

The Devonshire Hill Nursery and Primary School



Successful Learners



# Welcome to Reception

at The Devonshire Hill Nursery & Primary School



# Meet the Staff:



**Ms Georgiades**  
Deputy Headteacher



**Ms D'Abreu**  
Headteacher



**Ms Bates**  
Assistant Headteacher  
Leader of Inclusion



**Opal  
Class**



**Ms Georgiades**  
Opal Class Teacher  
EYFS & Y1 Leader



**Pearl  
Class**



**Ms Kodra**  
Pearl Class Teacher

# Our Ethos:

Our school ethos aims to strengthen and support our school community with a focus on emotional wellbeing.



## THE ANCHOR APPROACH

### At School:



The Anchor Approach is a holistic approach to resilience and wellbeing and is adopted and applied throughout the school.



We highlight and model four characteristics from the Resilience Wheel to support our children to feel confident and safe:

**Achieving | Belonging | Empowerment | Purpose**



During the Summer Term children in Reception will join our weekly celebration assembly. Each week 4 children are awarded a certificate for demonstrating one of the four characteristics.

### At Home:



Access Parent/Carer information at [www.haringey.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/health/public-health/anchor-approach/anchor-approach-information-parents-and-carers](http://www.haringey.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/health/public-health/anchor-approach/anchor-approach-information-parents-and-carers)



An understanding of the importance of these values and how to apply them both in school and in everyday life empowers our children to become Lifelong Successful Learners.

# THE RESILIENCE WHEEL

SPEAKING UP FOR YOURSELF,  
KNOWING YOU ARE SPECIAL AND  
IMPORTANT – MEANS YOU’RE  
**EMPOWERED**

WHEN YOU HELP SOMEONE  
OR MAKE A DIFFERENCE  
BY BEING KIND, YOU HAVE  
**PURPOSE**



TRYING OR LEARNING SOMETHING  
NEW, OR GETTING THINGS DONE,  
EVEN WHEN YOU DON'T REALLY  
WANT TO – ARE ALL WAYS OF  
**ACHIEVING**

BEING PART OF OUR  
SCHOOL, A TEAM, OR BEING  
ASKED TO JOIN IN HELPS  
YOU TO FEEL THAT YOU  
**BELONG**

# Reading Scheme:



It's 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 reading books. We may also use your book bag to send home important letters and updates about school activities.

## At School:



Each week your book bag will be updated to include: A **phonics sound**, a **phonics reading book**, a **reading book for transfer of skills**, and a **reading book of choice** from the school library.



Each child will have their own reading record which your Teacher will check regularly. Your comments and records will enable your Teacher to follow home reading progress.



You should bring your book bags to school everyday to allow your teacher to support and 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.



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.

# The Classroom:



## At School:



The classroom is divided into different learning areas. Every day offers new educational activities and resources. Each activity is aimed at developing key skills. Our staff are always ready to guide, support and encourage.



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.

## 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:



Mud Kitchen



Supervised Woodwork



Woodwork Area

## At School:



**Keeping active:** we encourage an 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 completing obstacle courses daily.



**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 favourites activities include making mud cake in the Mud Kitchen and finding treasure in the sand pit!



**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.

## At Home:



Always come to school with suitable outdoor clothes. For outdoor learning children will need: a water proof coat, water proof trousers wellies, a hat and gloves for colder weather and change of clothes.



# Forest School:

## Forest School:

Forest School sessions take place in our very own 'March Wood' which is situated on the school field. This unique outdoor space allows the children to learn, explore and lead their independent learning outside of the classroom.



## What wear for Forest School:

On the day of Forest School children should come to school in non uniform. Clothing and footwear should be warm and comfortable and we ask that you also provide the following:

- wellington boots**  
(in addition to comfortable footwear worn)
- waterproof over trousers**
- waterproof jacket with a hood**
- spare clothing kit including socks**



## At Home:



On Forest School day, children come to school wearing their outdoor clothes. They will need a change of footwear and socks especially during wet weather - you may choose to provide a full change of clothes to change into once the Forest School session is ended.

