



EPPLETON ACADEMY  
PRIMARY SCHOOL



# WELCOME TO EPPLETON ACADEMY PRIMARY **NURSERY**



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# OUR SCHOOL

DEVELOPING THE WHOLE CHILD



At Eppleton Academy, we provide education for children aged 3 to 11. We are passionate about delivering an educational experience that supports children to become confident and independent learners.



NURTURING EXCELLENCE  
AND LEARNING FOR LIFE

# OUR VISION

## STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE



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At Eppleton Academy Primary School and Nursery, we believe that everyone should be valued, respected, nurtured and encouraged to fulfil their potential within a supportive, caring, inclusive environment. Therefore, we will: provide a safe environment where pupils enjoy learning; create a learning community that enables creativity, good practice, success and risk-taking; embrace the wider community

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# STAFF

## MEET THE STAFF



**MISS S IMRIE**

Nursery Teacher &  
Assistant Headteacher



**MISS A MORDEY**

Teaching  
Assistant



**Mrs L Jackson**  
Headteacher



**Miss L Defty**  
Assistant Headteacher

# OUR AIMS

## LOVE LEARNING

- To inspire a love of learning
- For children to feel safe, happy and valued
- To promote cognitive, emotional and physical growth
- To develop the children's independent learning and thinking
- To promote academic excellence and high expectations to achieve excellent learning outcomes for all
- To promote positive links between home, school and community
- For the curriculum to inspire children within and beyond the classroom
- To ready children for the next stage of their education and prepare them to be responsible citizens in the world they live
- For children to aim high and strive to reach their full potential



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# TRANSITION

## PREPARING FOR NURSERY



Children respond to transition in different ways, some with confidence, and others with more apprehension. We aim to work alongside parents and carers to provide a smooth transition into Nursery.

To support the transition into Nursery we will:

- arrange times for children to join us for a welcome session prior to starting Nursery
- share a video tour of the Nursery environment and shared areas in school
- liaise previous Nursery/ childcare settings to find out about children's academic progress and individual learning styles
- carefully plan a staggered start joining Nursery
- liaise with parents via Class Dojo to answer any queries



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# EYFS

## EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE



The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) is the stage of education for children from the age of three to the end of the Reception year. The EYFS curriculum is based on the recognition that children learn best through play and active learning. As well as direct teaching, teaching also happens as the result of child initiated play with staff using children's play to provide and extend learning opportunities.



# KEY WORKERS

## SUPPORTIVE RELATIONSHIPS



The key person is a named person who has responsibility in a setting for working with you and meeting your child's individual needs. Although your child will work with all adults in the setting one member of staff will be assigned as your child's key person. In Nursery and Reception the class teacher will be assigned as your child's key person.

The key person works alongside parents and carers to ensure that there is continuity of care for the child supporting the child's emotional well-being. The key person is someone you can talk to about any concerns, they will know your child well and will be able to provide advice and support with all aspects of learning and development. You will be offered regular times to talk to your child's key person and look at their child's learning and development records. The key person will get to know you and your child really well, finding out about your child's preferences and routines and will be the person that shares information about their learning and development. The key person observes your child to identify how they learn through their play, their next steps for development, what their interests are and whether there is any cause for concern or need for extra support. They will share this information with you, working with you to formulate a plan of support.

# CURRICULUM

## HOW WE TEACH



In Nursery, we follow the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum. There are 7 areas of this curriculum:

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

Each area of the EYFS curriculum is carefully planned into our topic based approach to learning, which has a balance of play based and adult-led learning opportunities to suit the needs of all children in the Nursery setting.

We also promote the development of Characteristics of Effective Learning, which focus on three key elements; engagement, motivation and thinking.

We are passionate about delivering a curriculum that is engaging, creative and challenging for all.



# ENVIRONMENT

## INDOORS AND OUTDOORS



Our main priority is to provide children with a safe, secure and happy place to develop and learn. Our environment encourages children to be confident and independent learners that welcome challenge. Children will access a high quality, carefully planned environment that aims to meet the needs and interests of all of the children. We strive to provide opportunities that inspire children to discover the awe and wonder of the world around them.



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# TYPICAL DAY

## A DAY IN NURSERY



Morning sessions (8:45- 11:45)

- Morning Welcome- register
- Wake Up Shake Up- Physical Development
- Teaching input (maths/ literacy/ topic based) followed by group work
- Access to the indoor and outdoor learning environment
- Snack time (fruit and milk/ water)
- Small group work
- Rhyme/ Story Time
- Lunch (if staying for lunch- 30 hours)



Afternoon sessions (12:15-15:15)

- Afternoon Welcome- register
- Mini Movers- Physical Development
- Teaching input (maths/ literacy/ topic based)
- Access to the indoor and outdoor learning environment
- Small group work
- Rhyme/ Story Time
- Home time



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# NURSERY HOURS

## 15 OR 30 HOUR PLACES



At Eppleton Academy, we offer free 15 hour and 30 hour places.

