

Woodlands Academy



Early Years Foundation Stage
Parent Information Evening 2025

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Welcome

Our EYFS Leader

Mrs Sherborne - Nursery Teacher

Our School Day

School starts at 8:30am. (Breakfast Club is available from 8:00am)

Parents and children enter through the gates near the station and walk across the playground to the yellow EYFS gates. Staff will be available on the main gate to direct you.

Walk with your child to the Reception or Nursery Class door where they will be met by the teacher.

Parents of Nursery morning pupils will collect their child at **11.30am** from classroom using the gates near the school office.



Our School Day

School ends at **3:00pm**

Parents of full time Nursery and Reception children will enter through the gates near the station as in the morning and collect their child from the classroom door.

Children who stay for After School Care will be collected from the school office no later than **6pm**.

Uniform

Uniform list in your admissions pack

Book bags and jumpers/cardigans with school logo are available from Kevins Schoolwear in Greenford Broadway.

<https://kevins-schoolwear.co.uk/schools-uniforms/>

You do not have to buy a jumper with a logo, dark green jumpers can be worn.

What your child will need to bring with them:

- Book bag
- Spare clothes and underwear in a named bag (in case of accidents)
- Water bottle (non disposable).

All items **MUST** be clearly named.

Please encourage your child to start changing independently.



Snacks, Water and Lunch

All children will be provided with a healthy snack of fruit and milk or water.

All Reception children are entitled to free school meals - menu on the website. The menu changes in October and April each year.

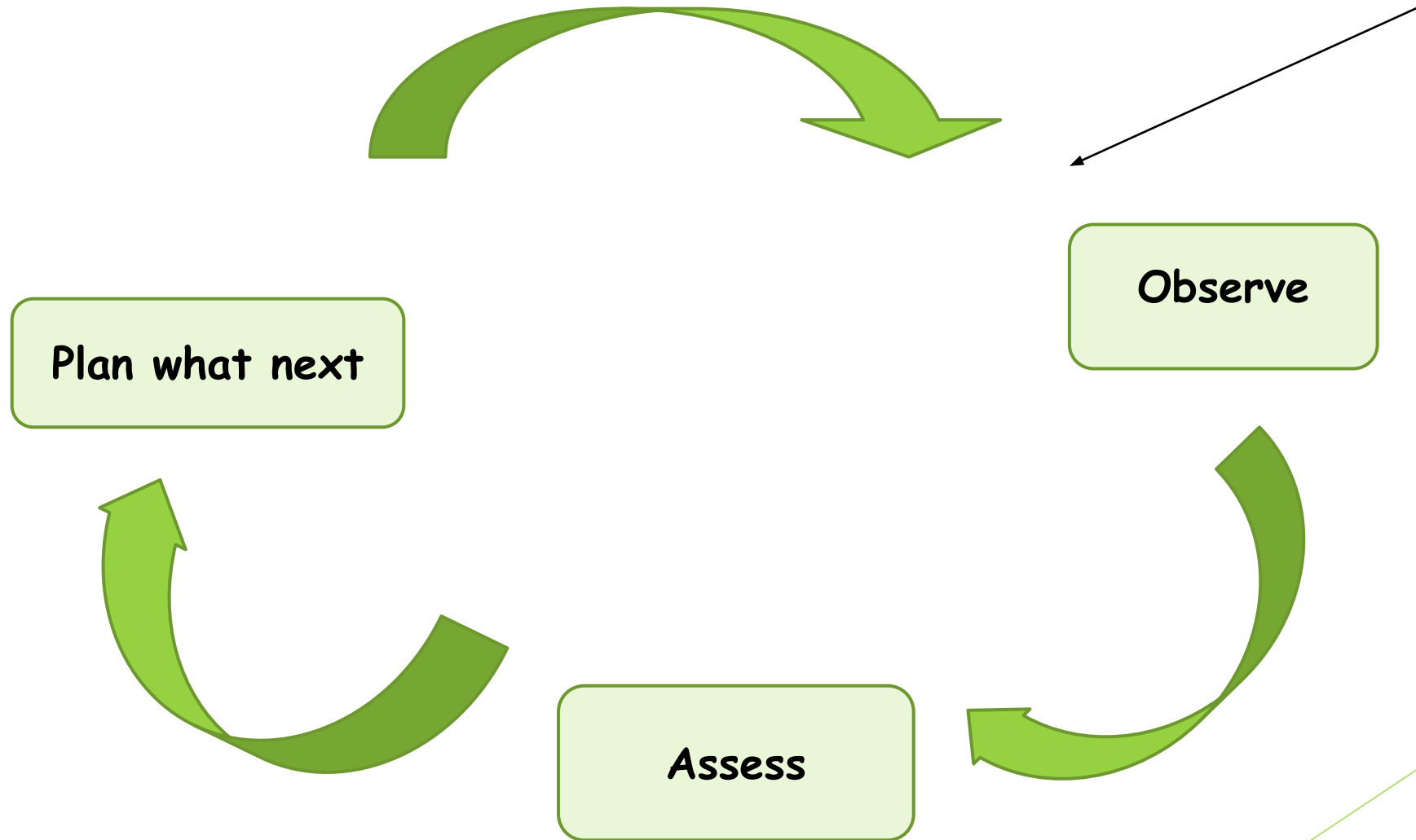
Nursery children who stay for lunch can pay for a school lunch or bring their own packed lunch.

