Connor Downs Academy

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Welcome to the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) at Connor Downs Academy…

Meet the EYFS team:



Reception Teacher.

Miss Marshall



Reception TA.

Miss Abel







Your child's transition to school:

- Stay and play sessions
- Teddy Bears' Picnic
- Nursery Visits
- Home Visits

What your child will need to keep at school:

- A P.E. kit, including plimsols.
- Spare clothes, including socks and underwear, to be kept in school.
- Waterproof clothing and wellies, with your child's name written inside, to be in school for outdoor learning.
- **Please ensure** that **all** belongings are appropriately labelled.



What your child will need to bring to school daily:

- Book bag and reading record
- A healthy packed lunch (if your child is not having a free school dinner).
- A water bottle.
- A waterproof coat.
- A warm hat, gloves or sun hat (as appropriate).
- Please no extra bags.





Useful information:

- **All** property and clothing should be named to avoid confusion. Pupils are encouraged to take care of their own belongings.

- If your child requires medicine during the school day, please note that we can **only** administer medicine prescribed by a doctor. If this is necessary, please complete the appropriate form, which is obtainable from the school office, which will authorise us to do this.





Useful information:

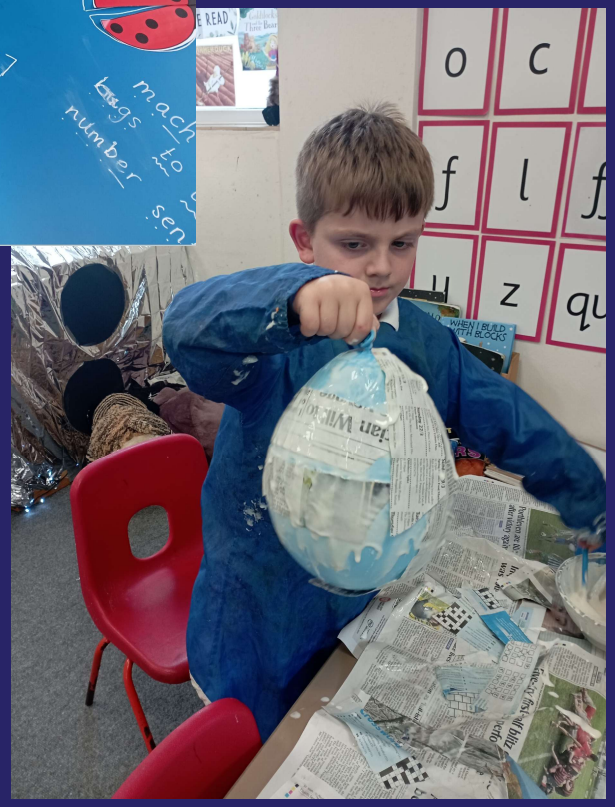
- Toys from home must not be brought into school without consent. This will ensure that your child's personal belongings do not get lost or damaged.

- Please aim to read with your child each night and record this in their Reading Record.

- Please make a phone call to notify the school on the first day of any absence.

- As an academy we do not authorise holidays within the term time.





Useful information:

- There is a weekly newsletter which will be published on the school's website each Friday.

- This showcases work and experiences from across the school and shares many important dates.





School uniform:

At Connor Downs Academy, our uniform comprises of:

- Navy jumper with school logo
- White shirt (white polo shirts for Year R children only)
- Navy and gold stripe tie (long or elasticated) (not required for YR children)
- Dark grey skirt or dark grey trousers for girls (No pinafore dresses)
- Navy and white gingham dresses and navy cardigans (Summer term/early autumn term)
- Dark grey trousers or dark grey shorts for boys
- Grey tights or white socks for girls
- Grey long or short socks for boys
- Black school shoes (No trainers or boots)
- Navy book bags with embroidered logo

Uniform can be purchased from: https://www.trophytextiles.co.uk







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The school day:

- Children are welcomed into the Reception classroom from 8:30 a.m.
- School starts promptly at 8:45 a.m.
- All children have access to a (free) healthy snack during the school day.
- Lunchtime in Reception is from 12:00 p.m. until 1:15 p.m.



