WELCOME TO GREEN LANE PRIMARY ACADEMY EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE

Thank you for choosing Green Lane Primary Academy for your child as they begin their journey in education. The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) at Green Lane Primary Academy is situated at the St. Mary's end of the main school site.
Our EYFS provision caters for children aged 3-5 in three settings:

- Butterflies – 30 hour full time provision for 3-4 year olds
- Nursery – 15 hours am/pm provision for 3-4 year olds
- Reception – 3 full time classes for 4-5 year olds

The timings and drop off/pick up locations are as follows:

	Flexible drop off	Flexible pick up
Butterflies	8:40 – 8:50 Butterflies outdoor area	3:20 – 3.25 Foundation Stage Entrance
Morning Nursery	8:40 – 8:50 Foundation Stage Entrance	11:35 – 11:40 Foundation Stage Entrance
Afternoon Nursery	8:40 – 8:50 Foundation Stage Entrance	3:20 – 3.25 Foundation Stage Entrance
Reception	8:40 – 8:50 Reception outdoor area	3:10 – 3.15 Reception outdoor area

CAR PARKING

There are no parking facilities on site. As a safety measure, we strongly urge you not to park in the surrounding streets, especially on the double yellow lines and yellow school markings. We are very fortunate to have the use of Middlesbrough Rugby Club on Green Lane and ask that you safely park there and walk the short distance to school.

SAFEGUARDING

Children must be collected by a responsible person over the age of 16. Please ensure that all people involved in the collection of your child are aware of the security password you provided on the registration form. If staff are unfamiliar with the person collecting, they will ask for this password as a security measure. Please be understanding while we get to know our families and their wider support networks.

To help keep our children and families safe, please note the following:

- Dogs are not allowed onto the school site.
- Green Lane Primary Academy is a non-smoking site.
- Parents **must not** reprimand other children. Any problems must be brought to the

attention of school staff, who will endeavour to find a solution.

- Bicycles, scooters, skateboards, etc. must not be ridden on the school site. We have a bike shed for your convenience.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE USE OF MOBILE PHONES IS NOT PERMITTED IN THE SCHOOL BUILDING. PHOTOGRAPHS MUST NOT BE TAKEN ON THE SCHOOL SITE.

MEET THE EYFS TEAM

Butterflies

Mrs Brown

Miss Nimmo

Mrs Williams

Nursery

Mrs Jukes

Mrs Turner

Mrs Wilson

Miss Anderson

Miss Richardson

Mrs Majid

Reception

CURRICULUM

All staff plan together to ensure continuity and progression. We plan in accordance with Development Matters (2020) in the Early Years Foundation Stage. The principles of this are based on seven areas of learning;

Prime Areas	**Specific Areas**
Communication and Language	Literacy
Physical Development	Mathematics
Personal, Social and Emotional	Understanding the World
	Expressive Arts and Design

The seven areas of learning are delivered through a stimulating and engaging curriculum, divided into six half-termly Learning Contexts.

Butterflies	Nursery	Reception
All About Me	We're all Wonders	Feelings and Friendship
Animals and Habitats	Dark Nights, Bright Lights	Dinosaur Discovery
Transport and Travel	Who's Afraid?	Fabulous Food
Food Glorious Food	Bear Necessities	Superheroes
Spring is in the Air	Jubilee Jamboree	Shiver M' Timbers
Exploring and Investigating	Up the Boro!	Animal Antics

Curriculum maps for each half term are displayed on the school website.

HOMEWORK

The very best way to support your child at home is to provide a language rich environment. Spend as much time as you can talking, listening, singing songs and nursery rhymes and sharing stories every day. Ask questions and encourage your child to have conversations. Technology has become a vital part of our everyday life and has many benefits. However, for young children, access to ipads, tablets, phones etc. needs to be carefully monitored and limited. No technology can replace the intimacy and benefits of a bedtime story!

Children will bring home a wide range of homework activities during their time in EYFS, encompassing all areas of the Foundation Stage Curriculum, and we ask for your support in helping your child to complete these activities at home.

