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# Reception New Starters

## Information for Parents

### September 2022



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(1 Corinthians 16:14)



## Welcome

### Welcome to Giggleswick, Tems Class!

Beginning school is a major event in the life of a four-year-old and it won't be long before your child is starting Reception with us at Giggleswick Primary School, within the Ribblesdale Federation of Schools. The staff are very much looking forward to working with your child, enabling him/her to thrive during their first full time year of school.

There will be lots of new things for you and your child to learn, and we appreciate that you will want to ensure that your child is well-prepared for this important event. We hope that this booklet will provide some useful information that will help your child settle quickly into school.

Should you have any further questions, or wish to discuss anything in further detail, please do let us know via the school office.

Thankyou,

*The Tems Team*

### Important Contact Details



**Giggleswick Primary School Office**

01729 822248



**Giggleswick Primary School Email**

admin@giggleswick-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk



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## Meet the Team

The staffing structure for 2022 - 2023 is as follows:



**Miss Rachel Mounsey** *Reception/KS1 Teacher & Assistant Headteacher*

Hi, I am Miss. Mounsey and I will be one of your Class Teachers (you're so lucky – you have 2 teachers!)

I love all things creative, going on adventures with my family and walking my dog called Pippa!

**Mrs Dee Tulley** *Reception/KS1 Teacher*

Hello, I'm Mrs Tulley – I will be one of your Class Teachers (you're so lucky – you have 2 teachers!)

I enjoy our family curry night on a Friday, when we sit down together and chat about our week. I love making things and being creative.



**Miss Helen Clark**

*Reception/KS1 Teaching Assistant*



**Mrs Paula Clay**

*Reception/KS1 Teaching Assistant*



**Mrs Gwen Finch**

*Reception/KS1 Teaching Assistant*

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## The School Day

**8.45am** – The school day starts at 8.45am. We will support your child to come into the classroom and put their belongings away before choosing an activity. Registration closes at 9.00, so if you arrive after that time you will need to drop your child off at the main school office.

**3.30pm** – The school day will end at 3.30pm. The children will be released from school and any important messages will be passed onto you. This is also a good time of the day should you wish to speak with class teachers for an informal chat. Appointments will need to be made for more complex and confidential issues. Should you require another adult (who is not the main parent or carer) to collect your child, please let the class teacher know in advance.

## Absences and Lateness

It is crucial that your child arrives promptly at the beginning of the school day. Should your child be absent due to illness, please make sure the School Office is informed as soon as possible. Equally, if you are going to be late at either the beginning of the day, or end of the day for collection, please telephone the School Office as soon as you can. The telephone number is as follows. If there are changes to collection arrangements please telephone the school office to let us know as we do require parental permission in order to release children.

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## Preparing your Child for School

In order to prepare your child for starting school it would be really helpful if they could develop the following skills:

- Use the toilet independently and ask to go there in a recognisable way
- Recognise his or her own name (first name)
- Dress and undress him/herself independently
- Feed him/herself independently using cutlery
- Share toys and equipment
- Listen well and follow simple instructions
- Count to 10
- Tidy up after him/herself

## First Day at School

- Arrive at school (**8:45**)
- Handover to class teacher – we will be ready and waiting with lots of exciting ‘Getting to know you’ activities. Your class buddy (Y1 pupil) will be on hand to help.
- Be positive, and talk about school and the changes in a positive way, especially in the weeks and days before September.
- 3.30 Collect your child from the main playground – we will come out of the green gate, the older children come out of the main entrance.

## Lunchtimes

Here at Giggleswick Primary, we have our own kitchen, where fresh, healthy lunches are prepared daily. Each child in Reception is entitled to a free school meal every day, under the Government’s Universal Free School Meals Scheme. The children have a special assembly each week where Mrs. Richardson (our AMAZING school cook) lets the children choose the menu for the week! Sausages, Go Faster Pasta, Roast Dinner and Wraps are always very popular! Mrs. Richardson and her team are very dedicated to ensuring that each child has a full tummy and a positive dining experience. Staff also eat their lunches with the children and once Reception are settled, they will eat with the older children.

