

Aston Hall J&I School



ASTON HALL
JUNIOR & INFANT SCHOOL

New to school

September 2020

Believe, achieve, succeed

Introduction

We are part of Wickersley Partnership Trust. Our head teacher is Mr Mark Roddison.

At Aston Hall there are approximately 300 children on roll in September 2020

In September, school will consist of eleven classes

- 2 x Foundation Stage 2 classes
- 3 x Key Stage One classes (with a Y1/2 mix)
- 6 x Key Stage Two classes with a Y3/4 and Y5/6 mix

Starting School

Starting school is a big step for all children and their parents. We try to make this time as easy and enjoyable as possible and hope that this booklet will help us to achieve this. Try to be positive about your child starting school, at whatever age they do so. Talk to him or her about the enjoyable and interesting activities in which he/she will be able to take part.

Curriculum

At Aston Hall Junior and Infant School we understand that getting the curriculum right for each and every individual student is the single most important factor in ensuring progress, encouraging positive engagement and raising aspirations.

We want all students to leave able and qualified to play their full part in an ever-changing world through an ambitious, creative and innovative curriculum, which empowers students with the skills, knowledge and attributes to allow them to succeed in their next phase of education and their working life.

We aim to engender a love of learning, self-belief and aspiration through 4 key intentions:

- The removal of barriers
- Developing skills for learning
- Fostering of personal attributes
- Enriching student experiences and broadening their horizons

Foundation Stage Curriculum

The Foundation Stage Curriculum is divided into seven 'Areas of Learning' . You will probably notice that many of the activities provided in the Foundation Stage area are similar to some of those available in a nursery or Early Years Unit, e.g. sand, water, role play areas, construction etc. These activities are available because in school, play continues to be an important and enjoyable way in which children learn.

Having familiar activities to engage in can also make children feel more comfortable and so help them make a smooth transition from nursery to school.

Reading Books

Across all Key Stages at Aston Hall reading activities are planned for and undertaken right from your child's first day at school.

We will encourage children to choose a book from our classroom and share at home. Reading with your child is important to help your child build both their language and vocabulary skills together with their understanding of books.

Once your child is at a level where they can access the words within a book they may start to bring home school reading scheme books to share with you.

Parent / Staff Relationships

We work very hard to try to get things right for all of our children. Most of the time, we succeed, but if there is an occasion when something goes wrong - PLEASE TELL US! We will always listen to your views and do our best to sort things out in a way that is best for all of us, in partnership. In this way, we aim to ensure that your child gets the best education possible. We look forward to a happy and rewarding relationship with you and your child.



At Aston Hall we use a reward and communication system called Dojo. Once we have all of your up to date details we can create our new classroom page and give you access to this. You are able to communicate with us via this app.

Before School

Please stay with your child if they are in Foundation or Key Stage 1. The doors opens at 8.30am every morning for these year groups. We do encourage parents and carers to develop independence when moving into the Juniors. The doors to Junior classes will open at 8:50am.

After School

Please wait for your child outside the entrance to their classroom if you are picking them up. Your child's teacher will send him or her out to you at the end of the day.

In Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1, children are only allowed out if the teacher or teaching assistant can see the person who is known to be picking them up. If, for any reason, there is no one waiting for them, children stay with the teacher until someone arrives. You can help by ensuring that your child knows who is coming to collect them. Please inform your child and your child's teacher if someone different is picking up.

To encourage independence and support their growing responsibility, Junior children are allowed to make their own way out of school, either for you to collect them at the school gate or to walk home. We do recommend that they do this with friends as much as possible however. As with younger children, they can also be collected from the classroom door. If you do want your child to make their own way home or to meet you on the street/immediate area, please come to the school office to complete a 'Permission to Walk Home' slip. This will allow the members of staff on duty at the gate to know who has consent.

