



Welcome to NCJPS

Dear Parents

Welcome to North Cheshire Jewish Primary School. The school team look forward to working with you to support your child in their journey through primary school. It is amazing how quickly the children go from Reception to Year 6 and we aim to make that time exciting, enjoyable and challenging for your child.

We appreciate that this is a difficult time full of uncertainty of what the new “normal” will look like in schools. We will endeavour to keep you updated with arrangements for your child starting school as soon we have more information from the Local Authority.

As a team we work to ensure that our children achieve high standards, academically, socially and creatively. This is achieved through a combination of new and traditional teaching methods, high expectations of the children and an effective working partnership with our parents.

This booklet is just to inform you about some of the school rules and procedures that support your child in settling into the school and to help your child access fully all that the school has to offer.

Our experience shows that children who gain the most from their time at school have parents who fully commit to the school expectations and take part in school activities. If there are any queries or worries the class teachers and I are always happy to meet with you.

Best wishes
Michael Woolf
Headteacher



The School Day

Morning Drop-off 8.45am

Your child should be brought into school by an adult and be in the infant playground ready to line up with their class at 8.45am when the whistle goes. Their class teacher, who will take the class into their classroom, will meet them. We ask that you step back from the line and allow your child to come in with the teacher and without a fuss!

If you have any messages or queries please see the teacher – she will be happy to speak to you but only **very** briefly at this time. However, if you need more than a quick word please make an appointment.

A written note is often the best form of communication and can be referred back to during the school day to jog the teacher’s memory. Despite their best intentions, staff cannot carry numerous verbal messages accurately in their heads whilst thinking about all the arrangements for the day ahead.

Each day each child needs to remember the following items:

- NCJPS School Bag, labelled as bright as possible
- Kippot
- Coat which your child can fasten up/undo
- Hat and sun cream for warmer weather
- Hat and gloves for cooler weather
- Named water bottle
- A piece of fruit for afternoon snack

KS1 Afternoon Pickup — 3.25pm

Your child should be collected promptly at 3.25pm from the area where you dropped off in the morning.



Uniform

All items of clothing should be **clearly marked with your child's name** including coats, hats/scarves/gloves and kippot.

School sweatshirts, cardigans, PE t-shirts and polo shirts can be ordered at anytime using the on-line Scopay system as well as book bags and kippot.

The wearing of tzitzit is encouraged but all boys will be expected to wear kippot.

If you ever have any financial difficulties in purchasing uniform please talk privately to staff in the school office who will try their best to help. Good quality second hand uniform is often available.

We do not allow jewellery to be worn at school, both because it causes distress if damaged or lost and because it can be a danger to your child and others. The only exceptions to this, at your own risk, are watches (not smart or Apple watches) and studs for pierced ears. However as per Stockport LA guidelines earrings **MUST** be removed during PE lessons.

School Milk and Fruit Scheme

Children under five are entitled to free school milk through a scheme run by Coolmilk. Details of how to register can be found by clicking on this link: <https://www.coolmilk.com/>

In addition all Key Stage 1 children have a free piece of fruit daily under a government subsidised scheme. Please let us know if your child cannot drink milk or has food allergies. We suggest you put a piece of fruit in their bags daily for an afternoon snack.



Attendance

Good timekeeping is very important and you should encourage your child to get into school on time right from the beginning. If for any reason you arrive late you **MUST** report to the School Office. It is also very important that children are collected on time. They will often get very worried about being late or left behind when other children have gone. Please inform us by phone if you are going to be delayed.

For safeguarding reasons, we also ask you to let the School Office know why your child is absent from school. This can be done by telephoning the school on the first day of absence. The answer phone system will request that you leave a message on our attendance line to report an absence.

We are required by law to monitor lateness and attendance and report regularly to our Education Welfare Officer, who will visit families when attendance is a problem. Unauthorised time taken is noted and will go on your child's records.

School is open for just 39 weeks a year, and family holidays should not be taken during term time. The Headteacher, for exceptional circumstances only, may be prepared to authorise additional absence, however permission should always be sought.

Please use the official Request for Absence Forms from the School Office or from the school website. These must be completed and returned to the Headteacher for authorisation at least two weeks before the requested absence. You may be contacted by a Governor to discuss your request.

Behaviour

We are here to help all pupils and we strive to encourage good behaviour and kindness and consideration for others at all times. At North Cheshire we believe strongly in respect and indeed we introduced 'RESPECT' as an acronym to instil values in, and cultivate meaningful ideas for, the children as to the best ways both to learn and to interact with each other.

