or new initiatives.

We have an active Friends and Relatives Team who host these events.

If this is something you feel you would like to get involved in then please speak to the office for more information.

## Points to note

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Here are some important things to remember:

- Fill safeguarding and medical forms in.
- Please label all clothing.
- Children need to bring a named plastic water bottle and book bag daily.
- Enjoy your summer.