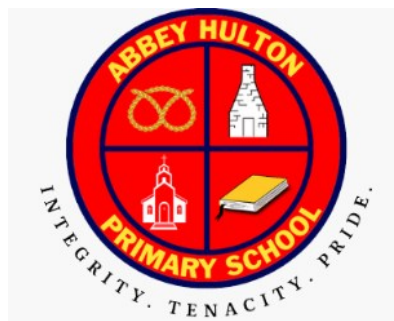




Abbey Hulton Primary School



EYFS Parents Information Pack

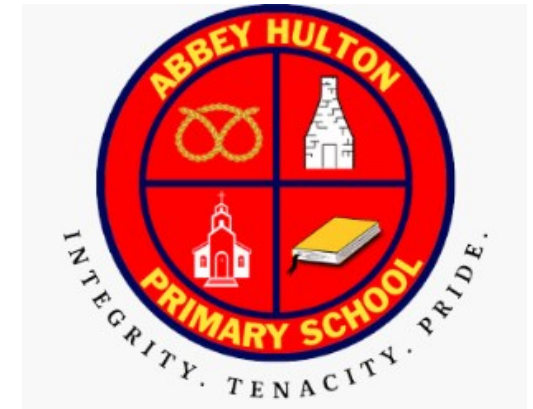
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Integrity. Tenacity. Pride.



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Meet the Staff



Mrs Brookes
Head Teacher



Mrs Pearse
Deputy Head



Mrs Waite
EYFS Lead



Mrs Dickinson
Nursery Teacher



Miss Owen
Reception Teacher



Mrs Holmes
Supervisory Senior
Early Years Practitioner



Mrs Morris
Lunchtime Supervisor
Nursery class support



Mrs Arrowsmith
Senior Early
Years Practitioner



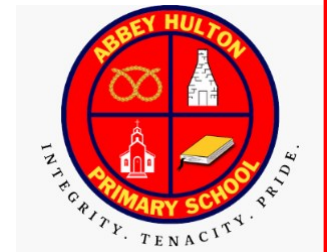
Mrs Brookfield
SENCO



Mrs Burton
Pupil Support Officer



Our Whole School Vision



Vision Statement:

Our school is a happy, safe and inclusive place of learning where all children thrive. Through our school community working together, everyone is proud to develop tenacity, show integrity and aspires to achieve their full potential.

Governors, staff and pupils all contributed to the development of our new school motto. We all thought of the words that we wanted to be included in our motto and then we worked together to choose three powerful words that summarised our ambition and purpose:

- **Integrity** (Having strong moral principles: Inclusion/Respect/Trust/Honesty/Fairness)
- **Tenacity** (Hard work/determination/resilience/never giving up)
- **Pride** (Aspiration/Achievement/Presentation/Success)



Parental Partnership at School



ClassDojo

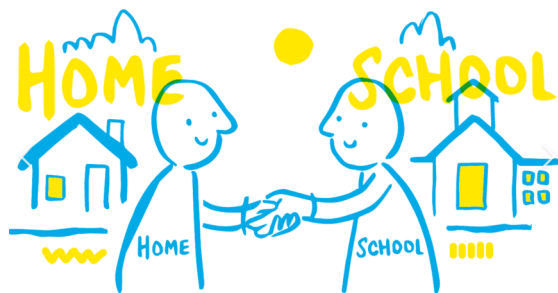
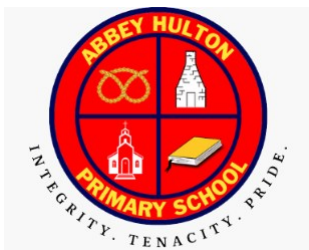


We recognise the importance role parents and carers play in supporting their child's development. As a primary care provider, you are your child's first educators and we greatly values any input or information you can share with us about your child's learning and progress. Please do let us know at any point in the year about anything significant in your child's life. Here at Abbey Hulton Primary, we celebrate the children's success. Small milestones and achievements are celebrated alongside big leaps in learning!

We value our partnership with parents. Our children have smooth transitions to starting school and we design our induction processes to ensure children and parents feel best prepared. Our Nursery Play and Stay sessions are a fantastic way to meet staff and allows your child to start developing positive relationships with their key worker.

In EYFS, we use a platform and App called Class Dojo to support communication between school are parents. We share important information on this platform, alongside class newsletters and significant wow moments that your child has experienced.

