



Carr Head Primary School

Information for Parents and Carers

Please note: currently this information may be subject to change due to COVID19

The School Day

We value regular and punctual attendance for good progress at school. Punctuality is an important lesson for children to be taught. Parents and carers play an important role in this and we ask that you ensure your child is at school on time in the morning.

Currently, due to COVID restrictions, school is operating a staggered start to ensure different year groups don't mix.

Oak Reception class school gates open at 08:45 and close at 08:55

Oak Reception finish at 15:20.

These times may eventually change when COVID restrictions are lifted, but we will keep you fully informed if/when the time comes.

We ask that children are picked up promptly at the end of their school day.

If someone unfamiliar to school is collecting your child, it is your responsibility to email the office on helen.thornley@carrhead.lancs.sch.uk before lunchtime, so we can inform the teacher

Your child's day is packed with a wide range of adult led and child-initiated activities. Your child will do a lot of their learning through structured play. This will be outdoors as well as indoors. Adults will set challenges as they observe and talk with your child. Talking, singing, stories and rhymes play a large part in early schoolwork. This may also involve counting, drama and movement.

Every half term we will update our website explaining what your child will be learning.

There will be a chance to meet with your child's teacher each term. (maybe via video chat or by phone). However, if you need to discuss anything in the meantime, the teacher will usually be available before or after school. We ask that this is by arrangement only please.

The teacher for our Oak Reception class is Miss Murphy. Other adults working in the setting are Mrs Howarth, Mrs Houlton and Mrs Spencer.

Preparing for school and building independence

In preparation for starting school, we would like your child to be able to:

- Play and share with other children agreeably
- Tidy away things they have been using
- Use the toilet efficiently and manage their own basic hygiene (i.e. wipe own bottom)
- Wash and dry hands after using the toilet
- Fasten their own coat and shoes etc.
- Dress/undress efficiently and as independently as possible
- Use a knife and fork at lunchtime
- Say the alphabet
- Retell traditional stories (e.g. 3 Little Pigs)
- Recite nursery rhymes
- Count to at least 10 forwards and backwards
- Listen to stories attentively

Listening Activities

It is an important part of a child's learning to be able to listen. Below is a list of activities which are designed to help children listen attentively, broaden their vocabulary, and discriminate sounds in speech. This is also important for early reading and writing. Good listeners keep quiet and have eyes and ears ready.

To develop these skills, we encourage the following activities:

- Go for a walk and listen to all the sounds;
- Discover different sounds when tapping various objects, e.g. wooden doors, a metal slide or upturned pots;
- Play sound lotto games (guessing the sound and matching the sound to the picture);
- Set up a farm, describe the animal and then ask the child to make the noise the animal makes;
- Story sounds - as you read stories, encourage the children to make the appropriate sound, e.g. giant footsteps or a fairy fluttering;
- Sing songs and action rhymes;
- Say rhymes in different ways (slowly, quickly, quietly, loudly);
- Read rhyming stories to your child;
- Match pictures of objects with things that rhyme;
- Name animals/objects with same initial letter, i.e. lion, leopard, lobster;

Absenteeism

If your child is absent from school, please inform the office **before 09:00** on the morning of their first day of absence. This can be done by completing the absence form on ParentApps, or by leaving an answerphone message (tel: 883558, Option 1)

Allergies

If your child has, or develops, an allergy it is very important that school are aware. If your child requires medication for their allergy, we will need this to be kept in school, at all times. Please order/buy spare medication now, so you have it in time for your child starting school.

If your child has an Epi-pen, please contact school direct so we can discuss this further.

Asthma

If your child has asthma, we will need a named inhaler and spacer (if required) to be left in school at all times. Please order spares now so you have them in time for your child starting school. We will also need instructions from the doctor about dosage. This will either be on the named label on the inhaler box, or on your child's asthma plan. If your child does not already have a plan, please contact school or download one from the school's website. Bring the completed form into school and we will keep a copy to help support your child in school.

Attendance

100% attendance is expected unless there are exceptional circumstances, such as illness.

Meals

All children in KS1 infants are entitled to a Universal Free School Meal (UFSM) as part of a government initiative. If you are in receipt of benefits or on a low income please contact school, as you may also be entitled to additional benefits such as free milk etc.

All food is cooked on site. Please see the school website for a link to LCC dinner menus. Carr Head is a 'Fresher Plus' school.

Medication

If your child requires medication in school, it must be prescribed by a doctor and a form completed on ParentApps

Milk

Milk is provided by a private company and delivered to school. It is free to children under the age of 5, and for those entitled to Free School Meals (income/benefit dependant). If you wish your child to have milk, please register **now** with Coolmilk at <https://www.coolmilk.com/parents/>

ParentApps

This is an App we use to communicate with you either via text, email or a push notification. You will be sent an invite to join the app shortly. The invite is sent to one contact, but additional users can be added.

All communication is online. Please check your emails/notifications daily.

ParentPay

The only method of payments to school is via our cashless ParentPay system; letters to activate your account will be distributed in September.

Out Of School Care (OOSC)

We operate our own before and after school club called CHUKS. You will be able to book places via ParentPay once you have activated your account.

Reading

When your child starts school, they will receive a book without words. These books are designed so that the child can tell the story using the pictures. They can talk about the expressions on characters' faces and predict what might happen next.

Tapestry

Tapestry is educational software that is only used in Oak Reception class. It is used to record your child's learning journey and enables you to closely follow your child's individual progress. It is securely accessed via a website or an App. Miss Murphy will provide further details soon.

School Uniform

Infants (KS1) have a slightly different uniform to the juniors (KS2). You can find our full school uniform policy on the school website (under 'Key Information', 'Policies')

PE kits are worn to school on the day(s) your child has PE.

Skirts/kilts and pinafores should be long enough to enable the wearer to sit cross-legged without embarrassment

Items marked with an * are available from our uniform suppliers.

Please note all uniform is gender neutral. Choose one of the two options for your child:

Key Stage 1 – Oak, Y1 and Y2

Option 1:

- School pleated pinafore dress* (maroon tartan)
- Open necked, short sleeved white **blouse**
- V necked maroon school **cardigan*** (knitted)
- Knee length grey socks or plain grey tights
- Plain black fully enclosed school shoes (**not** sandals)
- Plain black coat **or** maroon school coat
- Burgundy summer dress and white socks in Summer term only

OR

Option 2:

- Grey trousers or shorts
- White short sleeved **shirt** (tucked in and buttoned up)
- V necked maroon school jumper* (knitted)
- School tie*
- Plain black shoes (**not** trainers)
- Plain grey socks
- Plain black coat **or** maroon school coat

School Bags:

Infant book bag

PE / Sports Kit:

PE kits are worn to school on the day(s) your child has PE.

- White polo shirt with school logo*
- Plain maroon crew neck sweatshirt (NOT hoody)
- Plain black jogging bottoms with elasticated cuff
- Plain white or black trainers (not pumps)
- Plain black or white sports socks
- Plain black shorts/cycling-style shorts or skirt in Summer term only (optional)*

Equipment

Your child needs the following in school every day, all named please:

- School bag with reading book and diary
- Bottle of water (sports cap)
- Coat
- Wellington boots

Uniform Suppliers

Poulton Sports & Trophy Centre Ltd.
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