



Knowsley Village Community Primary School
Respect for All

Responsibility, Expectation, Success, Perseverance, Enthusiasm, Care, Teamwork

Dear Parents,

We are delighted that you have chosen Knowsley Village Primary School for your child's next steps in their learning journey. We look forward to meeting you and your child and I am sure they'll quickly settle and flourish in our school. In this letter we will hopefully give you some insight into how we are planning your child's start to school.

Starting school is a milestone for both you and your child. It is a time to be celebrated. Whilst we understand that current measures make this more difficult, we will do everything we can to ensure it stays a positive experience for everyone. We are a very open and welcoming school. We thrive from good relationships with parents and always welcome support and dialogue to help us continue to grow and thrive. We usually hold a welcome and information meeting with parents, unfortunately that cannot happen this year however I am sure the information below will reassure you. Information can also be found on our website to help prepare your child for starting school <http://knowsleyvillageschool.co.uk/classes/nursery/>

Helping your child to settle is a high priority to us at Knowsley Village Primary school, therefore we spend a lot of time during the first few weeks helping the children to become familiar with the Nursery environment, helping them to establish positive relationships with all staff and helping them to start to make friends. I have attached a little booklet for you to complete with your child, this is a good way to introduce your child to the idea of school and will make our first home and school link. Please bring this to school with your child on their first day, this will give us a little insight into your child – their likes, family members, etc. and we can talk to your child about their book.

In Nursery we follow the Foundation Stage Curriculum. This is a play based curriculum where the children will have access to continuous provision areas including, sand, creative play, construction and outdoor learning, etc. This is combined with structured adult led activities to enable your child to develop essential skills. Self-help skills and independence are so important as your child starts school, there are lots of ways you can support your child. Please see the 'Am I ready for school' leaflet for some ideas of how you can support your child to be ready to enjoy school.

If your child is attending Nursery all day could you please ensure they bring a packed lunch with them. This will be reviewed when the children have settled and we will then give you the option of purchasing a hot meal prepared on site. More information will be provided at a later date

We look forward to meeting you and getting to know you and your families, if you have any questions please contact the school office by:

Phone - 0151 289 5349

Email - knowsleyvillage@knowsley.gov.uk

See you on at

Kind regards & keep safe.

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Tips for parents

When your child starts primary school there are a number of skills that they should ideally have mastered. Use this sheet as a guide to help track their progress.

Self-care

- I know when to wash my hands
- I can wipe my nose
- I can ask for help if I don't feel well

Speaking & literacy

- I am interested in reading stories & looking at picture books
- I am able to talk about myself, my needs & feelings
- I am practising recognising my name when it's written down

Getting dressed & undressed on my own

- I can button & unbutton my clothes
- I can put my own shoes & socks on
- I can put my coat on & use a zip

Interest in the world & new activities

- I enjoy learning about the world around me
- I am interested in exploring new activities or environments
- I like asking questions

Eating

- I can use a knife & fork
- I can open my packed lunch on my own
- I am confident at opening wrappers & packaging

Writing skills

- I like tracing patterns & colouring in
- I enjoy experimenting with different shaped scribbles
- I am practising holding a pencil

Going to the toilet

- I can go to the toilet on my own, wipe myself properly & flush
- I can wash & dry my hands without any help

Independence

- I am happy to be away from my mummy, daddy or my main carer
- I am happy to tidy my belongings & look after my things
- I am feeling confident about starting school

Listening & understanding

- I am able to sit still and listen for a short while
- I can follow instructions
- I understand the need to follow rules

Sharing & turn taking

- I can share toys & take turns
- I can play games with others
- I can interact with other children

Counting skills

- I enjoy practising counting objects
- I like saying number rhymes & playing counting games
- I can recognise some numbers when they are written down

Routines

- I have practised putting on my uniform & getting ready to leave on time
- I have a good bedtime routine so I'm not feeling tired for school
- I'm learning to eat at the times I will on school days



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