NO crisps, chocolate, cakes or biscuits are allowed in packed lunches and only water to drink please. Friday is a treat day and one treat is permitted on this day.

How we support children

Starting Point

- Build relationship between child and parents/family (e.g. home visits)



A Unique Child

Positive Relationships

Enabling Environments

Learning and Development

Curriculum

Nursery Curriculum Overview

Our Learning Journey

Reception Curriculum Overview

Forest School

Nursery will be visiting our Forest School, in the school grounds, every Wednesday morning.

Children will come to school wearing their clothes for Forest School (not uniform) on this day.

Leaflet about Forest School



Music

Nursery and Reception enjoy weekly music lessons with Mr Jones, our specialist music teacher in the Music Room.



Cooking

We enjoy regular cooking lessons in EYFS.

We ask parents for a donation of £5 per term to cover the cost of ingredients



Phonics



Phonics at Woodlands

PE

PE kit must be plain (no designer or sports logos)

- ☐ White t shirt
- ☐ Black shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms (especially in colder months)
- ☐ Black plimsolls or trainers
- ☐ School jumper/ black hoodie



Pupils should wear their PE kit to school and stay in it all day.

Parents as Partners

We recognise the importance of parents and carers in a child's development. You are your child's first educators and we greatly value any input, opinions and information you can share with us about your child's learning and progress.

We provide many opportunities for parents and carers to take an active part in their child's education. These include:

- Open day events where parents are welcomed to join in with our sessions—e.g. Phonics, reading, writing or maths.
- Stay and Play sessions in Nursery
- Educational Visits where parent-helpers are invited
- Sport/Whole school events- regular bulletins & newsletters
- Class Google site pages where you can see what we have been learning
- Target Tracker Link - sharing photos and observations of your child's learning.
- Parent Consultation evenings (twice a year)

Nursery Home Learning

Nursery children will visit the school library every Friday to choose a book to share at home.

They will draw a picture about the book they have read in their Home/School Book. Parents please write a comment in the book below your child's picture.

Reception Home Learning

Reception children will visit the school library every Tuesday to choose a book to share at home.

They will draw a picture about the book they have read in their Home/School Book. Parents please write a comment in the book below your child's picture.

They will also have a phonics book to practise reading at home. The expectation is that they read to an adult every day.

Attendance

Our expectation is that every child is in school every day. Being in school has many benefits for a child's social, emotional and academic progress. When they are not attending school, it can have a significant impact on their learning and development.

What should I do if my child is absent?

1. Inform the school by phone or email by 9am.
2. Give a specific reason for my child's absence.
3. Call the school back every day my child is absent to provide an update.
4. When my child returns to school, I may be asked to provide evidence of the absence, e.g prescription medication, Dr appointment confirmation.

What happens if I don't inform the school of absence?

1. School will attempt to contact parents/carers by phone, text and/or email.
2. If by the 3rd day of absence no response is received, staff may visit the home to carry out a welfare check.
3. If no response is received at home, pupils will be reported to 'Children Missing Education' (CME) at the Local Authority.
4. Your child's place at the school may be at risk.

