

**Welcome to
Highfield Primary School**



PURPOSE OF THIS EVENING

**To give you the information you need to
help your child settle into school**

MEET THE STAFF















► ORGANISATION

SCHOOL ORGANISATION

Foundation Stage	4 to 5 year olds
Key Stage 1	5 to 7 year olds
Lower KEY STAGE 2	7 to 9 year olds
Upper KEY STAGE 2	9 to 11 year olds

SCHOOL ORGANISATION

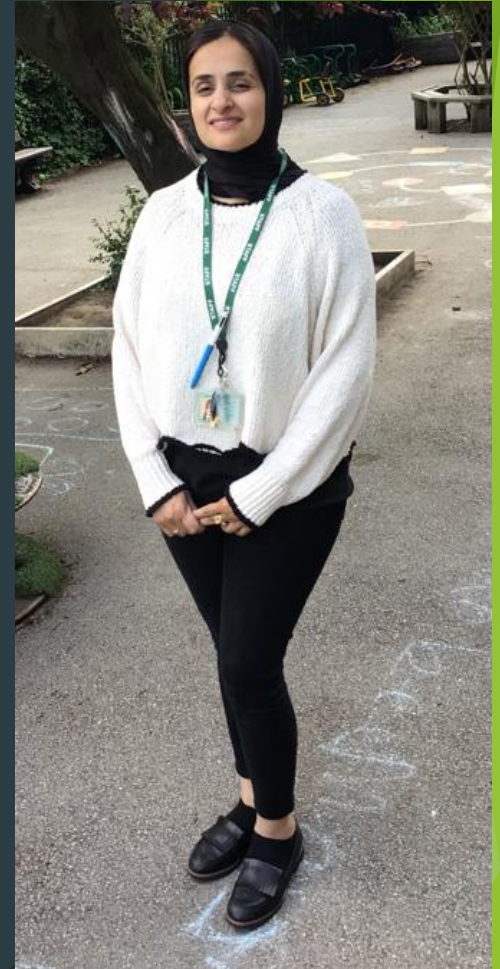
- ▶ Two form entry school
- ▶ 14 classes
- ▶ 423 pupils on role

FOUNDATION STAGE

- ▶ 60 children
- ▶ Two classes
- ▶ The equivalent of 2 full time teachers
- ▶ Teaching assistants to support each class and across the unit.







THE SCHOOL DAY

School starts: 8.55 am

Lunch: Reception 11.40- 12.40

School finishes: 3.30pm

LUNCH TIME







Communication

- ▶ ParentMail
- ▶ The Website: highfield-primary.co.uk, the newsfeed is updated regularly
- ▶ Weeduc - school app
- ▶ Tapestry / Seesaw
- ▶ Headteacher newsletter
- ▶ Curriculum Information events
- ▶ Arrange to see / speak to the class teacher or Headteacher.
- ▶ e-mail head@highfield.leeds.sch.uk
- ▶ Office email - admin@highfield.leeds.sch.uk
- ▶ Open evenings
- ▶ School Functions
- ▶ Social events
- ▶ Application for exceptional absence in term time

The Governing Body

- ▶ Chair of Governors - Oliver Thorne

WRAP AROUND CARE

- ▶ Highfield Wraparound Care
- ▶ Child Minders



PARENT GROUPS

FRIENDS OF HIGHFIELD

Aim:

- ▶ To provide opportunities for parents to be involved in school.
- ▶ To raise money to support school through organising events for both parents and children
- ▶ Support for school events

The Foundation Stage at Highfield Primary School

The Highfield Community

Our main aims of this meeting are to ensure you feel comfortable and more familiar with...

- ▶ Our school
- ▶ Our plans for transitioning your child into school
- ▶ How you can help to prepare your child for starting Highfield







Joseph

Emelia

Holly

Alex

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Al



Watch as we grow



Butterflies

Small World



Can you sort the pictures into fruits and vegetables?

vegetables













Parent mail

- ▶ Application for admission forms
 - ▶ Invite to school lunch
 - ▶ Prospectus
 - ▶ Ideas for supporting your child before they start school
 - ▶ Tapestry form
 - ▶ Book bag / PE bag order information
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- ▶ Paper copy of class teacher / dates

Transition plans for Summer 2025

- ▶ Step 1
- ▶ CONTACT PRE SCHOOL PROVIDER
- ▶ We have contacted your child's pre school provision to have a professional discussion. This has helped us in our organisation of classes.

Transition plans for Summer 2025

- ▶ Step 2
- ▶ STAY AND PLAY VISIT
- ▶ 3.45-4.15 pm session
- ▶ Chance for you and your child to come and visit school, have a play in your child's classrooms / outdoor area, meet their new teacher, ask any questions you still may have.