# The School Day:

<p><b>Breakfast Club</b> Breakfast club is available from 7.45am <a href="http://www.devonshirehill.com/parents/breakfast-club/">www.devonshirehill.com/parents/breakfast-club/</a></p>	
<p><b>Registration</b> Arrive to school on time each day. The school gates open at 8:45am.</p>	
<p><b>Maths</b> We follow Mathematics Mastery and we have daily 'Maths Meetings'.</p>	
<p><b>Phonics</b> We follow Read Write Inc Phonics. <a href="http://www.ruthmiskin.com">www.ruthmiskin.com</a> Read at home for 15mins every day.</p>	
<p><b>Lunch</b> Lunch is at 11.45am every day. The school menu is catered by Olive Dining and updated each term. Packed lunches must be healthy meals. <a href="http://www.olivedining.co.uk/">www.olivedining.co.uk/</a></p>	
<p><b>Group activities'</b> Apply communication skills, sharing, learn to make choices and develop expression and creativity.</p>	
<p><b>Handwriting</b> We follow Read Write Inc. to practise our letter formation in our phonics lessons. We use lead in strokes around the class to get ready for joined up handwriting.</p>	
<p><b>Circle time / story time</b> Every day we share our experiences or read a story on the carpet. We use this time to learn about our class topic and read books that are linked to it.</p>	
<p><b>Home time / after School</b> Collect your child no later than 3.15pm. Or book onto our after-school provision. <a href="https://devonshirehill.com/parents/extra-curricula/">https://devonshirehill.com/parents/extra-curricula/</a></p>	

## At Home:



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



If your child is too unwell to attend school please ensure that you contact the Main Office on the morning of each unattended day. This is in line with our Attendance and Absence policy: [www.devonshirehill.com/about-us/policies-reports/policies/](http://www.devonshirehill.com/about-us/policies-reports/policies/)

# Our Topics:



Each half term our learning is linked to a new focus. The 2023/24 topics can be seen below. For information about the curriculum content for Numeracy, Literacy and PE please visit the Curriculum Subjects page on the school website: [www.devonshirehill.com/our-learning/curriculum-subjects/](http://www.devonshirehill.com/our-learning/curriculum-subjects/)

**'Ourselves'**

**'Traditional Tales'**

**'Transport'**

**'In the Garden'**

**'Curious Creatures'**

**'The World'**

## At Home:



Talk to your child at home about what they are learning at school. Engage in activities and experiences which relate to their current learning to enrich their learning journey.

# Lunch Time:



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

## At School:

You can eat a healthy lunch every day in our Dining Hall. Our school meals are catered for by Olive Dining. Meals are Halal certified and there is always a vegetarian option. The current menu and upcoming event menus can be seen at:

[www.devonshirehill.com/parents/school-meals/](http://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 support in school there will always be an adult who is happy to help.




# FREE SCHOOL MEALS

*with Olive Dining*



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 @olivediningltd



## Free School Meals in 2023/24



All primary school children in state-funded schools in London will be eligible for free school meals during the academic year 2023/24.



The introduction of universal free school meals for the 2023/24 academic year could save families around £440 per child.



To find out more visit: <https://www.london.gov.uk/who-we-are/what-mayor-does/priorities-london/emergency-universal-free-school-meal-provision/guidance-and-support-families>

# Your Uniform:



Royal Blue Jumper/Cardigan



Gold short  
sleeved polo shirt



Grey skirt/pinafore  
Grey trousers (short or long)

## At School:



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/](http://www.devonshirehill.com/about-us/policies/)



Our School PE Kit can be seen below. Children are expected to come to school in their full PE Kit on the day of their PE lesson. The PE lesson day will be shared with you closer to your start date.



Gold t-shirt



Royal Blue  
PE shorts



Black Plimsolls

## At Home:



School uniform can be ordered online through Mapac by visiting [www.mapac.com](http://www.mapac.com)



Remember to clearly mark each item of clothing with your name to help locate your uniform if it is misplaced.

# Think Smart Dress Smart



# Coat Pegs:



Each morning we hang our belongings on our peg outside the classroom.



## At School:



Outside of your classroom you have your own peg. This is where your PE kit, school book bag / school backpack and coat will stay safe while you learn.



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.

## At Home:



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 trolleys are accessed in the Main Reception area.



## At School:



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.



The school isn't responsible for valuable items or unnecessary accessories, these must be kept safe at home. Anything fitting this description may be confiscated and returned to a parent at the end of the day.



Lost property can be collected from the lost property trolley in the Main Reception area and on the school gate after school each Friday. All unclaimed lost property is donated to charity during each half term.

