



**Welcome to**



**Houghton Conquest  
Lower School**











**Foundation Stage**

Hello!

We are so pleased that you are coming to join us at Houghton Conquest Lower School. This booklet will tell you all about the people you may meet and the exciting things we do at our school.

## Who's Who

These are just some of the faces you will see around school. There are plenty more fantastic grown ups who help us every day, but you will get to meet them properly when you start.

				
Miss Heaslip Head Teacher	Mrs Blake SENDCo	Miss Crowhurst Early Years Lead	Mrs Waby Class Teacher	Miss Mitchell Class Teacher
				
Mr Birchall Class Teacher	Mr Heatherington Class Teacher	Mrs Sebborn SEN support / TA	Miss Dancer SEN support / TA	Miss Brooks SEN support / TA

All the classes in our school have bird names, in foundation your class name will be Robins.

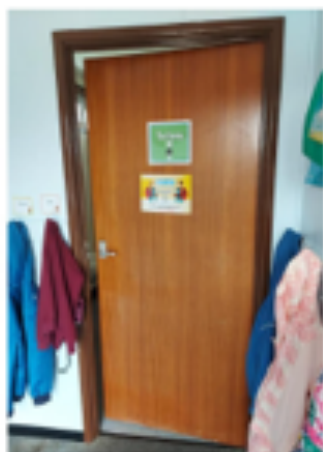


Your grown ups will drop you off at the big green gates at the start of the day and collect you from the same gates at the end of the day.

You will have a special peg with your name on where you can hang your coat and PE bag and a shelf for your lunch-box if you have one. We have an area outside for your welly boots which need to stay in school every day.



In the Foundation Stage we sometimes use the toilets up in the mobile classroom because they are closest to us and there are no heavy doors to open on the way.





We follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum which focusses on 7 areas of learning.

There are 3 prime areas: communication and language, physical development and personal, social and emotional development; and 4 specific areas: literacy, maths, understanding the world and expressive arts and design. These are taught through topics which have been carefully chosen to engage and interest the children.

There are activities set up inside and outside everyday to support your learning. What do you think you would enjoy doing?



In the mornings we have our focussed learning time. Every morning we will start with phonics, followed by either maths or literacy. The children will be taught using a range of styles including self discovery, singing, exploring different resources and using IT. We also have PE once a week on top of our fine and gross motor skill practise.

We have snack time as a class mid-morning which includes a choice of milk or water, and a piece of fruit or vegetable provided by the Government school fruit and veg scheme. Then we get to play outside with our friends on the main school playground. Depending on Covid restrictions we may still have our bubble areas sectioned off.



We have our lunches in the school hall. You can choose to bring a packed lunch from home or your grown ups can order a free hot school dinner for you.



We are very lucky to have our school meals provided by Caterlink and these are free for all children up to the end of year 2. We ask parents to choose carefully and commit to their food choices for a full term. Unfortunately, we are unable to offer a weekly choice due to the amount of administration required. Please help us by ensuring that your child's menu choice form is returned to school promptly before the start of each term.



After lunch it's time for more fun!

There are always lots of exciting activities set up for you to explore when you are here. You will also get to listen to stories, use laptop computers, paint pictures, make models, dance, sing, dress up, play with the sand and lots more!



You will need a named P.E. kit.

During non-covid times this should be kept in a drawstring bag on your peg, however at the moment we are asking you to come into school dressed ready for PE on your PE days.

You will need a PE top, a pair of shorts and some plimsolls or



You will spend some time every day learning through play outdoors.



You will need to wrap up warm when it gets chilly. A named coat, hat, scarf and gloves are always a good idea because we go outside whatever the weather. In the warmer months a named water bottle and a named sun hat are essential.

Don't forget your welly boots! You will need them in school all year round for outdoor play and forest school.



We have regular 'forest school' sessions using our fantastic forest school area. We will let your grown ups know when your forest school sessions will be as you will need extra warm clothes and waterproofs in the winter months.



Please bring a named book-bag to school with you every day. You will need this to carry your reading book, any pieces of work you need to take home and any important letters. They also fit perfectly in your tray!



You need to have a named water bottle in school with you every day. We drink lots of water to keep ourselves healthy!



Please bring a spare change of clothes in with you which you can keep on your peg as accidents can happen when we are having so much fun.

**We hope you are excited to join us, we can't wait to meet you!**

