



# Willow Class 2023 - 2024

## Useful Information

**Teacher**  
Mrs Clough

We hope that you have a fantastic summer filled with fun and adventures. We would like to take the opportunity to welcome you, old and new, to Willow Class. We hope that you will feel settled and ready to start your journey with us in September. We can't wait to get to know and continue to know your children over the next year. Lets have some fun!

Whilst it is an exciting time, we also appreciate it can be a daunting time too. We encourage you to please speak to us if you have any concerns or worries (big or small). Messages can be passed on to us via the office or via Mrs Longstaff on the ramp in the mornings. You can communicate with us regarding anything to do with teaching and learning via Seesaw – please don't send anything urgent through Seesaw as we may not see them straight away. Urgent information should be passed on via the school office e.g. absences, medical appointments or collecting your child early.

### Home-School Links

In order for your children to get the very best out of school it is essential we create effective home-school links.

You should all now be connected to your child's Seesaw journal and you will now see their new class ready for September "Willow Class 2023 - 2024". If you are having issues with any of these, please let us know.

Pupil and family codes have been sent out as reminders.

### Physical Development

PE is going to be on Thursday afternoons. This year, we will be introducing 'Blue Uniform' for our class. This means, on Thursday, your child should come into school wearing,

- A white t-shirt
- Navy Blue joggers/leggings/shorts
- A blue sweatshirt, jumper or Jacket (No Hoodies)
- Plane Trainers

These items must either be plain with no logos, pictures or writing or items with the School Logo.

### Communication

Any messages regarding well-being or learning can be sent through Seesaw to Mrs Clough.

All other messages such as, absences, medical appointments, collections, Peels or lateness must be sent through to the school office.

### Punctuality

Every morning from 8.45am, an early morning activity is set in class. We encourage prompt arrival so that children access the full curriculum. Children arriving in class after 8.55am will be marked as late.

### Essentials

#### Water Bottle

  
Healthy (nut, sesame  
seeds & pea free) Snack

  
All items to be clearly  
labelled

### Snacks & Drinks

Children can access the snack table independently throughout the day. They receive a free piece of fruit or veg each day and they can also bring in a **healthy nut, sesame seeds and pea free** snack from home in a labelled container. The children will have milk (if ordered) and can bring in a water bottle (no juice or pop please) - in a clearly labelled bottle with their name.

We encourage the children to eat their fruit and drink their milk (or water if they don't have milk) before lunch time. In the afternoon, they can help themselves to water and any snack that may remain from the morning session. Children are taught to wash their hands before snack and are encouraged to clear up independently after they've eaten.

Please ensure that we are made aware of all allergies so that we can keep your children safe.



### Meet the Teacher

In the Autumn Term we will be holding a "Meet the Teacher" event. This is a quick "hello" from the adults in Willow class with a brief introduction to the class routines.

### Class Trips

More information will follow nearer the time regarding all trips. All trips to be confirmed.

- Autumn - Ramsbottom Heritage Centre
- Spring - Physical Trip Focussing on exercise
- Summer - Great Fire of London Workshop

### Stationary

All children will be supplied with all stationary needed.

### Birthdays

As we strive to be a healthier school, we ask parents not to send chocolates or sweets in for their children's birthdays. If you would like them to mark the occasion with their friends, you may like to donate a book or game for the class but please don't go to any expense, this is completely optional. These would then have a Birthday certificate inside such as: "This book was donated to Emmanuel Holcombe Primary School on Rosie's 5<sup>th</sup> birthday."

### Sensory Toys

We have a basket of sensory aids that are accessible to all children. Please do not send your child into school with fidget toys or other sensory aids.



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### Reading, Phonics and Fluency

We will change reading books on Mondays (if your child has read them, has been signed by yourself in their reading record and Rhino Challenges have been completed). It is important that your child brings their reading book and reading record into school every day.. Remember practise makes progress when it comes to reading and a little a day is the best way! We also encourage re-reading of books so that comprehension and fluency are also being developed.

Phonic Sheets and activities will be uploaded weekly onto Seesaw. These will include Parent Information sheets so that you are aware of the learning taking place that week and Independent activities for the children to complete. Please remind and encourage your child to complete these each week. They really do have a huge impact on their learning.

*\*A Phonics and Reading parent workshop will be held in the Autumn Term to give more information on this.\**

### Homework

Homework will be posted each Friday on Seesaw. You will see this on your child's login under the activity tab. These activities will be based on our learning within the classroom and to help develop confidence and fluency

### Uniform

We have high expectations for uniform, therefore we do not allow logos on clothes or nail varnish. Please ensure long hair (if it falls below the shoulders) is tied up. Children are allowed to wear stud earrings.  
***Please make sure your children are dressed warmly for school*** as we will have access to our outdoor area continuously..

### Thank you

Thank you for reading our Welcome letter. We hope that you have found it useful. Please get in touch if you have any questions. We look forward to working with you all.

***The Willow Team***