## At Home:



Ensure that all items are clearly marked with your name. This will reduce the chance of mix-ups and increase the chance 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 Toilets:



Push for Soap  
& Water



Press to Dry



## At School:



We encourage independent use of the toilets and reinforce the importance of hygiene throughout the day. We 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.



The school advises that children in Reception keep a change of clothes, including underwear in a bag on their school peg. This will mean that they are prepared if they were to have a toileting accident. Please bring this to school on the first day.



Always tell an adult if you need to use the toilet...

Close the cubicle door when using the toilet...

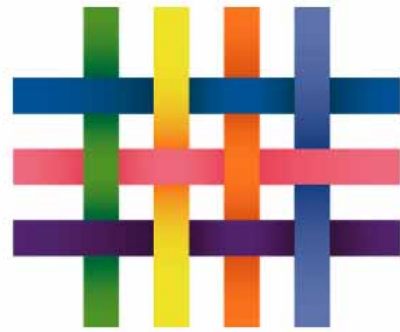
Used tissue must go into the toilet bowl...

Remember to flush when you have finished...



We always wash our hands with soap and water to stop the spread of germs.

# Tapestry:



**TAPESTRY**  
ONLINE LEARNING  
JOURNAL

At the start of the academic year, you will be given login details by your Class Teacher.

To access your Tapestry Account visit: [www.tapestryjournal.com/](http://www.tapestryjournal.com/)

## **At School:**



Tapestry is an interactive way for your Class Teacher to record the learning journey of the class through photographs and captions. Each family is given a unique login on your device at home which will allow you to view and comment on shared activities.



The relationship between home and school is so important and Tapestry will be a way of helping to provide us with a fuller picture of your child's development and progress during their time in the Foundation Stage.



There will be a workshop available for you to come in and learn more about Tapestry near the end of September, once the children are settled into full-time sessions. Details will be announced on ParentMail.

## **At Home:**



You can record your login details below and keep them safe do not share these with anybody.

Username \_\_\_\_\_ Password: \_\_\_\_\_



You can upload your own photographs which show special learning moments that take place at home.

# ParentMail:



ParentMail

It is important for you to stay in touch with the latest events, activities and invitations. Please ensure that your contact information is kept up to date. If you change your email, contact telephone number or address please inform us by contacting the Main Office as soon as possible.

## At School:



ParentMail is the school's main communication platform. Letters and messages are paperless and are sent via the ParentMail app. An activation link will be sent to you closer to the time of your start date.



The school website is another important communication tool: [www.devonshirehill.com](http://www.devonshirehill.com). Letters, newsletters, important dates, information about clubs and our school practices are included here. All information on the school website can be translated.



The school also shares exciting items on our social media pages, please do give us a follow and like our posts from time to time.

Twitter: [@devonshireHill](https://twitter.com/devonshireHill)

Instagram: [@devonshirehillsch](https://www.instagram.com/devonshirehillsch)

## At Home:



Download the ParentMail app ready for when you receive your activation email. Ensure that you have access by activating your account as soon as you can. This way you won't miss out on any important information.



Once set up please ensure that your notifications are turned on and check your ParentMail messages regularly. You can also make payments for items via the Parentmail shop when required to do so.

# Contact Us:

There are a number of ways to get in touch with us when you need to. Our friendly staff are always happy to help.



If your child is too unwell to attend school please call the Main Office before 8.55am on the morning of each day that they are absent.



If you need speak with your Class Teacher please do this at the end of the school day. If more time is required to discuss your matter then they may arrange to meet with you at a more convenient time.



If you need to speak with a member of the Admin Team regarding items such as finance, appointments, collection arrangements or updating your data please contact the Main Office.



For all enquiries regarding events and activities, term dates, policies, procedures, breakfast club and afterschool club bookings etc please visit the school website. [www.devonshirehill.com](http://www.devonshirehill.com)

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# Useful Information:

## Are you ready for Reception?

Here are a few things you can practise at home to prepare Reception

- 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.

For term dates visit : [www.devonshirehill.com/parents/term-dates/](http://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](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](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-foundation-stage-framework--2)
- [www.devonshirehill.com/our-learning/eyfs/](http://www.devonshirehill.com/our-learning/eyfs/)

**We look forward to welcoming  
you to our school!**

explore...



experiment...



create...

discover...