Life experiences are very important and make a huge difference to children's development. Make use of the outdoor environment and enjoy sharing experiences of the wider world together, such as:

- jumping in the waves and collecting shells on a beach
- visiting a farm and learning the names of the animals
- walking in the forest, collecting leaves, twigs or conkers
- looking after a garden, digging and planting and watching new life grow
- finding items off a shopping list in the supermarket and helping to put the shopping away

INDEPENDENCE

We promote independence for all children. You can help at home by encouraging your child to:

- use the toilet independently and wash hands
- put their coat on and fasten it
- speak in a clear audible voice and answer questions
- dress and undress independently
- put shoes on the correct feet and fasten them
- eat using a knife and fork and drink from an open cup
- walk short distances rather than sitting in a pushchair

LUNCH TIME

Nursery – morning and afternoon nursery 15 hour children do not have lunch at school.

Butterflies – Our 30 hour children eat their lunch in the school dining hall, accompanied by the Butterflies staff, who then transition them into the afternoon nursery session. School meals can be purchased at a cost of £2.10 a day, or you are welcome to provide your child with a packed lunch. We would encourage all children to try school meals in the first instance.

Reception – Reception children eat their lunch in the dining hall, supported by midday assistants, followed by a period of outdoor play. School meals are provided free of charge for reception children under the Universal Free School Meal - government scheme. We would encourage all children to try school meals in the first instance, but you are welcome to provide a packed lunch if you prefer.

If you choose to provide a packed lunch, please send this in a clearly labelled lunch box/bag and adhere to the following school policies:

- Nuts are not allowed
- grapes must be cut up
- Only one treat item is permitted and this must not be sweets or a chocolate bar.
- Fizzy drinks are not allowed

FRUIT, DRINKS AND SPECIAL SNACKS

All children are offered a free piece of fruit each day at snack time. In addition, children are welcome to bring their own fruit from home, if they wish. During the year, we have special snacks which are related to topics, celebrations or seasonal produce. Please ensure that staff are informed of any allergies.

Nursery aged children are supplied with milk every day and water is always available. Reception children are issued with a school water bottle, which should be filled at home and sent into school every day. Please note that juice and flavoured water are not permitted, in line with government policy.

If you wish to send treats for your child to distribute on their birthday, please be aware that we are unable to accept birthday cakes or home-made items. Individually wrapped, shop bought cakes, sweets or chocolates can be handed out to the children at the end of the day.

UNIFORM AND CLOTHING

RECEPTION - Uniform is compulsory for Reception children and our policy is set out below:

BOYS
Royal blue sweatshirt/jumper
Grey or black trousers/jogging bottoms
Grey/black school shorts
Black school shoes (not trainers)

GIRLS
Royal blue cardigan/jumper
Grey or black skirt/trousers/pinafore
Blue gingham school dress
Black school shoes (not trainers)

PE KIT
White cotton t shirt
Blue/black shorts (football or cycling style)
Black plimsolls

HOMEWORK BAG
All Reception children require a royal blue Green Lane homework bag.

HOMEWORK BAGS AND OTHER UNIFORM ITEMS CAN BE PURCHASED FROM OUR ONLINE SHOP. PLEASE CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW:
http://greenlane.gooddies.co.uk/

BUTTERFLIES AND NURSERY – Uniform is optional for Butterflies and Nursery children. Many families choose to wear school uniform as a matter of ease and convenience. If you decide not to use school uniform, please ensure that your child is dressed in comfortable clothing with easy fastenings to enable them to be independent when using the toilet. **Our curriculum involves messy and wet play** and although aprons are provided, sometimes marking on clothes is unavoidable. Therefore, we ask that you do not send your child to Nursery in their best clothes.

Our EYFS curriculum also involves exploring and investigating the outdoor environment. We use the outdoor area every day so we ask that your child wears a warm, waterproof coat and a hat during the winter. In summer please provide a sun hat/cap for protection and apply sun-cream before coming to school.

Please remember to label all of your child's clothing and belongings so that we can return them to you easily.

In the interest of safety, jewellery must not be worn in school. This includes earrings, bangles, necklaces and watches as they can get caught on equipment and cause injury.

FURTHER INFORMATION

We hope that you find this information useful as your child prepares to start their time with us. If you have any queries now, or in the future, please do not hesitate to contact a member of staff.

School Telephone: 01642 277407

School Email: academy@greenlanemiddlesbrough.co.uk

Nursery Email: nursery@greenlanemiddlesbrough.co.uk

You will find lots more information by exploring our school website:

www.greenlanemiddlesbrough.co.uk

Twitter: https://twitter.com/GLPrimary?ref_src=twsrc%5Egoogle%7Ctwcamp%5Eserp%7Ctwgr%5Eauthor

We look forward to getting to know your child and your family.

GREEN LANE – A BIG SCHOOL WITH A BIG HEART