

# Frequently Asked Questions



## Nursery Intake

# Will I need to provide a morning snack for my child?

- No, the children are offered a piece of fruit everyday for their snack; we also offer a carton of milk (please let us know any allergies or dietary requirements). Milk is free to children under the age of 5; there is an option to pay for the milk once they turn 5. Information about payment is available from the school office.

# What should I include in their spare clothes bag?

- A set of spare clothes is vital; in the event that your child falls over, has a toileting accident or gets carried away in our messy areas i.e. the mud kitchen or water area; it allows us to get them changed quickly.  
**Please make sure all clothing is named.**
- Please remember to include underwear and socks/tights. Nappy sacks and wipes are also useful to include too!

# What else should my child come to school with?

- A pair of wellies – during their time in EYFS your child will take part in lots of messy play and outdoor time. Please place a pair of named wellies on the rack outside the classroom.
- Book bag – a school book bag can be purchased from the school office. This should come to school daily so letters, information, pieces of work, homework and reading books can be sent home easily. **No rucksacks or large bags.**

## How often does PE take place?

- Once a week.
- The class teacher will inform you when the children will require a full PE kit; we will send this home half termly for clothes to be washed/replaced.
- Please check class pages on the website, and classroom notice boards for information on PE days.

# If I want to speak to the class teacher, what should I do?

- You will see the class teacher every morning and afternoon, however a scheduled meeting makes it easier to discuss any concerns you may have. You can arrange this with the class teacher, send an email to our parents@ghyllgrove email or phone the school office.
- Depending on the nature of the meeting, you may then be introduced to our SEN, Pastoral or Senior Leadership team.

# How often are the children read with at school?

- Your child will read with a member of staff once a week. They will also receive a reading book to take home to share with an adult. They will also have a home school diary which can be signed to show they have read at home.
- Reading books are changed once week to allow time for children to practise their comprehension as well as phonic skills.
- Throughout the year we will hold parent workshops based around our curriculum and give you useful information to help support your child at home.

# How can I find out what my child is doing at school?

- In EYFS we use an online system called Tapestry which allows you to see photos and videos of what your child is doing throughout the day. You will also access homework tasks through the Tapestry app.
- At the beginning of the school year you will be sent an activation email which will allow you to log in and set your password. You can download the Tapestry app from the app store on your phone/tablet. It can also be accessed on a laptop or computer.
- You can also send us photos and videos of your child's home learning, or special weekend events such as a trip to the park, a holiday or spending time with family and friends. Please see the school website for a video demonstration on how to upload and send videos.



# I am having issues with Tapestry, what can I do?

- All EYFS staff are trained to use the Tapestry software. If you are having difficulties with your Tapestry account, please speak to the class teacher who will be happy to assist you.
- Please note that we can resend the activation email, however parents are responsible for their log in and password.
- If you require help from a member of staff, we ask that you already have the app downloaded on your phone to make it easier and quicker for us to help you.
- You will also be given step by step instructions on how to upload photos and videos to Tapestry. There is also a demonstration video on the school website.

# I want to support my child at home, what can I do?

- You will be able to add photos to Tapestry, these are great for us to see what you have been doing at home and for us to talk to the children about it in class.
- There are lots of wonderful websites and apps that can be used to support learning at home.
- Please speak to the class teacher if you have any concerns about your child's learning.