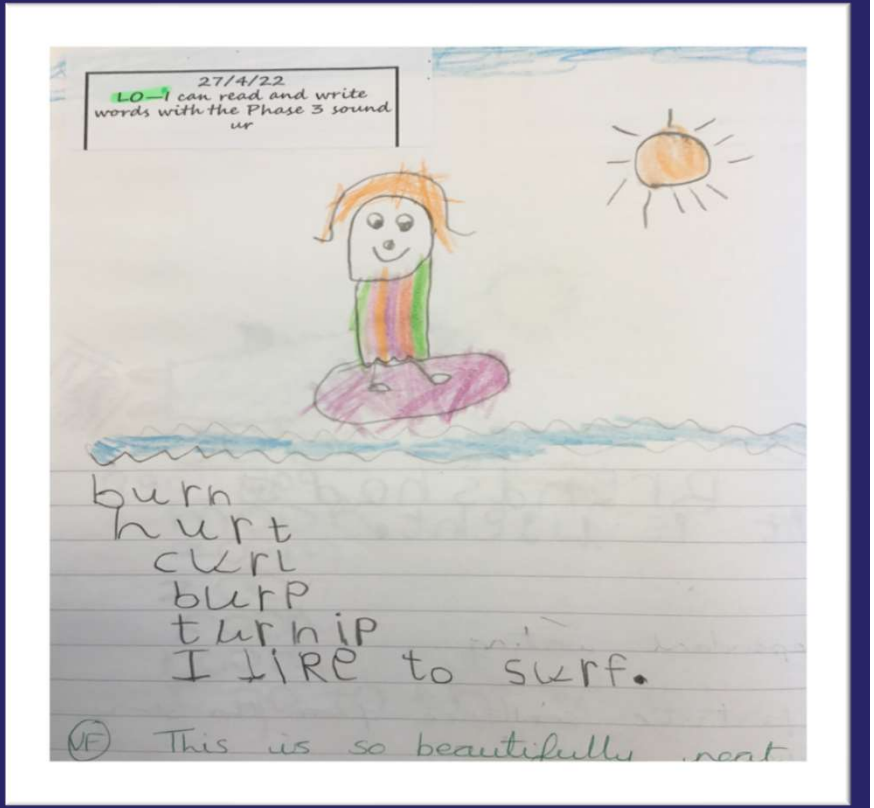
The school day:

- The school day ends at 3:15 p.m.
- Please collect your child from the door outside the Reception classroom.
- Please let us know of anyone, other than yourselves, who will be collecting your child from school. Staff should be notified with as much prior notice as possible.



Phonics: reading and writing

- At Connor Downs Academy, our teaching of phonics will follow the scheme 'Little Wandle'.
- Information available on our website.
- Autumn term - Invite parents in to observe a phonics lesson



How your child will learn:



- 'Playful learning' e.g. child-initiated activities/play, supported by the adults.
- Teacher-directed learning e.g. whole-class phonics/ mathematics teaching.



How your child will learn:



- The EYFS environment, both indoors and outdoors, is tailored to meet the emerging interests of the children.



Our school pets:

- Across the academy, we have resident rabbits and chickens.
- In Reception, the children learn to care for our academy pets.
- We access weekly Outdoor Learning sessions to support classroom learning.





Cultivating Futures

- **Cultivating Futures**, our fantastic outdoor learning environment, supports us in delivering a broad and balanced curriculum.
- Our adventure trail supports gross motor development.









- Please feel welcome to contact **hello@connordowns.org.uk** if:

- You have any questions or concerns.
- Your child has specific medical, learning or transitional needs that you would like to discuss on a 1:1 basis.

- ***Thank you and welcome to the Connor Downs Academy Family***