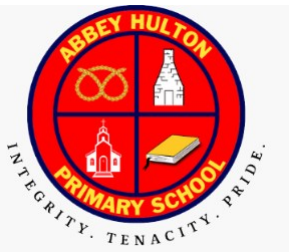
Details on how to sign up to Class Dojo will be shared with you in September. You will receive log in details for your child's class.



We value parental input and engagement in their child's learning and provide lots of opportunities for parents and carers to take an active part in their child's education. These opportunities include:

- Class Newsletters and Whole School Newsletters
- Parents evenings
- Written end of Year Reports
- Mini Progress Check Reports half termly
- Class Pages on our school website
- Our school Facebook page
- Special events such as sports day, Christmas concerts and parental workshops, volunteering opportunities.





The School Day and Dropping off and Collection Procedures



Our Nursery and Reception classroom doors **open from 8.30am** with the official school time beginning at **8:45am**. At the moment our school days ends at 3.00pm, however, **our finish time is subject to change from September 2024 onwards, information regarding collection times will be confirmed as soon as possible.** Please ensure that your child is on time for school each day and please also ensure that they are collected promptly to avoid any undue upset. If your child is going to be collected by somebody different one day, this needs to be communicated to the class teacher or our school office team who will then let the teacher know. In order to keep children safe, we will not allow a child to be released from the classroom if this information has not been shared. We also hold a private collection password system which helps us to keep your child safe at home time.

If your child is in our **Nursery class**, please enter the school via the playground gates in the morning and then drop your child off at the **entrance to the Nursery classroom** each morning. This is also where your child needs to be collected from at the end of the day. Please supervise your child during this transition time to help them to remain safe.

If your child is in our **Reception class**, please enter the school via the playground gates in the morning and drop your child off at the **entrance to the Reception classroom** each morning. This is also where



School Dinners and Snacks



City catering provide us with delicious, healthy hot meals or sandwiches for all of our children. The meals provided consist of a main meal, a side dish, a dessert and a drink, all of which are in line with our healthy eating policy.

We appreciate that some children do prefer to bring their own packed lunch. We would like to remind you that it too should be a healthy selection. Attached are some pictures of what we consider to be a healthy lunch box, along with some ideas on healthy alternatives to things like crisps and chocolate bars.

Reception children are entitled to a free universal school meal. This means that school meals are free of cost to Reception your child if they are in Reception. If your child would prefer not to have a school meal, they can bring in a healthy packed lunch instead (please put a name on the packed lunch box.)

Nursery children can also have a school meal . This includes a nutritious, hot dinner, drink and a pudding. Once again, if your child would prefer a packed lunch that is fine, please do make sure their lunch box has their name on it. If you wish for your child to have a school dinner, you will be set up with an online account and a password will be sent to you to set up payment for school dinners. Please contact the school office for more information.

To keep in line with policies and healthy eating schemes, here at Abbey Hulton Primary School we offer children water or milk to drink. We would therefore please ask you to only send in water for the children to drink. They may bring this in their own drink bottle or we have water fountains and cups next to the taps for the children to drink from.

The **Change for Life** website is a good place to visit for more tips on healthy food ideas.

www.change4life.co.uk





Always have breakfast – how else are you going to have the energy to concentrate at school until lunch time? Try having cereal, milk, a piece of fruit and fruit juice.



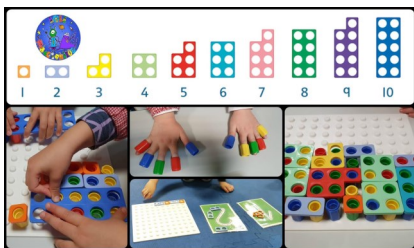
PACKED LUNCH POLICY

YOUR CHILD'S PACKED LUNCH SHOULD INCLUDE ONE PORTION OF:

					
FRUIT	VEGETABLES	MEAT, EGG, BEANS OR FISH	STARCHY FOOD E.G. SANDWICH, RICE OR PASTA	MILK, CHEESE OR YOGHURT	BOTTLE OF WATER

YOUR CHILD'S PACKED LUNCH SHOULD NOT INCLUDE THESE FOODS:

					INSERT SCHOOL LOGO HERE
CHIPS & OTHER HIGH FAT SNACKS	CHOCOLATE BARS, SWEETS, CAKES	PASTRY/FRIED FOODS	CEREAL BARS	SOFT DRINKS	



Learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage



Every child deserves the best possible start in life and the support that enables them to fulfil their potential. Children develop quickly in the early years and a child's experiences between birth and age five have a major impact on their future life chances. A secure, safe and happy childhood is important in its own right. Good parenting and high quality early learning together provide the foundation children need to make the most of their abilities and talents as they grow up.

