

The Devonshire Hill Nursery and Primary School



Successful Learners



**Welcome to
Reception 2022-23**

Meet the Staff:



Ms Georgiades
Deputy Headteacher



Ms D'Abreu
Headteacher



Ms Bates
Assistant
Headteacher
Leader of Inclusion



Ms English
Opal Class Teacher
EYFS & Y1 Leader



Ms Kodra
Pearl Class Teacher



Ms Kiki
Opal Class
Key Worker



Ms Kirkcesme
Pearl Class
Key Worker

Your Uniform:



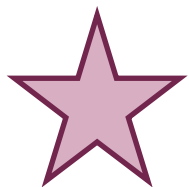
**Royal Blue
Jumper/Cardigan**



**Gold short sleeved
polo shirt**



**Grey skirt/pinafore
Grey trousers (short or long)**



Everyone should come to school well presented and ready for learning each day. Our school uniform is shown above. Footwear must be black school shoes (no trainers). Our 'School Uniform Policy' can be found on the school website at: www.devonshirehill.com/about-us/policies/

The majority of high street stores will have affordable non branded items that are in line with our school colours. Second hand uniform will be made available through parent donations.



PE kit: Everyone is asked to wear their PE kit to school on PE days. Your PE day will be confirmed in September. PE kit should be weather appropriate, ie shorts in summer, joggers in winter, this should be worn with a school jumper.



Gold t-shirt



**Royal Blue
PE shorts/jogging bottoms**



Black Plimsolls

At Home:



Practise dressing and undressing yourself independently at home.

Remember to clearly mark each item of clothing with your child's name to help locate items of clothing if they misplaced.

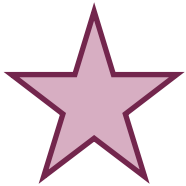


Branded school uniform can be ordered online through Mapac by visiting www.mapac.com. Some limited stock may also available at a reduced price via the Parent Mail shop (for collection during term time only).

Think Smart Dress Smart



Coat pegs:



Each day when arriving to school you can hang your belongings on the coat peg outside your classroom. This is where your school book bag/ school backpack and coat will stay safe while you are in class.



You should bring your book bags to school everyday to allow your teacher to support and monitor your home reading progress. You can read more about our Reading Scheme further on in this booklet.

At Home:



In addition to one to one and guided reading sessions in school, you must read together at home for up to 15mins daily. Please sign and comment in your reading record each time that you read.



You can practice opening the zip on your coat and taking it off independently at home. Remember there will always be an adult who you can ask to help you when you arrive.

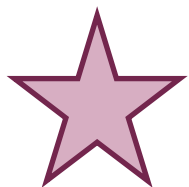


Your belongings should all be clearly marked with your name so that if an item is misplaced we can easily know who it belongs to.

Lost Property:



Lost property is accessible in the Main Reception area



Whenever you take off your school jumper/cardigan you should hang this on your peg to keep it safe. If any of your belongings are misplaced you can look for them in our lost property trolleys. All lost property is stored in the Main Reception area for parents to access.



Valuable items and unnecessary accessories should be left at home. This will ensure that your belongings are safe. The school can not be responsible for such items and any items fitting this description may be confiscated and returned to a parent at the end of the day.

At Home:







Ensure that all items are clearly marked with your name. This will reduce the chances of mix-ups and increase the chances of you being reunited with misplaced items.



Talk about the importance of being responsible and looking after our belongings as well as being respectful and caring for the property of others.

The School Day:

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| <p>Breakfast Club Breakfast club is available from 7.45am www.devonshirehill.com/parents/breakfast-club/</p> |  |
| <p>Registration Arrive to school on time each day. The school gates open at 8:45am.</p> |  |
| <p>Maths We follow Mathematics Mastery and we have daily 'Maths Meetings'.</p> |  |
| <p>Phonics We follow Read Write Inc Phonics. www.ruthmiskin.com Read at home for 15mins every day.</p> |  |
| <p>Lunch Lunch is at 11.45am every day. The school menu is updated each term. Packed lunches must be healthy meals.</p> |  |
| <p>Group activities Apply communication skills, sharing, learn to make choices and develop expression and creativity.</p> |  |
| <p>Handwriting We use Read Write Inc letter formation Handwriting rhymes to help us to form our lowercase letters correctly.</p> |  |
| <p>Circle time / story time Every day we share our experiences or read a story on the carpet.</p> |  |
| <p>Home time / after School Collect your child no later than 3.15pm. Or book onto our after-school provision. https://devonshirehill.com/parents/extra-curricula/</p> |  |

At Home:



You can prepare for the structure of the school day at home by having a daily routine well before school starts in September. Examples include meal times, story times, outdoor time and bedtime.

Reading Scheme:



Book bag:

It is important to bring your book bag to school every day and take it home every afternoon. Once a week your teachers will check your reading record and change your home/ school books.

We may also use your book bag to send home important letters and updates about school activities.



Each week your book bag will be updated to include:

- 1 phonics reading book
- 1 book of choice from the library
- Reading record



Remember you should read for up to 15mins every day with an adult at home. Each reading session should be recorded in your reading record for your teacher to monitor your home reading progress.