School Security

In the interests of safety, the doors leading to all classes and the gates around school playgrounds are locked at 9:15am when all children are inside. If your child arrives late, it is necessary to come in via the main entrance and notify the School Administrator of your child's late arrival. During school hours, the only access to the school is via the front entrance.

Attendance and absence

The school and children work hard to achieve our attendance school target of 97% set by Wickersley Partnership Trust. Each week we celebrate good attendance in our special assembly and students receive certificates throughout the year.

If your child needs to be absent from school for any reason, please write for permission from the Headteacher. This does not apply to term-time holidays where a form must be completed. (These are rarely authorised except in **exceptional circumstances which must be evidenced**) For medical appointments, please call into the office with details and show the appointment letter or text confirmation. For illness or unforeseen absences, please inform us by telephone or verbal message by 9.15am on that day.

School Lunches

We encourage children to have a good school lunch. The meals provided are cooked on the premises and nutrition and variety are high priorities. Our Trust uses Mellors Catering for our lunchtime provision and they are responsible for the quality and service of dinners. They are independent of the school and wider Trust staff. Our school cook invites you to view the meals offered any lunchtime. There are always four choices for the children to choose from.

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Choice	Pepperoni Pizza With homemade Wedgs Seasonal Vegetables	Homemade Cottage Pie Seasonal Vegetables	Roast Chicken & Stuffing Balls Roast Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables	Chicken Curry Rice With Nan Bread Seasonal Vegetables	Fishcake & Chips Garden Peas Garden peas or Beans
Vegetarian choice	Quorn and Vegetable Stir Fry Noodles Seasonal Vegetables	Macaroni Cheese & Crusty Bread Seasonal Vegetables	Quorn Sausage Mashed Potatoes With Gravy Seasonal Vegetables	Cheese and Potato Pie Seasonal Vegetables	Vegetable Burger & Chips Garden Peas or Beans
Jacket Potato	Cheese Baked Beans Tuna Mayonnaise	Cheese Baked Beans Tuna Mayonnaise	Cheese Baked Beans Tuna Mayonnaise	Cheese Baked Beans Tuna Mayonnaise	Cheese Baked Beans Tuna Mayonnaise
Sandwich Grab Bag	Cheese Sandwich Vegetable Crudities And a Cookie	Ham Baguette Piece of Fresh Fruit Flapjack	Turkey Bread Cake Fruit Pot Shortbread	Cheese Sandwich Cheese & Biscuits Melon Bag	Ham Baguette Vegetable Crudities Krispy Bun
Pudding	Fruit Crumble & Custard	Chocolate Sponge Chocolate Sauce	Strawberry Whip	Apple Crumble Custard	Oat Crunch Cookie
Additional Items	Fresh Fruit, Unlimited Salad, Bread, Yoghurts	Fresh Fruit, Unlimited Salad, Bread, Yoghurts	Fresh Fruit, Unlimited Salad, Bread, Yoghurts	Fresh Fruit, Unlimited Salad, Bread, Yoghurts	Fresh Fruit, Unlimited Salad, Bread, Yoghurts



All children in Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to free school meals. If you are on a low income and in receipt of certain benefits, your child will be entitled to additional support as well as free school meals (eg free milk).

Benefit Related Free School Meals – Am I eligible?

If as parents/carers you receive one of the following, you may be able to claim for benefit related Free School Meals and the benefits this brings including free activities:

· *Income support* · *Income Based Jobseekers' Allowance* · *Income-related Employment and Support Allowance* · *Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999* · *The Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit* · *Child Tax Credit, provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit, and have an annual income, of no more than £16,190 (as of 2014 financial year) as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs* · *Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit*
Free School Meals Helpline – 01709 336066.

