



Welcome to Oak Grange Nursery and Primary School



Our School Values



Our vision is that the children of Oak Grange develop lifelong values that enable them to lead fulfilling lives. That they are **curious** to seek out new experiences and know the wonder of the world. That they know how to build positive and **kind** relationships so that they may thrive. That they have **respect** for themselves, for others, for their community and for the wider world. These values will underpin the ethos of our school. We would promote these values from children and all adults that make up the Oak Grange "family"

Our vision

“Together may we give our children the roots to *grow* and the wings to fly.”



Global Citizens



Oak Grange
Primary School

Right attitudes for life

One of a Kind

Wonder and Awe



Global citizens- We will develop an eco-friendly school from day one and learn how we can look after our local environment of school and community as well as the wider world.



Right attitudes for life - We will develop lifelong learning attitudes , enabling our children to be Resilient, Reciprocal, Resourceful, Reflective and Responsible



One of a kind - We will celebrate each child as an individual and nurture self- worth and a sense of identity.



Wonder and awe - We will embrace enquiring minds, encourage curiosity, promote creativity and develop new knowledge and skills.

Our Learning Attitudes

At Oak Grange we want to inspire lifelong learners. We want to equip our children to lead full and meaningful lives. To have attitudes that will enable them to achieve, to thrive and to contribute positively to those around them and with the wider world.

We believe that the five attitudes we promote enable children not only to learn effectively but to engage in life successfully.

Responsible



Resilient



Resourceful



Reciprocal



Reflective



Who your children might see day to day



Mrs Coleman
Headteacher
Designated Safeguarding
lead



Mrs Lane
Acorn
Nursery Teacher
SENCo



Miss King
Acorns TA



Mrs Bayliss
PPA and SENCo Cover
Teacher



Mr Jones
Deputy Headteacher



Mrs Love
Birch
Class Teacher
Early Years Lead



Mrs Mitchell
Birch Class TA



Mrs Mills
School Business
Manager



Mrs Shelley
Office Manager



Mr Barker
Head Cook

Our Classes



Nursery
Acorn class



Reception
Birch

All of our classes
are named after
trees



Olive
Year 1



Maple
Year 1



Aspen
Year 2

Our Nursery Day

Morning Nursery	Afternoon Nursery	Full Day
9:00am-12:00pm	12:30-3:30pm	9:00am-3:30
Drop off at Nursery external door: 8.50am-9:00am	Drop off at Nursery gate: 12:30pm	Drop off at Nursery external door: 8.50am-9:00am
Collect from main school reception: 12:00pm	Collect from Nursery external door: 3.20pm-3:30pm	Collect from Nursery external door. 3.20pm-3:30pm



Attendance and Lateness



DID YOU KNOW? A two week holiday in term time means that the highest attendance you can achieve is 94.7%



DID YOU KNOW? If you are 15 minutes late each day you will have missed a full 2 weeks of school in one year?

If you are planning a holiday, we advise that you make these in the school holidays. Although your child is not compulsory school age, the parent contract signed by the council notes that parents will ensure good attendance at the setting. Leave of absence must be requested in advance via a form from the school office.

School Uniform

School uniform is not compulsory in Nursery but please be aware that ...

Learning Can Be Messy

Playing outside is so important. I run and jump and get lots of fresh air. Sometimes I might get grass or mud on my clothes.



Using a knife and fork at lunchtime is tricky! Sometimes I get food on my clothes!

I sometimes get pen and paint on my clothes! This is because I am developing creative skills and exploring lots of different ways of making amazing art!



Our mud kitchen is so much fun! I use all my senses, which is so important for my development. It also helps me use my imagination and practise playing with my friends nicely!

Exploring in the water tray is giving me lots of maths and scientific skills! I love pouring, filling and emptying! I usually wear an apron but sometimes my clothes get wet!



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Exploring with playdough and other messy play resources like foam or food, helps me to develop fine motor control and build up muscles and coordination in my hands and fingers. I will need these when I learn to write.



When I get messy, I have been showing curiosity, determination, persistence, imagination and confidence!

School Uniform

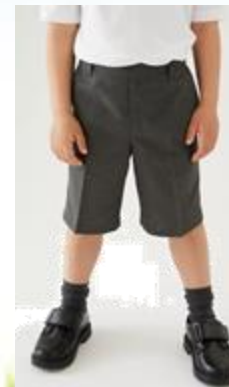
Oak Grange Uniform is as follows: (no requirement for Nursery children)

- navy blue sweatshirt or v neck cardigan.
- navy blue polo shirt.
- grey or black trousers (joggers are fine in Nursery)
- grey pinafore or skirt (leggings are fine in Nursery too)
- white/black socks or black/navy/grey tights
- black, flat shoes.



Summer Uniform

- navy blue and white checked dresses
- grey shorts
- Shoes with closed toes, no open toe sandals



What else will my child need?