At Home:

In preparation for your new home reading routine you can include story time in your daily routine at home. Practise retelling the story from pictures and your recognition of letters.

The Classroom:

Maths area:

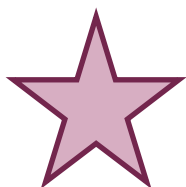


We teach **Mathematics Mastery** which involves lots of exciting resources to support your learning.

Carpet time:



We like to all sit together on the carpet. This is where we listen to stories, talk about our experiences and reinforce our listening skills.



The classroom is divided into different learning areas. Every day we offer a selection of educational activities and learning resources aimed at developing key skills. Our staff are always ready to guide, support and encourage.



At Home:

In preparation for your new classroom environment you can practise your number and letter recognition and sharing and listening at home.

Outdoor Learning:

Sensory activities:

Every day we offer access to a variety of sensory activities to explore in our outdoor classroom. Sensory activities support the development of fine motor skills, language, and 'scientific thinking'. Some of our favourite activities include making mud cake in the Mud Kitchen and finding treasure in the sand pit!



Mud Kitchen

Keeping active:

We encourage active lifestyle in an exciting and educational way. Staying active supports our physical development, it helps to keep our bodies strong and healthy as well as improving balance, co-ordination and confidence. We enjoy riding the bikes and obstacle courses daily.



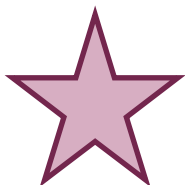
Maths Obstacle Course

Woodwork activities:

Our outdoor classroom has its very own woodwork area. This exciting and enriching provision benefits a variety of skills including fine motor development, creative and critical thinking, problem solving and practical skills. Each child attends an induction and tools are EYFS safe and accessible only with the supervision of an adult.



Woodwork Area



Outdoor learning is a key part of daily activities. Our outdoor classroom offers a variety of enriching learning experiences aimed at supporting physical development, critical thinking and practical skills as well as our language development.

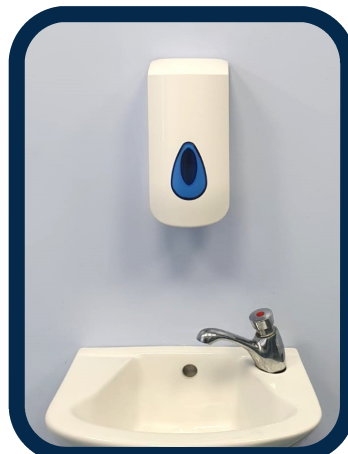
At Home:

Always come to school in a suitable waterproof coat, we like to explore outdoors in all weather conditions. You can practice putting your coat independently at home, this will allow more time to explore and build skills outdoors. Remember to have your name in all items of clothing.



The Toilets:

Girls' Toilets

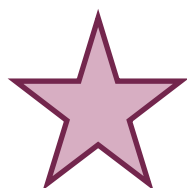


Boys' Toilets



Push for Soap

Press to Dry



We encourage independent use of the toilets and reinforce the importance of hygiene throughout the day. This is where we will be able to go to the toilet and wash our hands between activities and before eating our lunch.



We put used toilet paper down the toilet and always flush after each use. We wash our hands with soap and water for 20 seconds and dry our hands using the hand dryer.



At Home:

You can practice using the toilet and washing your hands with soap and water independently at home. Why not sing a song that helps you to wash your hands for 20 seconds.

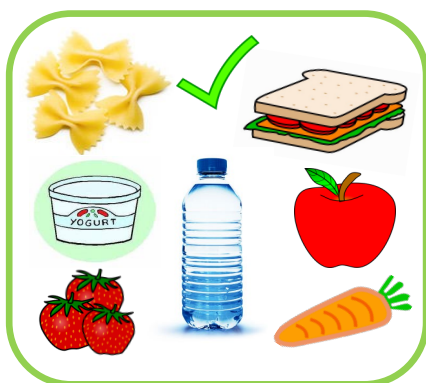
Lunch Time:



Our dinner hall is vibrant and there are always staff at hand to support the children.



A sample of the school meals are displayed to help children decide what they would like to eat.



Our school meals are Halal certified.

Please be allergy aware. We are a nut free school!

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HALAL
CERTIFIED
FOOD



You can eat a healthy lunch every day in our lunch hall. Our meals are provided by Olive Dining and are Halal certified, there is also always a vegetarian option. The current menu can be seen at: www.devonshirehill.com/parents/school-meals/



At Home:

To help you prepare for lunch time at school you should practise using a knife and fork independently at home. If you need help there will always be an adult who is happy to help.

Are you ready for Reception?

Here are a few things you can practise at home to prepare for September:

- I can use the toilet by myself and wash my hands.
- I can find and put on my own coat.
- I can use a knife and fork by myself.
- I can try to write my name.
- I can share and play with others.
- I know some numbers and sounds.
- I can listen to my teachers.
- I can ask an adult for help.

We look forward to seeing you in September!

For term dates visit :

www.devonshirehill.com/parents/term-dates/

For more information on the EYFS curriculum, please visit:

- https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/988004/Development_Matters.pdf
- www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-foundation-stage-framework--2



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