

Reception

Starter Information



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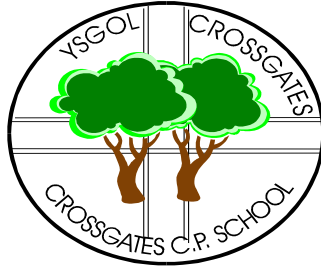
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*Crossgates School values its pupils and teaches them to
Value Themselves, Value Each Other, Value the School, Value the World*

Dear Parents/Carers

I am so pleased to be able to welcome you to Crossgates CP School. We are looking forward to meeting you all and getting to know you and your families.

Starting school is a milestone for you and your child and we hope to make this as positive an experience as possible.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at anytime during your child's school journey at office@crossgates.powys.sch.uk or telephone the school office on 01597 851667.

Kind regards

L.J. Williams

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Head Teacher



Croeso/Welcome to Crossgates School

The Foundation Phase staff



Mrs Williams
Head Teacher



Mrs Jenkins
Class teacher



Mrs Bufton
Teaching assistant



Mrs Margetts
Teaching assistant

Starting school is a milestone, not only for your child but also for you! You may be excited and perhaps a little apprehensive about your child taking these first steps towards independence. The children's wellbeing is very important to everyone at Crossgates School. Thrive is a program that we use throughout Crossgates School which supports social and emotional development. It can be delivered both in group and individual sessions. We are fortunate that Mrs Margetts is a qualified practitioner in Thrive and will be able to support your child with their transition into school.



The Early Foundation Phase

Your child will be learning skills, acquiring new knowledge and demonstrating their understanding through eight areas of learning. The main ones being:

- Language Literacy and Communication
- Mathematical Development
- Personal and Social Development
- Physical Development

These areas are used to plan your child's learning in Reception and the rest of the Foundation Phase. Children are encouraged to become independent creative learners.

At the beginning of the academic year formal assessments are made to create a Baseline for your child. Parents are given a formal meeting during Autumn and Spring Term. Reports are sent out during the Summer Term.

Parents and carers are encouraged to speak to the class teacher at any time if there is anything they feel they need to discuss. This can happen in the morning during drop off or if they wish after school if an appointment is made.

Getting your child ready for school:

There are a few things you can do before your child arrives to school. It is important that the children feel comfortable and excited about starting school in order to learn.

1. Talk to your child about school and what to expect
2. Make sure your child can attend the pre-school visit
3. Reassure your child that there are lots of other children starting school
4. Let your child wear his/her uniform before they start school
5. Rehearse in your child's mind how they will come into school with other children on the first day and how you will be waiting for them at pick up time.

The following is a list of skills that we would like the children to be able to learn to do whilst at school. However, some children will of course find some things easier than others. If we work together both at school and home, then we can all help in the development of your child.



We aim for all children to learn to:

- Follow class rules
- Co-operate and share with friends
- Be responsible for looking after things
- Understand that there are quieter times to listen and learn and noisier times to play
- Not to bring in toys from home unless asked to
- Concentrate for longer periods of time
- Go to the toilet independently
- Put on their coat independently and have a go at fastening it
- Be able to change shoes and change for PE

If you feel that your child may struggle with some of the above then please don't worry. Maybe try practising a few of them at home.

Remember to make it fun!

Contact

We use Schoop, a parental text service to inform and update parents/carers, send newsletters and advise parents/carers of school closures. Please see our website for full details.

You are also advised to register with Powys County Council via their website <http://www.powys.gov.uk/en/schools-students/find-out-if-a-school-is-open-or-closed/> to open a My Powys account in order to be automatically notified when the school is closed for any reason. We will also notify parents via SCHOOP.

Uniform and Book bags

School uniform and book bags can be purchased on-line from School Trends at www.schooltrends.co.uk or visit their Facebook page

https://www.facebook.com/schooltrendsuniform?utm_campaign=APPROVED%20-%20School%20update%2009%2F06&utm_source=emailCampaign&utm_content=&utm_medium=email

Please ensure names are written clearly on items of clothing, labels and tags may be purchased on-line from Wovina at www.wovina.co.uk.



We also have a selection of second-hand clothing.

PE Kit

Children are asked to bring a change of footwear, a t-shirt, pair of shorts and jogging trousers. Please make sure all clothing is clearly labelled, see above for labels.

Wellies

We learn both inside the classroom and out so please can you make sure your child has a pair of wellies in school with their name clearly labelled.

School Day

The classroom will be open at 8.55am and registration starts at 9.00am. Reception children to meet in the outdoor area outside the classroom. Parents/carers will be able to come into the cloakroom for the first half term to help the children settle, after that the class adults will meet the children at the cloakroom door.

School ends at 3.30pm. Parents to meet in the outdoor area and a class adult will pass your child to you. If you are unable to collect your child and have arranged for others to do so then please inform either office or the class teacher - we will not allow your child to go home with someone we are unsure of.

Lunchtimes:

Reception children go into dinner earlier than the rest of the school as it allows them to feel settled and relaxed more quickly. The Class Teacher and a Teaching Assistant stay with the children until the Midday Supervisors arrive. During this time, we will help with cutting up food, ensure they can access all their lunchbox and make sure everyone has a drink.

Snacks

Water and milk are available for all children daily. Children can access their water bottle throughout the day. Children can bring in a piece of fruit for their break time snack. Please ensure their name is clearly marked.



Lunches

If your child wishes to have school lunches, then menus are available from the school office and on the Powys website (not currently available) . Parents will be sent details by the School Office to set up a Parentpay account in the first week their child is in school.

If you are on a low income, you may be able to get free school meals. For more information and how to apply see our page about [Free School Meals](#)

Home Learning

It is important that you share stories and read to your child. Learning nursery rhymes and playing games together will also help build important skills. In the early years we ask parents/carers to support their children in their early reading, writing and maths skills including learning letter sounds that are sent home, lots of counting, mark making and having lots of discussions! For more information please see the school website.

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