



## Welcome to Early Years!

In Nursery we have Mr Ahmed and Miss Mitchell  
In Reception we have Mrs Whitfield, Miss Hall and Miss  
Fayyaz

Passion  
Opportunity  
Well-being  
Expression  
Reflection

### Welcome

Firstly we would like to welcome all of the families who are new to Atlas. We also welcome back lots of familiar faces.

The children in both Nursery and Reception have had a great first week and it has been lovely to see how well they have settled into the new routines. Please take the time to ask your child about their day at school, I am sure they will have lots to tell you.

### Nursery

I would like to thank parents for using the Nursery door for drop off and pick up. A reminder that the door is open for drop off 8.30-8.45 and pick up 11.25-11.35. If you are late please go to the main office.

The children will be settling in for the first few weeks. During this time staff will observe the children and will get to know what they are interested in. Please do share with us anything your child may be interested in at home or any exciting experiences they may have had.

We do enjoy playing outside in all weathers so please ensure that children are dressed appropriately for the weather. Please ensure that your child also brings a bag with a change of clothes and that everything your child brings is clearly labelled.

### Reception

Thank you for helping your child have a smooth transition into Reception. It is lovely to see them all looking so smart in their uniforms and most importantly with big smiles on their faces.

We will be spending the first couple of weeks getting to know the children and ensuring that they are happy and settled in their new environment. We would love to hear of any key interests they may have at home.

We will be arranging some parent workshops where you will get to learn about what the children will be learning in Reception and how you can help them at home.

Please expect your child to be very tired as they adjust to the new routines and help them by keeping a good routine at home.

We also ask that all items of clothing are clearly labelled.

## Reading

Reading is a very valuable experience for children. It helps children expand their understanding of the world around them and develop their vocabulary. It also builds the foundations for other skills that they will need as they continue their journey through school. It really is the root of everything.

Over the next few weeks your child will receive their school planner and they will then begin to bring books home for you to share. **All children** will bring a story book home each week for you to read together and share at home. This can be built into your daily routines, for example sharing a story together before bed.

**Reception children** will also bring a book home that is linked to their progress in phonics. This book is changed one time per week. We ask that you read with your child at home as much as possible, but suggest a minimum of three times per week. Repeated reading of the same book helps them to build confidence and develop their phonics and reading skills.

Each time you read at home please write a short comment in your child's planner.

Please ensure that book bags are brought to school every day. Any lost or damaged books will be charged for at the cost value of that book (approximately £3-£5).

## Vocabulary

Please encourage your child to talk about their new experiences at school. Take time to give them your undivided attention. This will help them to develop their own listening skills as well as develop their vocabulary and share their new experiences with you.

## Events

Yoga is on Mondays

PE is on Wednesdays

Please send your child to school wearing their PE kit on these days.

## PE kit

PE uniform is black joggers, leggings or shorts with a white t-shirt and black jumper/ tracksuit top.

We are aware some parents are struggling to get hold of some items. Please do not worry, they can still take part in their uniform.

## Behaviour

For a safe and happy school we are expected to:

Be respectful

Be kind

Be truthful

