

Welcome to Ghyllgrove Primary School

We are delighted that you have chosen Ghyllgrove's
Foundation Stage for your child.



At Ghyllgrove we believe that every child deserves the best possible start in life and our aim is to provide the support to fulfil that potential. Our committed staff work hard to provide a rich varied curriculum which engages all pupils and makes learning a fun and memorable experience.

"Ghyllgrove is a school where staff are dedicated to providing the best for all children. We aim to ensure that our children are safe, happy and are allowed to achieve to their potential."

As parents/carers, you are the first educators of your children and you know them better than anyone else. We strive to build a close partnership with you to ensure that your child will receive the best possible start in their school lives.



At Ghyllgrove we embed the Early Years Curriculum throughout the year. There are seven areas of learning in the foundation stage.

Prime areas: These areas are particularly crucial for igniting children's curiosity and enthusiasm for learning, and for building their capacity to learn, form relationships and thrive. They are:

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Communication and Language
- Physical Development

Specific areas: These are essential skills and knowledge for children to participate successfully in society.

They are:

- Mathematics
- Literacy
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design



It's Learning Time!

Children will learn through a play-based curriculum in which they are encouraged to learn through first-hand experiences and exploration. During play children's concepts, skills, attitudes and achievements are extended.

Reception topics include:

- Me and my world
- Lets Celebrate!
- Emergency services
- People who help us
- Fantasy Island
- Pirates and Princesses
- Regular online safety lessons are given to teach the importance of using technology.



Visitors are welcomed to help bring our topics alive and give the children opportunities to meet people from different occupations and ways of life.



Homework is set weekly to allow children to embed their skills and explore different topics.

In Reception we use **Tapestry**, an online platform to set homework and keep the communication between teachers and parents consistent.



Outdoor Learning

The children take great pride in looking after our garden; the children have access to the garden every day, come rain or shine!

Throughout the year the outdoor activities change to meet the children's needs and interests; these are always taken into consideration when planning our topics for the children.



Our child friendly outdoor environment provides children with a range of opportunities for playing, exploring and learning.





Please make sure that your child has the following items in school:

- Spare clothes including tracksuit bottoms, t-shirt and underwear. Please put your child's spare clothes in a clearly labelled bag. This will be kept on their peg
- Wellies for the garden
- Named, red book bag and water bottle.

School uniform, school PE kits and book bags can be purchased from:

<https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/ghyllgrove>

Alternatively, you can buy our school uniform colours from local superstores such as Asda, Sainburys or Tesco.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child into our friendly and fun Foundation Stage here at Ghyllgrove Primary School.