Here is what your child will need:

- a waterproof coat with a hood
- a pair of wellies to leave at school
- a backpack with named, spare clothes in
- a water bottle (preferably one that pours and without a straw as this is better for the development of their mouth, especially if they have speech and language problems)
- If having a packed lunch, a lunch box which is named

As you can imagine things can sometimes be misplaced. To help us return them to their owner, **please name everything** that your child has at school with them. This includes uniform, drinks bottle, coat, wellies, hat, gloves, scarf, hoodies...



Sickness

What do I do if my child is off sick?



- ✓ If your child is absent, please call school and inform us as soon as you can.
- ✓ If you do not call, we will call you to check if your child is safe as a duty of care.
- ✓ If your child's attendance falls below what we would normally expect, we will work in partnership with you to support you to help get your child to school as often as possible.
- ✓ You can inform the teacher via ClassDojo also if you wish but the first port of call is always the school office.

If your child is persistently late (after 9.15am) then it will also be recorded as an unauthorised absence.



Injury and illness

The school has Paediatric first aiders in EYFS. If they have a fall or bump, they will be given first aid and you will either be informed via Dojo, in person at the end of their session, or over the phone if your child sustains a serious injury.

If your child is feeling unwell during the school day they will be monitored by an adult. If we feel they are too ill to remain in school, we will contact you. If they have a case of sickness and diarrhoea, then they will need to be off for 48 hours after their last episode.



It is important that you inform us if your child has any condition that may affect them during their time in school. This will require school to write a medical plan.

Medical / health condition

If your child is on medication or in the future will be receiving medication for anything, you **must** inform the office and the class teacher.

We can only administer prescribed medication at school and only when there is no other way for parents to do so. Antibiotics should be given before school, after school and bedtime.



Lunch and Snack

A free healthy and delicious lunch is available for children in Nursery, with a choice of a meat or vegetarian option.

Please ensure you have informed us if your child has any allergies or dietary needs (including religious dietary needs).

The cost of lunch is £2.85 and will be billed to you via ParentPay. You can choose on the day whether you would like hot lunch or packed lunch and the menus are available on the [website](#).

Oak Grange Primary School is a **NUT FREE** school.



Children in EYFS are all provided with a free piece of fruit each day as a healthy snack.

Please ensure that your child only has **water** in their water bottle. Thank you.

If you want to send your child with a healthy packed lunch, then that is also an option. Children will eat this in the hall with their friends.



PLAY IS CHILDREN'S WORK

WHEN CHILDREN PLAY THEY ...

DEVELOP
COMMUNICATION
SKILLS



LEARN SELF-
REGULATION
SKILLS

DEVELOP
COGNITIVE
SKILLS



LEARN NEW
INFORMATION



LEARN AND
PRACTICE
SOCIAL SKILLS

EXTEND THEIR
THINKING



RESOLVE
CONFLICTS

PROBLEM
SOLVE

CO-OPERATE
WITH OTHERS

LEARN ABOUT
THEMSELVES

EXPLORE ROLES, INTERESTS,
SKILLS, AND RELATIONSHIPS



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How we Learn

Play based curriculum

Attitudes, Skills and
Knowledge (ASK)

Relationships with peers and
staff



Why should I read with my child?

STORIES can teach children about the world around them and help them put names to things



BOOKS are brilliant for development, from emotions and speech to counting... and beyond!



STORIES can spark all kinds of conversations between you and your child



BOOKS can open up new adventures and widen children's horizons

BOOKS can provide sensory experiences – with different textures to explore, bits to pull and sounds to hear



STORIES can introduce children to diversities and help them understand different cultures



And of course, **BOOKS** and **STORIES** can make your child... giggle explore



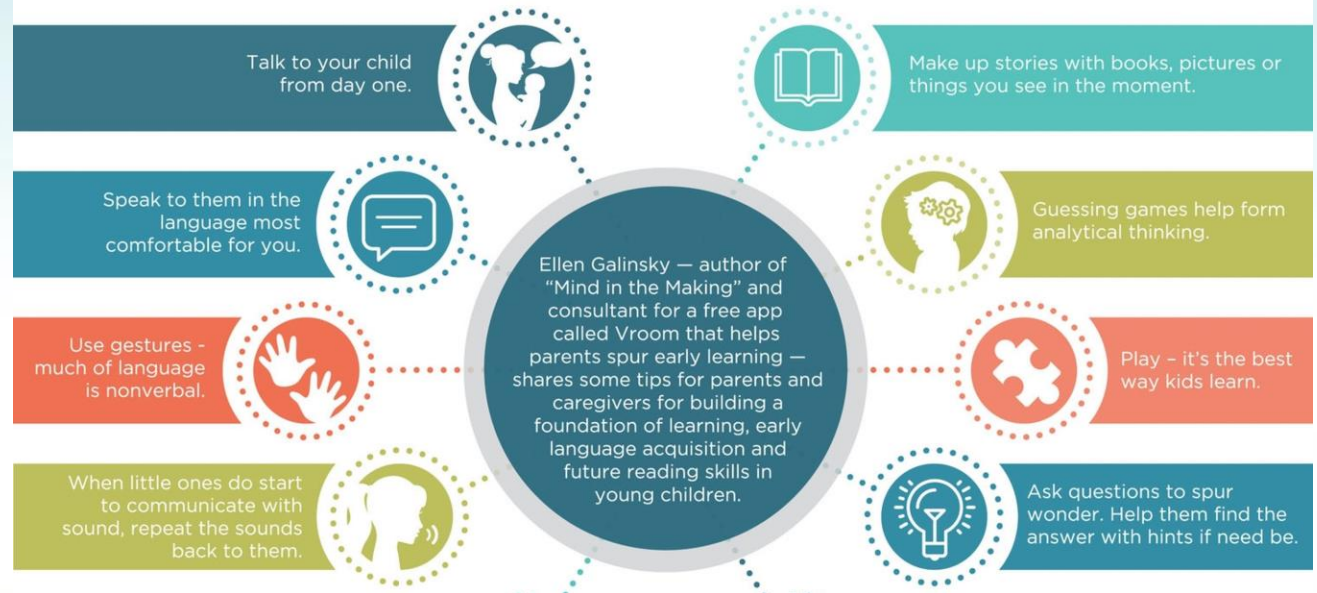
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discover question laugh