15 hour sessions can be:

Morning sessions 8:45-11:45

Afternoon sessions 12:15-15:15

Or alternatively you can choose to do the start of the week

Monday, Tuesday (full days) and Wednesday (half day until 11:45)

Or the back of the week

Wednesday afternoon (half day starting at 12:15), Thursday and Friday (full day)

If you are eligible for 30 hour Nursery provision, your child can access full days at Nursery 8:45- 15:15. To find out if you are eligible please visit [www.gov.uk/apply-30-hours-free-childcare](http://www.gov.uk/apply-30-hours-free-childcare).

We are more than happy to discuss these options with you, to find out more please contact our school office.

# READING

## THE IMPORTANCE OF EARLY READING



Early Reading is of vital importance in promoting progress in all other areas of learning therefore, we share many stories in Nursery. We have dedicated time each day to sharing stories with the children and our topics are all planned around core story books. Reading to and with children has limitless benefits some of which include development of language, concentration, imagination but also support children's wellbeing and sense of security.

How you can help:

- Read regularly with your child- share a story each night before bed
- Share the same stories over and over again- this helps children to become familiar with story structure and helps them to retell the stories themselves
- Bring stories to life using puppets or soft toys
- Look at and talk about the pictures in books- encourage children to question and talk about what they see
- Share rhymes- Nursery rhymes are an excellent way to learn about rhyme and rhythm
- Show your own love of books and stories



# UNIFORM

## WHAT TO WEAR

- Yellow polo shirt
- Blue Jumper or Cardigan
- Grey trousers/ skirt/ pinafore
- Blue and white check dresses can be worn in the summer
- Grey shorts can be worn in the summer
- Blue & white checked dresses may be worn in summer
- Plain black shoes- not lace up shoes, Velcro instead

Jumpers, cardigans and polo shirts with the school logo can be ordered from the Tots to Teams website:  
[www.totstoteams.com/](http://www.totstoteams.com/)



# LUNCHES

## SCHOOL MEALS OR PACKED LUNCH



Nursery children staying for lunch will enjoy it in our own dedicated Nursery dining area situated in the Nursery setting.

School lunches are available to Nursery children (£2.30 per meal) or alternatively you can send a packed lunch to Nursery with your child.

The menu for school lunches can be found on our school website and parents/ carers can choose daily lunch options through Parent Pay/ Cypad. We will send you forms to complete regarding dietary requirements and allergies upon admission.





# INDEPENDENCE

## TOILETING



We appreciate that all children develop at their own rate, however we expect all children to be able to go to the toilet on their own by the time they enter Nursery. We will of course support with buttons and fastenings on clothing if needed. All children may have occasional accidents and we will support and change your child in line with our intimate care policy. If your child has frequent accidents, please send a spare change of clothes into school. We will work alongside you to try and reduce the number of accidents that your child has.

# WRAP AROUND

## HERE FOR YOU



### Breakfast Club

We offer a breakfast club in school from 7.30am with qualified staff. The children can choose from a range of cereal, toast, crumpets and fruit. The cost of these sessions are £4.00 per day from 7.30am or £3.00 per day from 8.00am. This must be booked in with the school office and paid for in advance.

### Kids Fun Club (KFC)

We offer after school childcare from 3.15pm until 5.30pm with qualified staff. The children are given the choice of a hot or cold snack, such as pizza, beans on toast and fish fingers. They can then access a range of fun activities. The cost of these sessions are £3.50 per day until 4.15pm, £6.00 per day until 5.00pm and £7.00 per day until 5.30pm. This must be booked and paid for in advance.