Resources you may like to use at home

Starting Nursery Story

Starting Reception Story

Steps to starting school

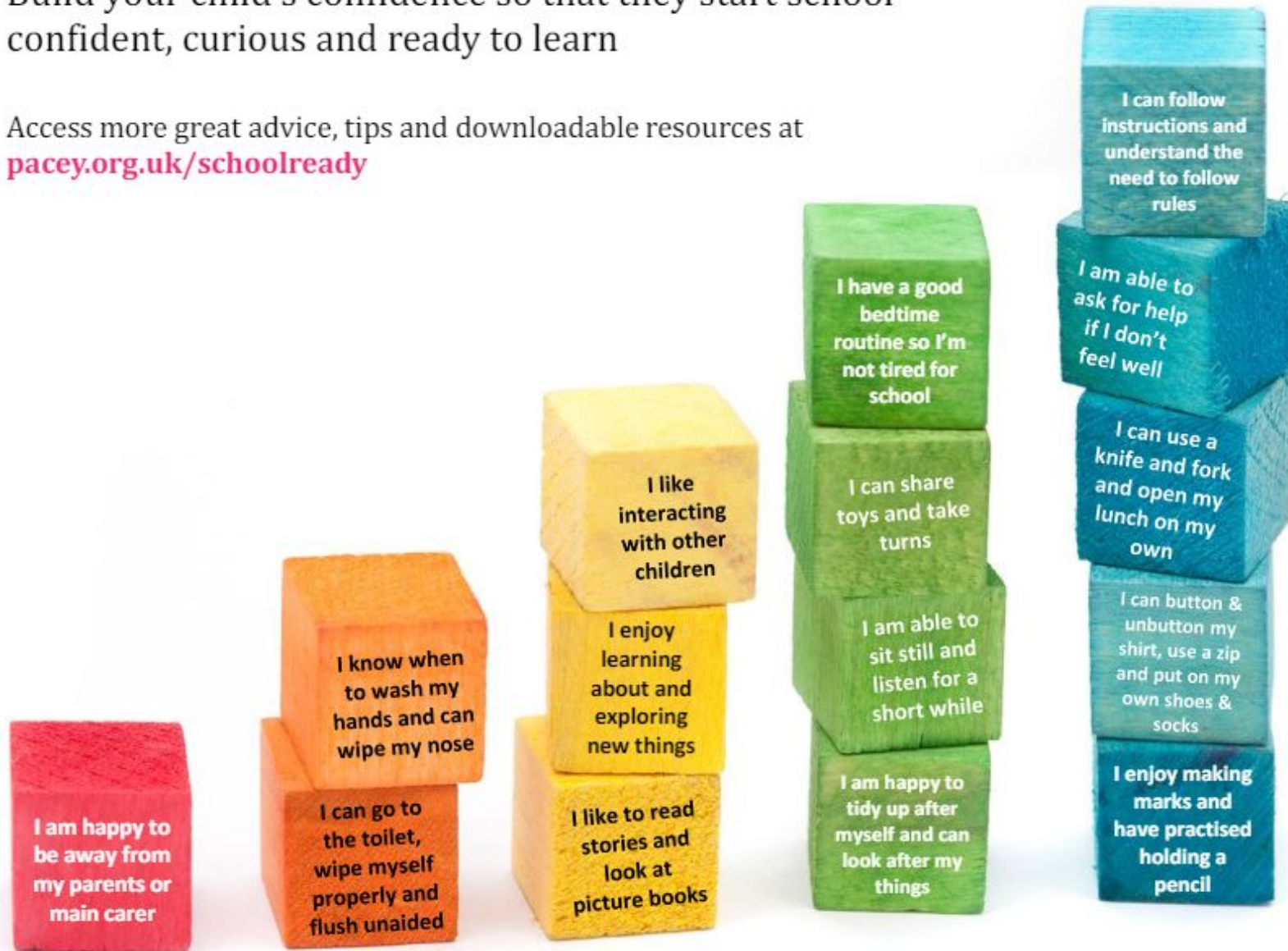
Build your child's confidence so that they start school confident, curious and ready to learn

Access more great advice, tips and downloadable resources at pacey.org.uk/schoolready



More top tips:

- ★ Get your child ready for their new routine by switching their meal times to match those of the school day
- ★ Encourage your child to explore new environments and interact with new people
- ★ Talk to your child about what they are most looking forward to at school
- ★ Let your child practise putting their new school uniform on and taking it off
- ★ **And remember**, every child is different and starts school with different abilities



Thank you for attending

Questions or comments