Three areas are particularly important for building a foundation for igniting children's curiosity and enthusiasm for learning, forming relationships and thriving.

These **prime areas** are:

- **Communication and language**
- **Physical development**
- **Personal, social and emotional development.**



Four **specific areas** that we focus on are:

Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the World and Expressive Art and Design

The Early Years Statutory Framework can be found online

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/974907/EYFS_framework_-



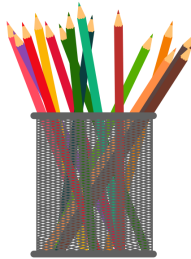
Our Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum



Our Curriculum is exciting and imaginative! Our school has recently invested heavily into developing our curriculum further across all subject areas. Each half term Nursery and Reception classes have a topic which is used as a basis to explore and deepen learning in all areas of the curriculum. Mini projects are explored within each topic and these help to broaden children's learning experiences as well as develop the necessary skills and knowledge to deepen their understanding.

We are currently in the process of reviewing our curriculum and themes which we will share with you in September. It is going to be a very exciting year for your children!

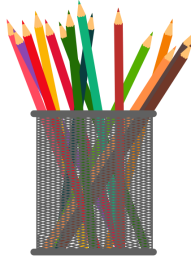




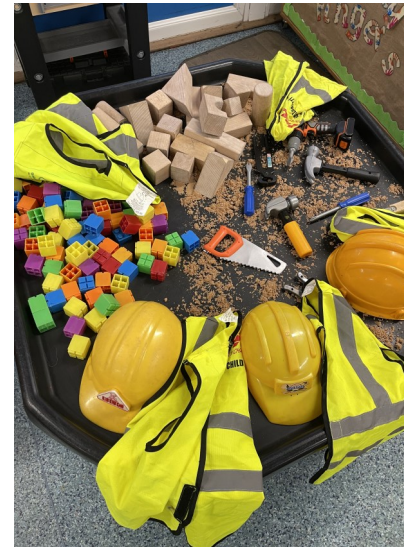
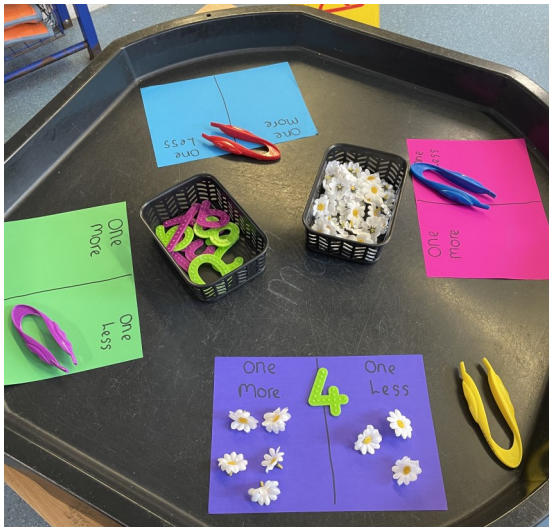
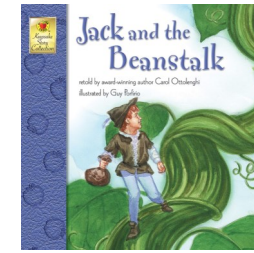
Our Nursery Classroom

We're Going on a Bear Hunt
Michael Rosen Helen Oxenbury





Our Reception Classroom



Our Outside Area



What does my child need to bring to school?



Reading Book Bag

We take great pride on placing importance on developing early reading within our school and this starts in the foundation year groups.

Your child will be given reading books weekly to bring home and practice reading or sharing at home with you.

The National Schoolwear shop in Hanley sell these book bags, alternatively they can be found online too.



Wellies that can be left in school. We love to explore the great outdoors and the weather can be a real chance to dig deeper into topics.

We love a muddy puddle in the Early Years!



A warm, waterproof coat. We play outside lots and in all weather! We encourage your child to learn outside as there is so much to explore in the great outdoors. Your child may come back a little wet or muddy but this is all part of their learning within the Foundation Stage!

