

Welcome

to the

Family



Our School has many members of staff available to help you and support you.

Mr Banks is our Headteacher



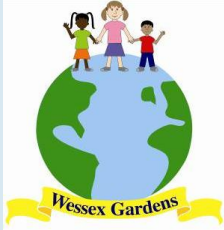
Mrs Sharif is our Acting Deputy headteacher



Layla Albaidhani is our SENCO

Office staff





Anti-bullying school



Our Vision Statement

Wessex Gardens Primary and Nursery School is a place where we grow **kind, confident, resilient and independent lifelong learners** in a **trusting and honest** environment. Here everyone is **welcome and valued**. We are **motivated and supported** to reach our **full potential** as we continue to **aspire to excellence**.



What zone are you in?

Self belief!

Our School Golden Rules:

1. We keep ourselves and others safe.

2. We are kind and fair to everyone.

3. We are honest and truthful.

4. We always try our best.

5. We look after our school.





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Code of
Conduct

ATTENDANCE

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Children are required by law to attend school 190 days per year. The Government states that every pupil's attendance should be at least 95%.

How do YOU measure up?

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 Lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	340 Lessons

89% & Below
Drastic effect on
academic achievement

95%-90%
Cause for
concern

100%-96%
Excellent



What to expect in Reception



Your child's start to Wessex Gardens- Settling in

This will be a gradual process. Even if your child has been in Nursery full time, we find this is the best method, because they are settling into a new environment with new adults.

- We will visit you in your home in September, it's a great opportunity to get you know your child.
- The first group of children will come to school on **Monday 9th September (08:40 11:45.)** Then a group of children will join each day for the rest of the week.



Week 1 - Monday 9th September to Friday 15th September -
Children start at 8:40am and finish at 11:45am.

Week 2 - Monday 16th September to Friday 22nd September -
Children start at 8:40am and finish at 1:30pm (If your child is
ready).

Week 3 - Monday 23rd September - If your child is ready,
they will be full time. They will start at 8:40am and finish at
3:30pm.

Please make sure you
collect your child on
time!

Lunch options

- Every child can have a school meal at lunchtime which is free.
- If your child is having a school meal, please sign up to the online ordering service and choose a meal with your child. You have a letter in your pack to explain the process.
- You can bring a packed lunch for your child, including healthy food such as: sandwiches, pasta, rice, fruit, yoghurt and cheese.
- Please do not bring sweets, chocolate, biscuits, **nuts**, crisps or fizzy drinks.

Please be aware that some children around the school are allergic to nuts!



A quick guide to your child's learning:

Your child will follow the Early Years' Foundation Stage Curriculum.

We have 7 areas of learning and development:



The Prime Areas:

Communication and Language

Physical Development

Personal, Social and Emotional Development



Specific areas:

Literacy

Mathematics

Understanding the World

Expressive Arts and Design



Our routine

- In the mornings, we have a 'soft' start to the day. This means you can bring children to class at 8.40 to help settle them. During this time, the children will have the opportunity to engage in "funky finger" activities. These activities strength their arm and finger muscles for writing. Please try to be here early so they can take full advantage of this!
 - We have a English session at 9am based on a story.
 - After English, the children can access independent learning, with resources and activities provided to stimulate and extend children's learning both inside and outside.
 - During the day, children to participate in activities to support their learning.
- At the end of the morning, we will have another whole class session which will be phonics. Children begin to learn to read and write.

- Lunch is at 11.45.



Our routine continued...

- We have a maths lesson after lunch.
- After maths, the children can access independent learning, with resources and activities provided to stimulate and extend children's learning both inside and outside.
- At the end of the day, we have story time and guided reading time.
- Home time is at **3.30pm**.



Please make sure you collect your child on time. If you are running late, please call the office to let them know.



What we do to meet your child's medical needs

Allergies/Medical Conditions: please inform us if your child has or develops a medical condition.

Illness/Minor Injuries in School: these are recorded and you will be notified of any injuries to the head.

Medication: you must inform us if your child needs any medication. If it needs to be administered in school we will ask you to complete a form.



Swimming

- After the children have settled, we will begin swimming lessons.
- The children will change themselves with the aid of two adults. We encourage you to begin helping the children become confident in dressing themselves.
 - The children will be accompanied in the pool by two experienced swimming instructors.
- They will use floats and swimming aids to support them.
 - Adults from the class will be with them all the time.



Parental involvement

- It is essential that we are all involved in the children's progress this year.
 - Children make significant progress if given good opportunities.
- We will have parents meetings and use Tapestry to share your child's next steps.
- We will also inform you about workshops throughout the year to help you understand and support your child in different aspects of their learning.



Tapestry



We also have an online learning journal - Tapestry. Using this program we make observations about your child's learning and you have access to it. We will get your email addresses to organise your access.

You can also upload your own photos and videos.



Reading

This is one of the most important aspects of your child's learning during Reception.

We will be reading with your child several times every week, both in groups and individually.

We also have a wonderful online reading resource called Bug Club which allows your child to read decodable books on a tablet at home.

We recommend you do at least 10 minutes every day!

The children will take home 2 books every week; one small reading scheme book for them to read to you, and one story book for you to read to them.

Please look after all the books!



Things to bring to school:

- Named book bag.
- Named wellington boots.
- Change of clothes in case of accidents.
- Named water bottle.
- All uniform and coats must have names in them.



How you can help your child's transition:

- Be positive about the new start!
- Help your child be independent in using the toilet.
- Help your child to begin dressing themselves independently. Even if they get it a bit wrong!
- Read a story every day together and talk about the book- characters, setting and events.
- Encourage them to learn how to write their name- this has a big impact on confidence!



Thank you so much for coming.
If you have any questions members of staff will be
around to answer them for you.

We are very excited about working with your family
in September.

