

# Welcome to Manorside Academy



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Here we will look after your children as if they are our own. We are passionate about ensuring that every child reaches their potential, combining high expectations with love, care and respect. We want our children to be ambitious for their future, to aim for greatness and to achieve it.

Our aim is to provide your child with a safe, stimulating and caring learning environment in which they can start their school life. The staff, facilities and outside areas at Manorside are outstanding and will promote excellence in your child's education.

Starting school can be an emotional time, probably more so for grown-ups than for the child! In our experience there are many aspects of school life that can initially seem a mystery to new parents. Our aim is to explain some of the things that go on in school and to ease the transition into school life.

High Expectations lead to High Achievers

## Reception Staff



Miss Cross – Early Years  
Phase Leader and Class  
Teacher



Miss Henry – Class  
Teacher



Miss Clothier – Class  
Teacher

## The School Day

Your child will come into school via a separate playground which will be shown to you during Stay and Play sessions and our Open Evening. Our gates open at 8.35am when you will bring your child to their classroom door, and the school bell will ring at 8.50am when the gate will close. Please encourage your child to come into class independently every morning. A learning activity will be available for the children to complete when they come in. At the end of the day, please collect your child from their classroom door.



## Snack



During the morning, your child will be offered a fruit or vegetable snack. A small carton of milk will also be offered for free, for all children under 5 years of age. Milk can be purchased for children over 5 years old. **Please visit [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com) to register your child.**

## Lunch time

The children will eat their lunch in the school hall. **All** children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to free school meals; **however, if you are on benefits, please complete the form in your Welcome Pack which enables school to receive extra funding.** Some parents prefer to provide a healthy packed lunch instead.



If you would like your child to have a hot meal you will need to choose their meal via Parentpay. There will be a choice of a main meal, a vegetarian option or a jacket potato. You will be provided with a logon to Parentpay once your child starts school. The cut off date for ordering a meal is Tuesday at midnight for the following week.

## Uniform

We show High Expectations by always looking smart in our uniforms:

Black trousers/skirts/tailored shorts

White shirt

Tie \*

Jumper \*

Black school shoes (please ensure your child can fasten these themselves)

Black socks (boys)

White socks or black tights (girls)

Book bag \*

PE bag \*

Our PE uniform is:

Red/Green/Yellow/Blue t-shirt \*

Black shorts

Black joggers/leggings (winter)

Black plimsolls

Black hoodie (optional)\*



Please note that summer dresses, pinafores and sandals are **not** part of our uniform.

Items marked with an \* are to be purchased from school using the following link

<https://www.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Uniform/Default.aspx?shopid=698>

**Please place orders by Friday 25th June.** Uniform orders can be collected from the school office **from 5<sup>th</sup> July.**

In Reception, we have lots of outdoor learning opportunities so please can you ensure your child's shoes are robust, fit for the weather and comfortable.

Accidents do happen, so a spare pair of pants and socks is always useful to keep in your child's PE bag too.

**Please ensure that every item of uniform is named.**

# The Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum

The Early Years curriculum is based on seven main areas:

## 1. Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Your child will learn to understand their own feelings and those of others, set and work towards simple goals. Develop confidence to try new activities, explain the reasons for rules and know right from wrong. They will manage their own basic hygiene, work cooperatively and take turns with others.



## 2. Communication and Language

Your child will learn to be a confident speaker, listen and respond and join in with class discussions and in small groups. They will make comments and ask questions to clarify their understanding, offer explanations and express their ideas and feelings.

## 3. Mathematics

Your child will develop an understanding of math's through stories, songs, games and imaginative play. They will have a deep understanding of number to 10, subitise and automatically recall number facts. They will verbally count beyond 20, compare quantities and explore and represent numbers, including even, odd and doubles.



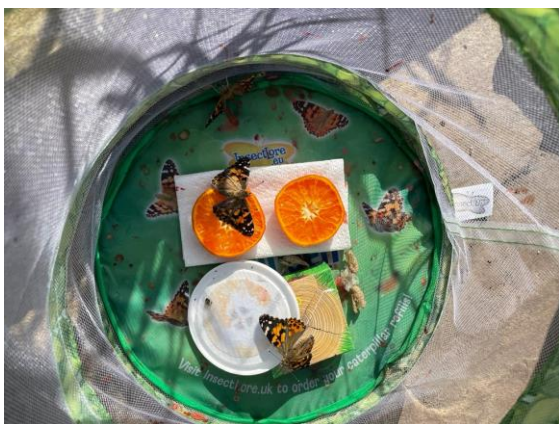
## 4. Literacy

Your child will learn new letter sounds daily which will develop their reading and writing. They will be able to read and understand simple words and sentences. Children will demonstrate an understanding of what has been read to them and anticipate key events in stories.



## 5. Understanding the World

Your child will explore the world around them, making observations and drawing pictures. They will understand some similarities and differences between the natural world, life in this country and others. They will understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them. They will talk about the lives of people around them and their roles in society and know some similarities and differences between things in the past and now.



## 6. Physical development

Your child will learn to negotiate space and obstacles safely, demonstrate strength, balance and coordination and move energetically. They will also learn to hold a pencil effectively, use a range of tools and begin to show accuracy.



## 7. Expressive Arts and Design

The children will explore materials, tools, techniques, experiment with colour, design and texture. They will share their creations and make use of props when role playing. They will learn to sing and perform a range of well-known nursery rhymes, poems and songs and try to move in time with music.



## Learning Outside

As part of the curriculum, children are given opportunities to use the outside as part of an extended classroom on a daily basis. Please ensure that your child always has a coat/gloves/sunhat in school depending on the weather.



## Reading

A parent' workshop will take place early in the school year giving you advice on how to support your child with developing their reading skills. They will bring home a reading text and daily planner, in which we ask you to write when you have heard your child read. We ask that you hear your child read at least 3 times a week. At Manorside Academy we teach children their phonic (sound) knowledge using Read Write Inc. Your child's teacher will also teach your child to read common irregular words (tricky words).





## Communication

We are always pleased to talk to you about your child's well-being, progress and development and understand the importance to remain in regular communication with you to gain the whole picture of your child.

### Parents' Evenings

Parent teacher meetings are held after school twice a year where you can come and discuss the progress your child is making. If you have concerns and would like to discuss these immediately please talk to your child's teacher to arrange a convenient time or call the office on 01202 380103 to arrange an appointment.

### Reporting to Parents

We send home a mid-year report in February and an annual progress report in July.

### Assessment

Assessment is an integral part of the Foundation curriculum. Your child will be assessed during the first few weeks of the school year and at the end of the Reception year as well as an ongoing process to inform teachers' planning.

### Home Visits

This year we will be visiting some families at home within the first week of term. These visits help us to get to know your child a little better and give you a chance to share any information with us that you think is important.

### Nursery Visits

The class teachers will also visit or have a discussion with your child's keyworker at their pre-school or nursery.

### Attendance and Punctuality

Children must be in school **before the second bell rings at 8.50am**. Please telephone the school office by **9.00am on 01202 380103** if your child is too ill to come to school. Regular attendance at school is vital for your child's learning, so please do not make routine doctor/dentist appointments during the school day. **We are unable to authorise any holidays during term time.**

### Questions and Queries

If there is anything you are unsure of, please just ask. You can speak to your child's teacher or pop into, or ring the school office.