RESPECT is now embedded in our curriculum and our teaching structure, with the themes running through assemblies and lesson plans. Each week we focus on a different letter and promote a different value.

Our 'It's Good to Be Green' behaviour scheme provides an effective way to promote positive behaviour in the classroom as well around the school. It allows for recognition of pupils who behave appropriately, whilst keeping track of pupils who find it harder to meet the school's behaviour code. It is a fair and consistent approach. It ensures that pupils know the rules and behaviour expected in school regardless of what classroom they are in or who is teaching them.



Tessa used her privilege card to have hot chocolate with our Headteacher, Michael Woolf

It may be necessary to involve appropriate outside agencies to assist in supporting us.

Please see our school Behaviour Policy regarding behaviour at www.ncjps.org.uk



NCJPS - our 7 Key values

Illness and Medicines

There will doubtless be days when your child, whilst not ill enough to be in bed, is definitely under the weather. If he or she has not slept well, has been sick, had diarrhoea or has a bad cough or cold or any combination of these, please do not send them to school. Coughs and colds, etc. spread rapidly to the other children.

For sickness and diarrhoea there is a school policy that children should stay at **home for 48 hours after the last episode** to stop the spread of the illness. Two or three days at home at the beginning of an illness can often prevent a later absence of a week or more.

If your child suffers from asthma and has been prescribed an inhaler, you will need complete a form for the school and we will need to keep a spare inhaler, in the classroom, in case of emergencies. Parents are responsible for ensuring that all medication/inhalers are in date.

We also need to know straight away if your child has been hospitalised for 24 hours or more for asthma, even if it is usually managed well.

There may be the rare occasion when your child has to take medication although they are well enough to be in school. Reception children can only be administered medication that is prescribed to them.

Please always request antibiotics which can be taken three times a day and therefore school does not need to be involved in administering this.

We have agreed to dispense medicine under very controlled circumstances to ensure absolute safety. If you need to bring medication into school you must take it in to the school office and complete a consent form.



Without this authorisation we will not dispense medication. Please always request antibiotics which can be taken three times a day and therefore school does not need to be involved in administering this.

Please see the Medical Conditions Policy on the school website.

We want to care properly for your child. Our first aid staff are excellently trained and qualified. You will be notified of any treated head bumps or minor injuries via an accident slip or email. If we think you are not picking up at school that day we may also email or phone you if there is any particular concern. We do not have a Nurse on site, however appointments can be made with our Community School Nurse, on request.

Please ensure that you keep us up to date with any medical information concerning your child. We may need to complete a special medical plan for children with certain conditions in liaison with our school nurse.

Doctors, Dentists and Orthodontists

These visits should be arranged out of school hours if possible. Should it be necessary for a pupil to leave the school premises during the day, an absence form must be completed and given to the School Office and the teacher notified accordingly. This way the correct absence codes can be recorded.

Items from Home

Please do not send your child to school with toys or games. The school has plenty of equipment and playground games. Children's personal toys can cause problems and may get broken or lost.

An exception to this may be when your child's teacher asks for items to help with a class project or a 'show and tell' activity. These will always be requested by the teacher and be well looked after.

Changes in circumstances

If anything upsetting or out of the ordinary has happened at home please let us know. These things are often reflected in a child's behaviour and a brief explanation will be treated confidentially and will help us to understand and sympathise where appropriate.

Home/School Communication

Communication between the school and parents is obviously very important. Teachers will email a weekly digest explaining topics to be covered that week, as well as important dates and information for the weeks ahead.

The School produces a bi-weekly newsletter which is emailed out to all parents.

We use an email system to send out regular school letters and a great deal of information can be attained through our website: www.ncjps.org.uk

We may on occasion also text you but this will tend to be regarding emergency health and safety situations only e.g. enforced school closures for a boiler failure or water problem.

Please ensure you keep us up to date with your email and mobile contact details.

If you would like to follow us on Twitter then please click on the link below.



<https://twitter.com/ncjps>

Curriculum

At North Cheshire we recognise that your child is unique, with special talents and needs. The staff and governors work together to provide each child with the opportunities to develop to their full potential in a safe and happy environment.

We offer children challenges that encourage them to grow into confident and caring adults with thoughtful, enquiring minds and with the emotional and academic skills required to enable them to challenge the demands of an ever changing world.

We will encourage your child to develop knowledge, skills and the ability to question and communicate appropriately by offering a broad and balanced curriculum, carefully planned to incorporate children's various learning styles.

Within the intimate setting of a caring faith school, additional classroom support and well-resourced classrooms, the children at North Cheshire are taught by experienced and dedicated staff with very high expectations of behaviour and achievement.

