



Welcome to Dishforth Airfield Early Years Foundation Stage



Dishforth Airfield Primary School

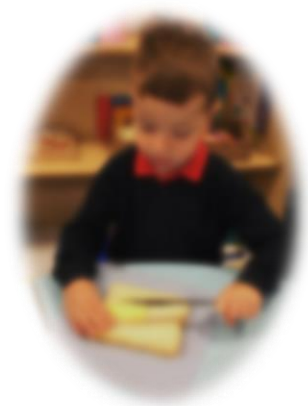
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Welcome to Early Years

A warm welcome from our team at Dishforth Airfield. We are looking forward to getting to know your child and being part of their amazing learning journey. We believe by having firm foundation for learning children can have the confidence to make discoveries in their own learning, have a go and succeed!

Our staff

Our Early Years is led by Mrs Hutchinson our Early Years Teacher and supported with Mrs Rawstrone, and Miss Baume, our Teaching Assistants.

We are based over two classrooms and a large outside area that allows the children to access a range of provision indoors and outdoors.

Our Early Years consists of both Nursery and Reception children. One of our classrooms is set to up to support children's earlier skills whilst the other classroom aims to support more focused activities. There are times during the day Nursery and Reception are based in their own classrooms and are taught Read, Write Inc phonics, maths or English. Then the children are free to flow between the rooms.

Nursery School Day



Morning (AM) Session

Drop off: 8.45am

Pick up: 11.45am



Afternoon (PM) Session

Drop off: 11.45am

Pick up: 2.45pm



Extended care pick-up time: 2.45-3.15pm

Nursery children can attend for morning, afternoon or full day sessions. The full day session would be 8.45am till 2.45pm. Extended care can be added to a full day session at an extra cost of £2.50.

If you have older children in school, please collect from Nursery first before picking up siblings.

Children attending an afternoon session should bring a packed lunch or pre order a school dinner as lunchtime is between 11.50am and 12.30pm. The cost of a nursery school dinner is £2.10.

Reception children will attend every day at 8.45am until 3.15pm.

Getting ready

Please bring these items to school each day:

- A rucksack or bag
- A complete change of clothes (including spare underwear and socks)
- A jacket or coat
- Wellies
- Packed lunch (if necessary)
- Home-school book
- A named jumper or cardigan
- A hat, scarf and gloves/mittens (in autumn and early spring term)
- Sunscreen and a hat (in late spring and the summer term)

We strongly recommend that all children have a change of clothes with them each day. This is to ensure that children can remain comfortable after toileting accidents or messy outdoor adventures!

Please do not allow your child to bring toys from home into school keep them safe at home.



Please remember to name all items that come into school

Eating and drinking

Snacks

Each child will receive a carton of semi-skimmed milk and a piece of fruit each day. We share fruit and milk during a group snack time where we encourage healthy eating habits, hand washing and social skills. Please let a member of staff know if your child has any allergies or particular likes/dislikes.

Lunchtime

Lunch time is between 11.50 and 12.30. Nursery children can either order a school dinner or can bring a packed lunch if they are in school during this time. Please ensure that all products are nut free as we operate a “no nuts” policy. We are a healthy school and lunches should be balanced and nutritious. No fizzy drinks, chocolate bars or chocolate spread. Here are some ideas to get you started, lots more can be easily found by searching for ‘healthy lunchbox ideas’ online or talking to a member of our team.

Pack your child a **HEALTHY LUNCH BOX**

Choose a variety of foods from each food group



First days

Transition

If your child is starting school at the beginning of a new term, they will have the opportunity to attend a transition session. If you are joining us mid-way through the term, you are welcome to arrange a transition session if you wish. Please speak to the school office or Mrs Hutchinson to organise this.

On your first day please bring your child to the Early Years Unit where a member of staff will greet you. Your child will be shown to their name peg and introduced to key members of staff and other children.

One of the first things we show the children is where the toilet is and how to use the automatic flush/taps. We would encourage all children to be able to use the toilet independently before they join our setting. If you have any questions or would like support with toileting, please get in touch.

Please discuss with Mrs Hutchinson when it is time for you to leave your child. This will be different for each child. We recognise that separation can be difficult, especially if this is your child's first time in a setting. We are very happy to give you a call mid-way through your child's session to let you know how they are getting on if you are worried about how they will settle. If you do have any specific concerns about your child settling, come and have a chat with us.

Uniform

School uniform in **Nursery** is optional, but we would encourage the children to wear suitable clothing for the weather and the environment. The children will need to be comfortable to run, jump, climb and play in different environments.

Suggested clothing for nursery children:

- Jogging bottoms (these are especially helpful for children who have recently learned to use the toilet independently)
- Red polo shirt (DAPS branded T- shirts are available from the school supplier)
- Blue sweatshirt/cardigan (DAPS branded available)
- Pinafore/red check summer dress/skirt for girls
- Warm and waterproof jacket/coat
- Shoes/trainers with Velcro straps

Please try to avoid dressing children in tights as these can be difficult for children to manage independently.



Curriculum

At Dishforth Airfield we follow the curriculum framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage. This describes the seven areas of learning and development which are implemented through planned, purposeful play.

These are:

- Physical development
- Personal, social and emotional development
- Communication and language
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the world
- Expressive arts and design

We have a highly experienced team of adults who respond to each child's emerging needs and interest, guiding their development through warm, positive interactions. We also promote the key characteristics of learning: playing and exploring, active learning and creating and thinking critically. Our children play, explore, develop, make friends and learn in a variety of ways, both indoor and out. They gain confidence and independence and develop their natural curiosity.

How we learn

Our approach is play based with some adult led activities. Our learning is exploratory and takes place both inside and out, with a focus on first hand experiences. Some of the activities we take part are shown below.



Top Tips

Here are some things you could discuss or do with your child before starting nursery.

- Read stories together every day. Look at the pictures and ask questions together.
- Sing songs and nursery rhymes.
- Get out and about as much as possible, give your child lots of opportunities to explore and engage with the world around them.
- Encourage your child to use the toilet and wash their hands.
- Encourage your child to express their own wants and needs.
- Support them to take off and put on their coat independently.