Transition plans for Summer 2025

- ▶ Step 3
- ▶ COME AND STAY FOR A SCHOOL LUNCH
- ▶ 10th July 2025 at 11.15am

Transition plans for Summer 2025

- ▶ Step 4
- ▶ HIGHFIELD PRIMARY SUMMER FAYRE
- ▶ Saturday 12th July - from 1pm

Transition plans for Summer 2025

- ▶ Step 5
- ▶ TRANSITION VISIT
- ▶ This will be either the 3rd or 4th September.
- ▶ Time for you and your child to explore the environment and meet the staff
- ▶ Time for staff to collect some information about your child
- ▶ Collect your child's PE bag.
- ▶ School uniform to be worn and parents to stay

Transition plans for Summer 2025

- ▶ Step 6
- ▶ START SCHOOL
- ▶ 3 intake days
- ▶ Full days from your child's start date



School uniform



ahyde.co.uk

Rawcliffes - Roundhay Road

PE kits

- ▶ White t-shirts
- ▶ Black shorts
- ▶ Black or grey jogging bottoms / leggings.
- ▶ Highfield hoodie - optional
- ▶ Pumps / trainers with Velcro fastening



Please fully label all
items of school clothing
with your child's name,
especially jumpers /
cardigans

Bookbags and PE bags



- ▶ Will be available through a Parentmail payment and ready in September.

Morning routine

- ▶ Children need to be on the Reception playground just before 8.50am
- ▶ Parent to wait until an adult is there and your child is handed over.
- ▶ Doors will open at 8.50am and children will come in school, ready to start school at 8.55am

Lunch time

- ▶ Lunch will be eaten in the hall.
- ▶ Parents choose meal in advance - at the latest of midnight the night before through Schoolgrid.
- ▶ Schoolgrid - from the day your child starts school.
- ▶ IF you forget to order - can send a packed lunch / will be given a sandwich.
- ▶ The TAs who support in Reception also cover the first half of lunch time too.
- ▶ Children will have approximately 30 minutes to eat their lunch, followed by 30 minutes of outdoor play, supervised by lunchtime staff.



End of day routine

- ▶ Parents of children in RH use the back door - by the walkway
- ▶ Parents of children in RGS use classroom door
- ▶ When we see you we will send your child to you.
- ▶ Please let us know if somebody different is picking your child up.

Daily Routines

- ▶ 8.50 - Hang up coat, book bag and water bottle away, self registration
- ▶ 8.55- Registration and learning time
- ▶ Focused activity / free choice in provision

- ▶ 10.00- Playtime
- ▶ 10.15 - Milk and learning time
- ▶ Focused activity / free choice in provision

- ▶ 11.40 - Lunch time
- ▶ 12.40 - Registration and phonics
- ▶ Focused activity / free choice in provision

- ▶ 2.30 - Playtime
- ▶ 2.45 - Story
- ▶ 3.30 - Hometime

Trips, milk, lunch and snacks

- ▶ Piece of fruit / veg after playtime.
- ▶ Send fruit /veg snack if you wish.
- ▶ Milk - Payable from the term in which the children are 5. www.coolmilk.com
- ▶ All children in FS and KS1 are entitled to a free school lunch.
- ▶ School lunches are ordered through Schoolgrid - parent responsibility to order
- ▶ Trips and visitors - Part of curriculum.

Voluntary contribution, however without the contribution they cannot go ahead.

Medical / Special Educational Needs

- ▶ Very inclusive - will meet any need your child has.
- ▶ Early communication is vital.
- ▶ Mrs Cannon, Mrs Robinson and Mrs Harrison are the lead first aiders in the Early Years
- ▶ All staff are Paediatric First Aid trained

Children who speak more than one language

- ▶ Really helps us to know
- ▶ Work closely with parents
- ▶ Extra support for parents if needed
- ▶ Vocabulary books linked to topics being taught - words and pictures sent home.

Seven Areas of Learning

- ▶ Communication and language
- ▶ Personal, social and emotional development (PSE)
- ▶ Physical Development
- ▶ Literacy
- ▶ Maths
- ▶ Understanding of the world - including RE
- ▶ Expressive arts and design

Free and directed play

All the play activities....

- ▶ Are designed and organised to extend children's skills
- ▶ Develop confidence in the seven areas of learning

Gradually activities involving simple pieces of formal work will be introduced. These are all designed to ...

- ▶ Extend their skills
- ▶ Allow them to gain confidence and independence in their work.
- ▶ Prepare them for later years in school

Learning to read

- ▶ We will start sending reading books home once all the children are in school, as well as starting the teaching of phonics.
- ▶ Bookbags will be sent home on a Wednesday to be returned the following Monday.
- ▶ Curriculum and phonics evening for parents- end of September / beginning of October

Tapestry

- ▶ Use Tapestry to record 'wow moments'
- ▶ Share class photos
- ▶ Great link between home and school
- ▶ Received a ParentMail to provide details to be used. Will receive an email when school has set up your account.
- ▶ Really important that you activate your account.

What can we do to help our child be ready for school?

- ▶ Foster independence - toileting, dressing, fastening coat, putting on / taking off a jumper, eating independently
- ▶ Build communication skills
- ▶ Play - develop social skills, imagination, communication skills
- ▶ Share lots of stories to encourage listening skills and develop vocabulary
- ▶ Practise fine motor skills - lego, use of scissors, threading, drawing, colouring



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... gate to anywhere

Any Questions

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