The curriculum and assessment of progress is set by the Government.

Foundation Stage

(Birth to 5 – continuation from Nursery)

Prime Areas

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Physical Development
- Communication and Language

Specific Areas

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design



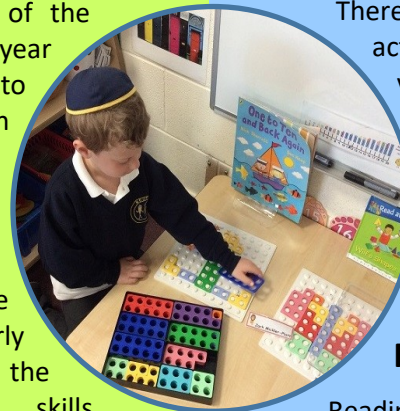
End of Foundation Stage: Assessment

The Reception year is the final year of the Foundation Stage. The Foundation Stage year is about well-planned play activities to develop all areas of the curriculum both inside and outside the classroom. There is a balance of teacher and child initiated activities. There are set times of the day where the children are involved in planned activities to develop the knowledge and skills to achieve the early learning goals. They are then given the opportunity to develop these skills independently during child initiated play. Much of the planned activities are linked to the key topic for the half term.

Your child will gain in confidence, skills, knowledge, understanding and independence during their first year in school. They will be active learners and encouraged to learn through practical exploration and play. It is essential that as teachers and parents we work together and if you have any questions or queries you do not hesitate to come and see us.

All children are helped to reach their potential. Children learn and develop at different paces and will be supported as required.

Children need to find learning an enjoyable experience. Try not to show any anxiety you may have about their progress or to pressurise your child to try to accelerate their learning.



Extra-Curricular Activities

There are a limited number of extra-curricular activities for Reception children as they are very tired in their first year. However, there are a few lunch clubs e.g. Ballet that the children can take part in. We hope these activities will restart again in September 2021. Please look out for the email and letters concerning these clubs.

Reading

Reading has a variety of teaching methods in line with the governments recommendations following on from the Rose Review. Reading is taught by a combination of methods:

- Introduction to high frequency words
- Books – children will bring reading books home when they are ready
- Phonics – a variety of methods
- Rhymes and songs and poems to learn
- Patterns and sounds of words
- A wide range of rich class texts are used across the curriculum

Reception Class Assessments

The Reception Class teachers will be taking into account Nursery records and will begin an ongoing journey of assessment. This will give a good indication of your child's progress within the Foundation Stage.

There will be Parents' Evenings in the Autumn and Spring term where progress and future targets will be discussed. You will also receive an annual report.

Parental Contributions

Each year we ask each of our families for a contribution to the school. This money helps us maintain the outstanding standards of education that we achieve and we are immensely proud of.

Your vital contributions help:

- Subsidise the secular education including staffing and resources
- Helps us fund Special Educational Needs (SEN)
- Fund the Jewish Studies and Ivrit curriculum
- Maintain the comprehensive security systems and the ongoing upkeep of the school buildings and grounds.

The voluntary contributions we receive are vital to the future existence of the school and for us to continue our standard of excellence.

It is possible to contribute in one lump sum or by monthly standing order.

PTA

The NCJPS PTA work tirelessly to support the school. They organise many fund raising and social events for children and their friends and families throughout the year. Your active help and support will be greatly appreciated.

School Bus

To be confirmed due to current COVID-19 Restrictions

Our School Bus is solely for the use of children at North Cheshire. It runs from Bowdon to school and back each day. It is fully supervised at all times – the bus timetable is available from the School Office.

The current cost of the bus is approximately **£285** per child per term (subject to change). **Children starting in Reception are offered the chance of a 2 week free trial on the bus in September.** Please contact the School Office if you would like your child to use this facility.

On Line Payments—SCOpay

We endeavour to operate as a “cashless school”. This means that we no longer accept any cash or cheques in the office. Our current online payment system allows you to pay for school trips, uniform items (including book bags and Kippot), school dinners, bus and bus tickets and car park stickers.

For children who are new to school, you will receive a letter with instructions on how to set up your account at the beginning of September. For siblings joining the school, we will send you out a link code to join to your existing account.

Safeguarding

In our school we believe that the welfare of every child is paramount, and we take safeguarding very seriously. Therefore, should staff have any concerns they feel are of a safeguarding nature, they are expected to report, record and take the necessary steps to ensure that the child is safe and protected and that key staff in school are aware promptly of any such concerns.

We are aware that this can lead to challenge from parents/carers, but at all times we collectively work to ensure that the child is at the heart of all our decisions and that we act in their best interests.