Nursery children

A change of clothing must be brought in for your child. This can be kept in a bag on your child's peg incase of any toileting accidents throughout the day.

If your child is not yet toilet trained, please pack wipes, nappies and nappy sacks and pop these into your child's bag of spare clothes.



A water bottle should be brought into school every day. This can be taken home each night and refilled for the following day.

We encourage the drinking of water throughout the day. Please refrain from sending juice or fizzy drinks into school.

School Uniform



BOYS:

- Black trousers or tailored shorts
- Red polo shirt
- Black sweatshirt (with or without school logo)
- Black school shoes

Velcro is preferred in the Nursery and Reception

GIRLS:

- Black skirt or trousers
- Red polo shirt
- Black sweatshirt or cardigan (with or without school logo)
- Black school shoes
- In the Summer Term, girls may wear red and white checked or striped dresses.



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PE Kit

Children can come into school wearing their PE kit. They do not need to bring their uniform into school on this day.

Our School PE Kit Uniform:

- Plain white T-shirt (no Logos)
- Plain black shorts (no Logos)
- Black pumps or trainers
- In colder weather, you may wish for your child to wear plain black joggers and a plain black hoodie.
- **Please label your child's PE kit.**



Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility. Everyone who comes into contact with children and families has a role to play. 1.2. Our school is a community and all those directly connected with it -staff members, volunteers, governors, parents, families and pupils; have an essential role to play in making it safe and secure. Abbey Hulton Primary School has arrangements in place to safeguard and promote the welfare of pupils and we work together with other agencies to identify, assess and support those children who are suffering or likely to suffer harm. Our Safeguarding Policy can be found on our school website.

Safeguarding Children Partnership

Are you concerned about a child in Stoke-on-Trent?

If so, you can call the Children's advice and duty service (CHAD) on 01782 235100 (option 1 for parents/carers, option 2 for professionals, Monday to Friday 8.30am to 6pm). If you need to contact us out of hours, then please call our emergency duty team on 01782 234234.

You will speak to a senior social worker who will be able to listen to your concerns and take appropriate actions.

https://www.stoke.gov.uk/info/20009/children_and_families/391/stoke-on-trent_safeguarding_children_partners

Email: **ssscb.admin@staffordshire.gov.uk**

You can also speak to the qualified Safeguarding Officers allocated within Abbey Hulton Primary school:

Safeguarding Lead – Mrs Brookes – Head Teacher

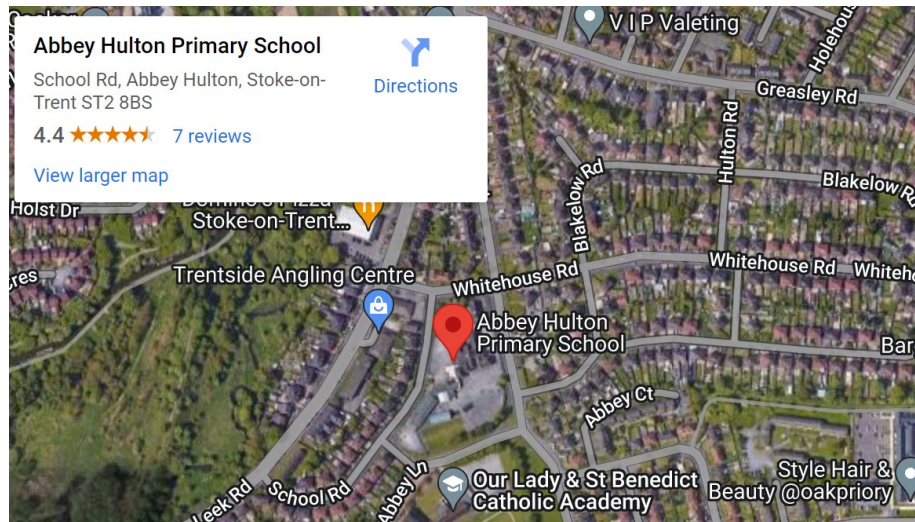
Deputy Safeguarding Lead – Mrs Pearse – Deputy Head Teacher



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Reporting your child's Absence

If your child is not well enough to attend school, it is essential that you contact us to let us know the reason for absence. Please call the school office on the number above and select option 1, giving your child's name, class and full details of their illness. This is a safeguarding requirement and failure to do so could trigger a home visit. Your co-operation is very much appreciated.