

We appreciate that all the children who attend will be different. They will have various experiences to bring to the academy; we will embrace this diversity and move children forward in their learning and experience in a practical and fun way. Play is our tool for learning, we have a range of child-led and adult-led activities, all set up to provide curiosity, exploration and discovery... but most importantly to create a desire to learn.

Areas of EYFS Framework



Parent and Child Voice

We will try to keep you informed of the different themes we will be working on during the year and the outings that we undertake via newsletters, so do look out for them.

Home learning books will be sent out every Friday, with activities and tasks for the children to compete at home or when you are out and about. Please allow the children to compete these as independently as possible.

'Proud Clouds' and 'Ask me about...' slips will be outside each of the classrooms for you to fill in. We love to hear about your trips out and events as a family. The 'Proud Clouds' also allow us to be able to celebrate and reward achievements at home.



We are honoured you have chosen us for such an important role; instilling a love of learning which will be continued as they move through the academy. We want you to know what a privilege it is to teach your child. Children are all unique and precious. We take the role very seriously and will do our very best to ensure that they are safe, cared for and happy. We will look forward to working in partnership with you, to fully support your child at Silverdale Primary Academy.



EYFS

Starting school is a big step but please know we are with you every step of the way...

We hope this leaflet gives you some helpful tips and information. Write down any questions you have ready for our home visit.



Things they will need: -

A Silverdale book bag: (ideally not a back pack) is necessary to carry books to and from school. Please make sure the book bag is clearly labelled. We will also give your child a keyring at their home visit to identify their bag. Please bring the book bag everyday and check it, as letters and messages are put inside them. Please take out your child's work so it doesn't get overloaded with paper. Thank you.

A PE bag and kit: try and purchase a school one, draw-string bags are so much easier and take up less space. Named navy/black shorts, white T-shirt and plimsolls. **Trainers are not necessary.** We would ask too, that each child has a spare pair of pants and socks put in with their PE kit, in case they have a toileting accident.

A swimming kit: is an important part of their physical curriculum and development. Swimming hats are needed and have to be worn. The children have two terms in which they swim in. They will need a towel, costume/swim shorts and hat. Please name.

A forest school bag: Your child will be participating in forest school as some point in the year. A letter will be sent out for permission and on it you will suggested clothing.



Uniform

Uniform should be worn to school every day. **Do name all items of clothes** and show your child where their name is and how to recognise it. A named jumper/cardigan can be returned to its rightful owner. Imagine 30 identical jumpers with no names? They are expensive and children do tend to take them off and forget where.

Do encourage them to dress and undress themselves, we know it is quicker for you to do it, but they need to do it for themselves at school and to know how to leave their clothes tidily.

Please; no shoelaces if you can really help it, unless they can tie them up themselves.

Teach your child how to do up their coat, put on gloves/mittens for themselves and provide hat/cap during rainy or hot weather.

Can they manage toilets by themselves ?

Can they open their packed lunch bag and unwrap/open food?
Use a knife and fork?



child about starting school. Help them become more confident about starting school and be very positive about it, try and keep your worries to yourself. Tell them they will enjoy school, they will have fun and that they will be learning lots of

new things. Making new friends...

One final way of supporting your child is to make sure they attend regularly and get to school on time. If they are absent please telephone the school. But please if they are ill do not send them, it is hard for them when they do not feel well at school. It is important to leave an up to date contact number so you can be reached, in case they are ill and need to go home.

If your child has an appointment or there is a message about someone else collecting them for instance, please can you write it down and give it to the teacher or tell them in the morning. Or phone the school during the day. We do not allow children to go home with a different adult unless we have your prior agreement. Thank you for this in advance.