The Free School Meals Team can assess your claim using an eligibility checker to confirm entitlement. Applications can be made over the phone or by accessing the following link:
<https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/benefits/apply-free-school-meals/1>

****If you already receive this for a sibling you still need apply for each individual child. ****

Self-help skills for young children

Your child will avoid frustration and over-reliance on the teacher if he or she can manage some basic self-help skills before starting school. Encourage your child to be as independent as possible. Important skills include:

- Putting on and fastening own coat
- Putting on and fastening own shoes (please do not send your child in lace up shoes if they are unable to fasten them independently)
- Ability to dress and undress independently (PE)

Self-help skills for older children

Your child will avoid frustration and over-reliance on the teacher if he or she can manage some more advanced self-help skills before starting the juniors. Encourage your child to be as independent as possible. Important skills/knowledge include:

- Knowing who is picking them up (if applicable) and recognising when they need to wait to check.
- Independently choosing to put an outdoor coat or jacket on when the weather is cold or wet.
- Knowing how to clean their hands independently after toileting.

Emergency Contact/ Medical Information

Before your child starts school, you will be given a confidential form to complete. It is essential that you fill in this form and return it to school prior to the summer holidays. It is particularly important that you provide us with at least one emergency contact number. If your child is ill, or has an accident at school, we will need to get in touch with you or a named contact without delay. It is also important that we are kept up to date with details of illness, allergies and regular medication. It is also important that you notify us of any changes to contact numbers, most often mobile phones, so that our records are up to date. If your child is asthmatic please ensure an inhaler is kept in school from the first day clearly labelled with your child's name and accompanied by a signed medicine form stating the correct dosage.

School Uniform

The school colours are navy blue, blue and white and parents may wish to buy school clothes in these colours. We suggest:

- grey trousers, skirt or pinafore
- yellow / blue / white polo shirt
- navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan
- blue checked summer dresses (during the summer, many of the girls prefer to wear these with blue cardigans.)

Your child may also need:

- A pair of wellies.
- A waterproof - either all in 1 or trousers and jacket.
- PE kit – white polo shirt, black shorts, a black tracksuit (no hoods, zips or large logos please) and trainers for outdoor PE.
- PE/pump bag
- Book bag - an essential item for carrying reading books and letters home.

School logo sweatshirts, cardigans, fleeces, waterproof jackets, book bags and polo shirts are available to purchase from **Pinders**. Lots of supermarkets have plain uniform and many have offers so see what is available.

The sweatshirts and polo shirts are easy for young children to get on and off. When buying other items of uniform - e.g. skirts, dresses or trousers - try to think about how your child will cope with getting them on and off by themselves.

The wearing of jewellery is not allowed. However, if your child has just had his or her ears pierced, then very small studs are permissible until the ears have healed. These earrings must be covered or removed for PE by parents before the child comes to school on PE days. Teachers are not permitted to do this. We ask that piercing is always done at the beginning of the summer holidays so that earrings can be removed upon return to school.

Labelling

Please make sure that all of your child's belongings, including his/her PE Kit, are clearly labelled with his or her name. We often have to spend a great deal of time trying to find the owners of unlabelled items. Just a few unlabelled sweatshirts, for example, can cause havoc in a busy class! Lost property can be viewed by asking Mrs Heydon or Ms Washbrook in the school office. Please note we cannot hold on to lost property for long for health and safety reasons, so please be prompt when finding that lost item!

At Home

When your child comes home you will probably be keen to talk about his or her day at school. However, do not be too disappointed if your child does not want to do this. Remember, starting full time school is very tiring for such a young child and your child may need to 'switch off' from school when he / she gets home. Equally, older children will want to process the new friends they have made and the new routines that are expected to follow and may not be totally sure of these for a while!

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WE ARE EQUIPPED TO LEARN

WE SAY PLEASE
AND THANK YOU

We are prepared
to make mistakes

WE ARE KIND AND CARING | **WE LISTEN
TO OTHERS**



WE BELIEVE IN OURSELVES

WE WORK HARD



We dream big



WE ARE PROUD OF OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

WE TAKE PRIDE IN OUR APPEARANCE

We take responsibility for our actions