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# PARTNERSHIP

## PARENTS AND CARERS

- We recognise that children learn and develop well when there is a strong relationship between school and Parents/ Carers.
- We provide many opportunities for you to take an active part in your child's education.
- These include:
  - Class Dojo- viewing and adding to your child's personal portfolio
  - Parent Workshops- we invite you into school for stay and play sessions to work alongside your child
  - Parent's evenings
  - Weekly blogs on our school website
  - Monthly school online newsletters



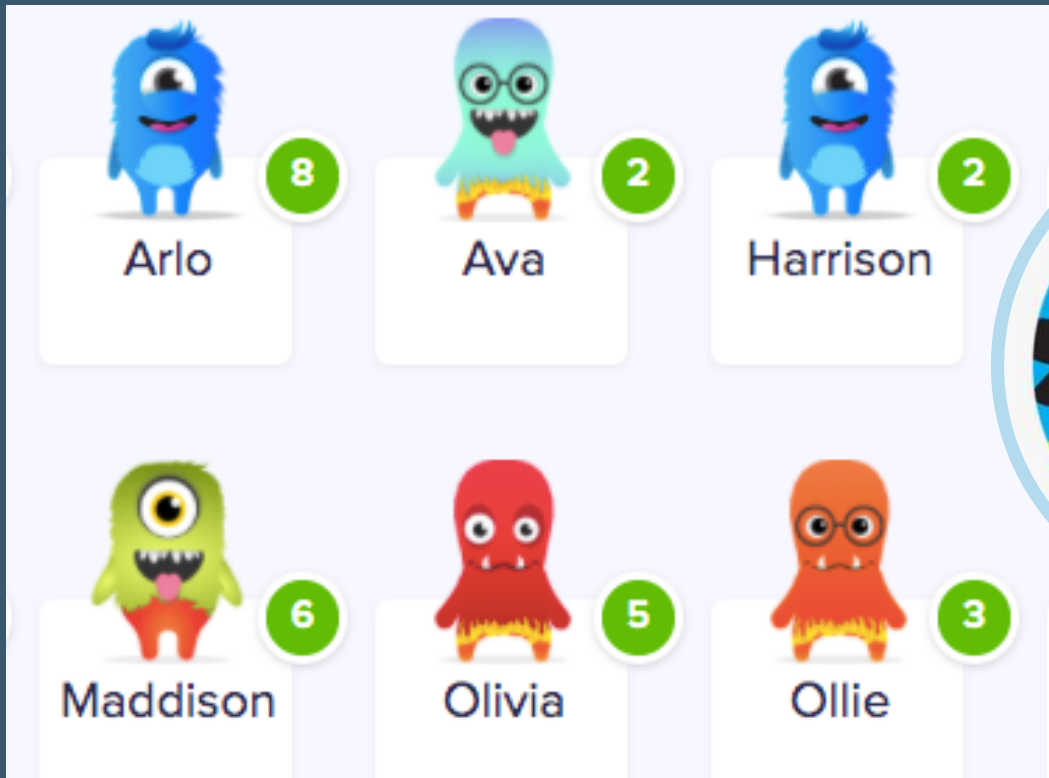
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# COMMUNICATION

## REGULAR UPDATES



At Eppleton Academy, we use ClassDojo as our main form of communication with parents/ carers. Class Dojo is updated regularly with news and events for Nursery but also for the whole school.

In Nursery, we use Class Dojo to send you regular updates of the activities and learning taking place in Nursery. You will also you will have access to your child's personal portfolio which will show what your child has been doing in class and the activities they enjoy. We will also ask you to add to your child's personal portfolio by uploading photos to share with us any news and exciting events from home. Forming strong relationships with parents and carers is extremely important to us and we really appreciate your valuable input. This enables you to be a part of your child's fantastic learning journey throughout the year.

Class Dojo is also used in class to promote class and school rules. Children can collect Dojo points for various reasons such as following the rules, tidying away toys, being kind, good listening, sharing etc. These points can then be used to redeem small prizes as rewards.



# ADMISSIONS

## COME AND JOIN US



Children can start our Nursery from the term after their 3rd birthday. You can register your child for Nursery as soon as they turn 2 in order to secure their Nursery place.

We have free 15 hour and 30 hour Nursery places available.

If you are thinking about registering your child at Eppleton Academy, you are very welcome to come and visit us to have a tour of our wonderful Nursery and school.

To register or to book a visit please contact our school office.



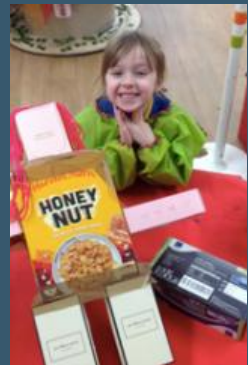
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## GET IN TOUCH



Our school website provides lots of important information which you may find useful so please visit

[www.eppletonacademyprimary.co.uk](http://www.eppletonacademyprimary.co.uk)

Please visit our Nursery class blog to see some of the wonderful opportunities we offer children at Eppleton Academy

[www.eppletonacademyprimary.co.uk/eppleton-news/blog/nursery](http://www.eppletonacademyprimary.co.uk/eppleton-news/blog/nursery)

We hope this prospectus has been useful for you. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact our school office.



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