



WELCOME TO F1 PRE-SCHOOL



WE ARE REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR CHILD STARTING AT GREASBY INFANT PRE-SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER AND HAVE PUT TOGETHER SOME INFORMATION THAT YOU MAY FIND USEFUL. IF YOU NEED ANY FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT SCHOOL BY EMAIL (SCHOOLOFFICE@GREASBY-INFANT.WIRRAL.SCH.UK) AND WE WILL ENDEAVOUR TO HAVE YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.



Greasby Infant School Vision & Ethos

Growing Minds

We help all children develop and grow in line with their individual talents and interests. We provide fun, stimulating learning opportunities that develop a curiosity for learning in inspiring and creative ways. We encourage all children to become resilient and independent learners fostering an attitude of consideration and responsibility towards others and their surroundings.

Happy Hearts

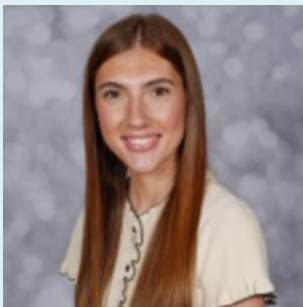
We aim to ensure all children develop a love of school through our nurturing environment. We care about the well-being of our pupils and their families and take a holistic approach to their overall development. Through constant engagement with children, parents and the local community, we help our children develop meaningful relationships and a sense of belonging allowing them to feel happy and safe.

Bright Futures

We provide an exciting, active curriculum that challenges all children to develop key knowledge and skills for the future and achieve their full potential. We offer a range of diverse opportunities within our curriculum through languages and outdoor learning, encouraging children to explore their future passions and leave Greasby Infant School ready to take on the world.

MEET YOUR TEACHERS!

MISS DUNNE



Hello, my name is Miss Dunne. I am so excited to be the Pre-School teacher and to welcome everyone to our class. I love helping children learn through play and watching them grow in confidence. I live with my daughter and enjoy spending time with my family and friends. I love listening to music, being creative and having lots of fun. I hope you are looking forward to starting Pre-School. I can't wait to meet you all and have lots of fun learning together!

MRS SHAUGHNESSY



Hello, my name is Mrs Shaughnessy. I live with my husband and have 3 grown up daughters and a mischievous dog, called Alec. I like cooking, shopping, spending time with my family and friends, going away in my caravan and exploring new places. I hope you're looking forward to starting pre-school! I can't wait to meet you all in September. Have a lovely summer and I will see you all very soon!

SESSION TIMES

We have 2 sessions a day in pre-school:

Morning session is 8.45am to 12:30PM (including lunch)

Afternoon session is 12.30pm to 3.30pm (children to have lunch before arrive)

At the start of each session we open the gates and door at the pre-school entrance on Hall drive (8:45am and 12:30pm) and a member of staff will be there to support children coming into pre-school. Collections are from the same door at 12:45pm and from 3:15pm until 3:30pm. If you need to drop off/collect outside of these times please speak to a member of staff.

STARTING IN SEPTEMBER

Stay and Play sessions will be held on:

Wednesday 2nd September and Thursday 3rd September

Please register yourself and your child for one of these sessions at the Open Evening or by contacting the school office.

Full time pre-school sessions will begin on Monday 7th September.

UNIFORM

Most children like the idea of wearing a uniform – especially if they have older siblings but some may prefer their own clothes. We want all children to be comfortable so they may wish to wear black joggers, leggings or shorts instead of schools skirts and pants with a white polo t-shirt and royal blue jumper/cardigan. Children should wear trainers/shoes they can fasten e.g. velcro

Children will also need a bag of spare clothes. This should include a few pairs of underwear including socks, spare outer garments and a spare pair of shoes/pumps. Although aprons are available – children often get wet/dirty from water and messy play and some children wish to be changed. Coats should be worn each day as children will be going outside.

SNACK AND LUNCHTIMES

Lunch time is part of the morning session and children can bring in a packed lunch or order a hot dinner. The cost of a hot dinner is £3.00 and this is invoiced termly in arrears. There are pre-school Midday Assistants that help the children during this time.

We are a nut free school due to children with severe allergies. Please ensure you tell the school of any dietary requirements and allergies.

For a small charge of 15p per session, the children can enjoy a wide variety of healthy snacks including fruit, cereal, bread products, milk and some occasional treats. The amount per child will be sent out half termly on Tapestry and is paid in cash to pre-school directly.

Please can children bring in a water bottle daily.

EARLY YEARS CURRICULUM AND ACTIVITIES

During each session we will work in the different areas of the classroom and outside. The children will have access to a variety of different resources that will support their learning in all 7 areas of the EYFS curriculum.

Termly plans can be found on the Pre-school website page.

The Early Years curriculum consists of:

Prime areas

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

Specific areas

·Literacy, Maths, Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design

Initially the focus will be on the prime areas. The children will be doing lots of activities around playing together, sharing, turn taking and developing their emotional awareness. They will be encouraged to take part in speaking and listening activities such as singing and story times, circle times, PSHE Jigsaw and Happy Minds sessions and after a while they follow the school phonics programme Read Write Inc.

As part of the outdoor curriculum we enjoy exploring all areas of the school grounds, including our outdoor area provision. Children will also take part in Forest School sessions. More information about this will be sent out.

After the first half term, the children will begin to bring home books they choose from our class library to share at home.

TAPESTRY

We use 'Tapestry' online to share the activities we do in school. This will enable you to see what your child has been doing and what they are proud of. Feel free to add as many photographs of your child's out of school experiences as well, this will enable us to get to know your child that little bit better. We will also share information with you through Tapestry and our E-Schools messaging system.

At the end of each term, the staff will gather evidence from Tapestry and Wellcom (speech and language assessments) to track progress. There will be 2 parents evenings - Autumn and Spring and a written report in Summer. Staff are also available to discuss any concerns you may have about your child, throughout the year - just contact to book an appointment.

A MESSAGE FROM MRS GRIMSTER AND MRS COOPER

Welcome to Greasby Infant School and our Pre-school family. At our school, we live our vision of 'Growing Minds, Happy Hearts, Bright Futures' every day. We believe that strong, caring relationships help children feel safe, happy and confident as they take their first steps into school life. Your child's curiosity, joy and unique talents will be nurtured here, and we are delighted to begin this exciting journey with you. Preschool children are involved in the wider life of our school.

They join in shared experiences, explore our learning environments, and become familiar with the routines, staff and spaces ready for F2. This helps them build confidence and feel a sense of belonging.

We can't wait to meet you all in September!