



Welcome to West Kirby Primary School





When I started school I made a lot of friends and when you start school you will make a lot of friends and the playground is very fun and you will like the climbing frame

When you come to my school you will like the book corner and you have to wear a blue band to go in the construction. I like school.

When you come here I will be nice to you. We can play together.

Messages from previous children in West Kirby Primary EYFS

I liked playing in the reading corner and reading books.

School makes me happy because I like playdough and writing stories.

Lunch is very tasty. After lunch you will go in the playground. Also, after playtime in school you will have snack.

When I started school I didn't know anyone and then I knew everyone. The next day I made some new friends. The next day I played lego with them.

Settling In



- It is important for your child to have the chance to become familiar with our setting and staff and meet some of the other children in their class. We therefore always offer an opportunity for your child to come and visit before they start school.
- These visits would usually take place in July, but this is very unlikely to be possible this year. We are hoping that we will be able to offer these visits in September, but will provide you with dates nearer the time when we have more clarity.





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Settling In



‘Getting to know you’ meetings

Before your child starts school, we would like to invite you to meet with us to talk about your child and to share any information which may help us to ensure they feel happy and secure and make a positive start to school.



- Reassurance during the settling in period.

Many children find parting from parents difficult at first, but staff are always on hand to provide reassurance and support. If your child is upset when you leave them we will always contact you once they have settled, to give you peace of mind.



Our Approach to Learning



- We know that children learn best when they feel happy and secure.



- Children learn in different ways and our environment and planned activities reflect this.

- Planning is based on assessment through observation. We use a combination of whole class and small group direct teaching together with free access to planned activities which may be indoors or outside.



- F2 children are set practical fun challenges to complete throughout the week which encourages them to take part in a wide range of learning opportunities.

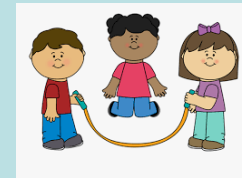
Early Years Foundation Stage Framework

7 areas of learning

https://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2015/03/4Children_ParentsGuide_2015_WEB.pdf

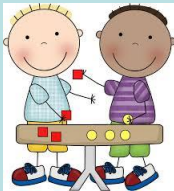
3 prime areas:

- personal, social and emotional development
- communication and language
- physical development



4 specific areas:

- literacy
- mathematics
- understanding the world
- expressive arts & design.



Home School Partnership



- Tapestry online learning journal

http://www.westkirbyprimaryschool.co.uk/website/foundation_stage/17394

- Home learning on school website

http://www.westkirbyprimaryschool.co.uk/website/home_learning/53902



- F2 Reading bags & record books

- Parent workshops

- Share a story sessions



School Meals for F2 Children



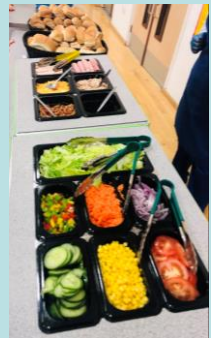
Children may have a school meal or bring a packed lunch from home.



Our school meals are home-made and prepared by our in-house Catering Team and sometimes include fruit and vegetables in season grown by our pupils.

Our meals are popular with both pupils and staff alike.

All pupils in F2, Y1 and Y2 are entitled to a school meal free of charge and we encourage parents to take up this offer.



See our website for more details

https://www.westkirbyprimaryschool.co.uk/website/lunch_and_snacks/17379

Wrap Around Provision



WAVES (We Achieve Value Encourage Success)

This is the name of the of our Breakfast and After School Club. It runs daily at school during term time for children in Foundation 2 to Year 6

Term time opening:

Breakfast Club: 7.45-8.55am £3.50 includes breakfast 8.30-8.55am £1.00

After School Club: 3.30-4.30pm £3.50 3.30-5.45pm £7.50 includes snack

For more information, please see our website

https://www.westkirbyprimaryschool.co.uk/website/wraparound_care/17382

PTA



<https://www.westkirbyprimaryschool.co.uk/website/pta/52588>

West Kirby Primary has an active PTA which organises many enjoyable fundraising events throughout the year such as the annual Christmas and Summer Fairs. This money is used to provide lots of additional and enriching resources and experiences for the children.



Members of the PTA meet monthly and it is a great way to meet other parents. If you feel that you would like to get involved, we will provide further details when meetings are able to be resumed.



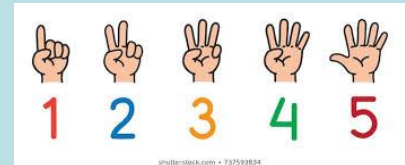
If you are not able to come to meetings, the PTA are always grateful for any offers of help, from wrapping gifts and baking cakes, to setting up stalls at the Fair.





Preparing for School

- Practise dressing - putting on coats, shoes etc
- Independence when using the toilet & washing hands
- Practise using scissors, cutlery
- Activities to develop fine motor skills eg pegs, threading, small construction toys, tying knots ...
- Number activities – counting, matching, ordering numbers, using real life situations to reinforce number concepts
- Encourage mark making, writing name – lower case except for initial letter (only if your child is ready)



Uniform



<https://www.westkirbyprimaryschool.co.uk/website/uniform/17378>

All uniform needs to be named

Foundation 2

- White shirt or polo shirt (elasticated tie optional)
- Blue sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan
- Grey trousers, shorts, skirt or dress
- Blue check dresses in summer if preferred
- Black school shoes – easy to fasten!
- PE kit – blue T shirt and shorts & **velcro** plimsoles



Foundation1

- Blue nursery sweatshirt





We are looking forward to the time
when we are able to welcome you
and your child into our school.
Until that time comes, keep well
and stay safe.

