

**INFORMATION FOR PARENTS  
(FOUNDATION STAGE 1)**



**WELCOME TO WYKE REGIS PRIMARY  
FEDERATION**

Dear Parents/Carers

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Wyke Regis Infant School and Nursery. Starting school may be a new experience in your family or perhaps you may have older children in school. Whatever your previous experiences of education have been, we aim to make this a happy and exciting partnership and a firm foundation on which to build your child's future.

You will find all our staff, teachers and teaching assistants, very approachable. If you have a concern, please come in and see us.

The following information aims to inform you about the necessary things you need to know about our school as your child starts in our Foundation Stage 1 (Nursery).

Mrs. Wanda Roberts  
Head of Federation

Mrs. Catherine Anders  
Deputy Head of Federation



**For key information please visit our website:**

**[www.wykeregisfed.dorset.sch.uk](http://www.wykeregisfed.dorset.sch.uk)**

## Car Parking

When parking please observe the yellow zigzag lines outside each gate to the school. These are for the safety of our children to provide safe places to cross the roads.

The roads outside school can become very congested. Please consider neighbours and leave clear access to their drives and houses. Once you have parked please access the classroom via the Shrubbery Lane gate.

The school car park is for staff, visitors and deliveries only.

## Text & E-Mail Service

The school has a text service which will be used for general communication or to notify you of any emergencies. Text messages are only sent to the mobile phone of contact no. 1 noted on the pupil admission form.

Hard copy letters will only be sent home if a reply slip is included and needs to be returned to school. All other letters will be sent home as e-mails unless you opt out of the e-mail service. It is imperative, therefore, that we have correct and up-to-date mobile numbers and e-mail addresses at all times, please advise the office in person of any changes or via SIMS Parent.

## Absence from School

If your child is absent from school, or will be arriving late, please let the school office know by phoning 01305 782470.



## About our Federation

The Federation is made up of a Community Infant School serving the area of Wyke Regis. It forms part of Wyke Regis Primary Federation, our partner school being Wyke Regis CE Junior School, based on the same large site. The Infant School caters for an age range of three to seven years, with the majority of our children transferring to the Junior school at the end of Year 2.

We also have a maintained Nursery attached to the Infant School which is led and taught by qualified teaching staff. Foundation stage 1 (FS1) is a self contained unit with its own entrance, a large classroom, a kitchen area, toilets and a secure outdoor play area. The school's FS1 class offers full and part-time Nursery education. There are places for up to twenty six children at each FS1 session. Currently each child can attend for up to 15 or 30 hours free, depending on whether you qualify for the extra hours of Government funding introduced last year. There is an option for additional paid sessions for those qualifying for the 15 hours. FS1 also offers a lunch club for children at an additional cost.

In addition to FS1 there are nine class bases for FS2 (Reception), Year 1 and Year 2 children. Each base has a classroom, an annexe for small group activities, and a large art and craft area. All classes have an outside play area as well as sharing extensive grassed and hard surface play areas.



## FS1 Sessions

Our sessions are;

Morning sessions	-	8.45 am	–	11.45 am
Lunch Club	-	11.45 am	–	12.15 pm
Afternoon sessions	-	12.15 pm	–	3.15 pm

Please drop off and collect your child at our Nursery entrance signposted in Shrubbery Lane.



## Staff

Our staff are friendly, caring and welcoming, and create a positive and happy learning environment in which each child can develop their full potential. Staff are experienced and trained to deliver the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum.

Nursery Teachers	-	Mrs. Van der Worp
	-	Mrs. P. Horn
Teaching Assistants	-	
	-	Mrs. K. Hardy
	-	Mrs. S. Ellis
	-	Mrs. T. Newman

## Transition to FS2

FS1 is very much part of the main school and during the year the children become familiar with some of the other areas of the school, for example, taking messages to the office, visiting other classrooms, going to the hall and the playground. During the last half term the children meet their FS2 teacher and visit their new classrooms.



## Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

Wyke Regis Primary Federation are inclusive schools. We develop and promote a combination of a broad and balanced curriculum and an individual approach to the education of children with learning difficulties and disabilities.

The needs of individual children are assessed, planned for and carefully monitored. All staff work in partnership with parents, other staff, outside agencies (such as Speech and Language Therapists, Educational Psychologists, Portage) and especially the children themselves.

Mrs. K. Rogers, our Inclusion Leader, supports and advises staff and parents in meeting the needs of all our children.

## Parents

We are always available to answer parents' questions or to discuss any aspect of your child's development. Please do not hesitate to come and see us – we will do all we can to help.

Your child will have their own key worker who is responsible for their learning journey through FS1.

Planning is available on the parent' noticeboard so you can see what our topics are and what your child is learning about.

We use an on-line learning journal called 'Tapestry' to share what your child has been doing at Nursery, and to keep you up to date with their progress. We also hope that you will use it to share information with us about what you have been doing at home.

We have an active Federation Parent, Teacher and Friends Association (FFA) of which all parents are automatically members. A variety of educational, social and fund-raising events are organised during the year.



## The Curriculum

There are seven areas of learning and development in the Early Years Foundation Stage.

There are three **prime areas** which are crucial to children's future learning:



Personal, Social and Emotional Development;



Physical Development;



Communication and Language.

Through the three prime areas children will develop their early skills in these four **specific areas**:



Literacy;



Mathematics;



Understanding the World;



Expressive Arts and Design.

In the Early Years Foundation Stage children are encouraged to explore all areas of the curriculum. Staff use a child-centred approach to learning, taking into account children's individual strengths and interests and plan a wide range of stimulating and exciting activities, where children are given every opportunity to succeed.

## **The Learning Environment**

### **Indoor**

The FS1 classroom is set up into different areas. Children are offered a range of stimulating activities that often link to the topic or their own interests. These change frequently over the year to provide an exciting and interesting learning experience.

### **Outdoor**

Outdoor play is an important part of the FS1 day. We are fortunate to have a large Nursery garden where opportunities are available to explore all areas of the curriculum, so children learn as much outside as they do inside. Unless the weather is exceptionally wet, cold or hot we keep the door to outside open so the children can flow freely between outdoor and indoor learning.

### **Clothing**

We provide coats for outdoor play so that your child's coat doesn't get wet or dirty, but please ensure your child comes in warm clothes suitable for outdoor play in the winter. In the summer we ask that parents provide their child with a hat, and apply sun cream before they arrive.

Please can children wear suitable shoes for climbing (no flip-flops, crocs or wellies please). Don't dress your child in expensive clothes as they are likely to get dirty on occasion! Please ensure all clothing (particularly jumpers, coats, hats, scarves and gloves) is named. Thank you.

## **Rolling Snack**

Children are offered fresh fruit, milk and water every day as part of their FS1 session.

So as not to interrupt their play-based learning, snack is available throughout part of the session for children to access under adult supervision.

Please advise us if your child has any allergies or food intolerances – we will be happy to support and find an alternative for them.



## **Lunchtime**

We also offer a lunch club at an additional cost of £2.00 per session. Food is not provided; parents provide a packed lunch. We have a 'no nuts' policy, due to some children having nut allergies. Please make sure packed lunches do not contain nuts / nut products where possible.

## **Paid Sessions**

Additional morning and afternoon sessions are available at a charge of £10.50 per session.