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BBC Tiny Happy People

Overcome the 'Word Gap'





Self-Care

How can I support my child being independent in their self-care?

We are keen to work in partnership with our families to encourage our nursery children to be toilet trained ready to start. We understand that this can be a challenging milestone but one that brings great independence when a child can use the toilet by themselves!

Please send in with your child each day a spare pair of NAMED pants, socks/tights, trousers and a top just in case. These are to be kept in your child's bag. Even if your child has been toilet trained for some time, accidents can still happen!

If your child is not toilet trained when they start nursery, please do let a member of staff know so we can support their needs.

Support and guidance can also be found from the NHS website or talking to your Health Visitor. Online support can be found from ERIC who also offer guidance for children with SEND.

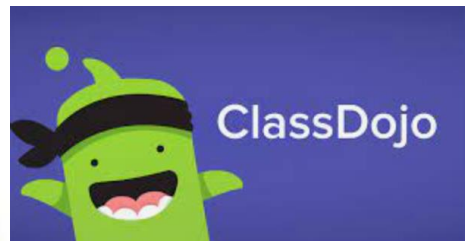
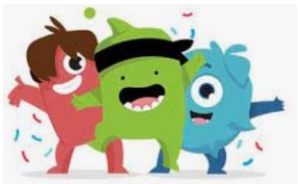


Communication with School

ClassDojo is an online communication platform. At Oak Grange, we will use it in the following way:

- Teacher/parent communication
- Class story- receive photographs about your child's learning or information about class events
- School story- communication and celebrations concerning the whole school.

We will send you login information for ClassDojo when your child starts.



ParentPay is the system we use for any payment items such as lunch, sessions over your entitled hours, trips and PTA fund raisers. Mrs Shelley will send the details out once your child starts.



Arbor is our communication tool for all important communications around whole school information.

Safeguarding

Designated Safeguarding Lead- Mrs Coleman

Deputy Safeguarding Lead – Mrs Lane

Oak Grange is committed to safeguarding all children.

Our Safeguarding and Child Protection policy can be found [here](#).(Website – Key Information, Key Policies and Documents)

If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact Mrs Coleman.





Relationships and Connections



'Visible consistency with visible kindness allows exceptional behaviour to flourish'

At Oak Grange, all children should have a safe and happy place to learn. To do this we aim for all children to always demonstrate impeccable behaviour, both in and out of the classroom. Our aim is for children to manage their own behaviour and to be responsible for their own actions. Because we promote a climate of kindness and, want the best for each and every child, we expect everyone in school to act as role models promoting our core values.



This Way to Start Your School Adventure!

It is natural to have a mixture of emotions as your child starts school. You are entrusting us with your most treasured possession. Know that at Oak Grange we will nurture and care for your child. We are always here to listen to any worries or questions you may have.



Be brave.

Your child will take their lead from you.

If you appear anxious about them starting school, they will pick up on that.

If you are positive and see it as exciting (even if you are a little wobbly inside) then your child will be positive too.

It is okay to feel a little anxious and actually, it is okay if your child feels that way (usually they just want to get "on with it")

So here we go ...

let the
journey
begin

Oak Rangers – Wraparound Care

Wraparound care is provided by our own qualified staff. They are currently based in a classroom until our school numbers increase.



Breakfast Rangers: 7:30am-school start

Afternoon: school close -5:00pm or 6pm

Breakfast Club	7:30am-8:50am	£7:50 (includes breakfast)
Afterschool Club - Half Session	3:30-5pm	£7:50 (includes tea)
Afterschool Club - Full Session	3:30-6pm	£11:50 (includes tea)

To book wraparound provision please contact admin@oakgrange.org in the first instance to ensure that there is space.

There is a registration form in your pack. You must book at least a week in advance. This is a non-refundable cost due to us having to staff in advance.