Our school meals are extremely popular, but if you wish your child to bring a packed lunch instead, please inform the School Office. If you decide to provide your child with the packed lunch option, please make sure this is healthy, in line with our ‘Healthy Schools’ status. We discourage fizzy drinks, chocolate, crisps and sweets.

**Your child will also have access to fruit and water throughout the day.**

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## Uniform and Clothing

Please ensure that your child comes to school correctly dressed, in the following uniform. Uniform can be ordered through our school office,

- White, navy or blue polo shirt
- Black or navy trousers/skirt/shorts
- Jumper/cardigan (navy or royal blue)
- Black or navy school shoes (no trainers) (Velcro if possible)
- Waterproof, warm coat
- Weather dependent – warm hats/gloves/scarves/sun hat
- PE kit: Plain white polo shirt (long sleeved tops worn underneath are OK, and are encouraged in the winter); navy shorts (leggings underneath are OK); trainers (school shoes are not permitted for PE).
- Wellies (for our wellie walks)
- School book bag

Due to health and safety reasons, no jewellery (including stud earrings) should be worn and all long hair tied back so it is off the face.

**Please make sure all items are clearly labelled with your child's name.**

At the beginning of the school year, please provide your child with a spare set of clothing and make sure this is in school each day. This must include spare underwear and socks, in case of accidents. This can be kept on their peg, we will let you know if we need any extras.

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## Medication

Should your child require medication in school, please complete the relevant paperwork at the School Office or request it to be sent to you by email.

Without your consent and the relevant information, we cannot administer medication. Please note that all medication **must** be prescribed by a doctor or medical professional.

We are not able to administer over the counter medication, including Calpol.

Please let the school office know if your child has any allergies, medical conditions or an inhaler.

## Contact Details

It is crucial that we have up to date contact details for your child, should we need to get in touch with you during the school day.

Please make sure that the School Office is aware of any changes to contact details (including change of address and telephone numbers).

Texts are sent regularly, updating you of important events which are going on in school.

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## The Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum (EYFS)

The period from birth to the end of Reception is known as the EYFS.

It is a crucial part of every child's education, and forms the basis of their later education.

Play, and active learning is at the forefront of the EYFS, and children will be supported in their learning and development through a range of adult led experiences, and by adults who follow the children's interests.

The EYFS Curriculum is split into 7 areas, which are all linked and interconnected:

- **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**
- **Communication and Language**
- **Physical Development**
- Literacy (Reading and Writing)
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

In order to support your child through each of these areas, we get to know your child and the best way in which he/she learns.

Your input as parents and carers is crucial in this process, please engage with any reading, home learning or phonics activities which are sent home.

For more information regarding our homework policy, please visit our Federation website at <https://ribblesdalefed.n-yorks.sch.uk/>

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## Literacy (Reading and Writing)

- Phonics – the teaching of the skills involved in early reading and writing.
- Children in Reception will start to learn about letter sounds, and how these go together to make words, and then sentences.
- An information evening about how we deliver Phonics at Giggleswick Primary will be arranged for the Autumn term.
- Early in the school year, your child will receive a Home School Reading Pack, which will support your child in learning to read. This will go home each night, and must come to school each morning. We have invested in new reading books, please make sure that books are kept in the plastic wallet provided, leaky water bottles and reading books don't mix!
- In the meantime, please support your child by talking with them about everyday events, sharing stories and nursery rhymes, and learning to recognise his/her name. Playing games such as I Spy and rhyming games are also an excellent way of developing your child's early reading skills.

## 'All About Me'

So that we can really get to know your child's current interests, fascinations and what is important to them, we would really appreciate it if you could complete the 'All About Me' booklet and bag with your child. This can be printed, or emailed back to school before your child starts school in September. Please bring your bag with you on your first day at school.

**Until then, we wish you a wonderful and relaxing Summer.**

**Stay safe and have fun; we are very much look forward to working with you in September.**

Thank you,

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