



Welcome to Mount Hawke Academy

Reception Class 2020



Updated: September 2020

What our class looks like inside:



We have lots of different areas to explore inside.

Sand

Water

Role Play

Loose Parts

Creative

Mark Making

Maths and Investigation

Playdough

Construction



What our class looks like outside:



Outside, we have the same areas as inside, but lots of different areas to explore bigger play.

Bikes and scooters

Sand kitchen

Games

Giant chalk board

Water Wall

Reading dens

Large sand pit



What you will need:



School Uniform: Please name everything.

White or blue polo shirt

Grey or black skirt, shorts or trousers

Mount Hawke sweatshirt

Black, grey or white socks

PE: Please name everything and ensure kit is always in school.

White Mount Hawke PE top

Black shorts

Each week we have a PE session, with our Sports Coach, Mr Brandreth.

Welly Wednesday: Please name everything.

We have wellies and all in one waterproofs, but have found children prefer to wear their own. If you are able to provide wellies and waterproofs, which can be kept in school, that would be wonderful.



School will provide each child with a Mount Hawke Academy book bag and PE bag.

These will be given to your child during the first few weeks of school.

During the first few weeks of settling into being at school, we are happy for your child to bring in a toy, for comfort, that they can keep in their bag.

A fruit snack will be provided by school, each day, during morning break. Your child can bring in a home healthy snack too. Due to the Covid situation, we will await guidance to see if and how this can happen.

What our day looks like:



Line up



Self Register



Wake & Shake



Early Years Curriculum

Prime Areas:

Personal Social and
Emotional Development

Physical Development

Communication and
Language

Specific Areas:

Maths

Literacy

Understanding the World

Expressive Arts and
Design



Early Years Foundation Stage

Specific Areas

Literacy

Maths

Understanding
the World

Expressive Arts
and Design

Prime Areas

Personal Social and
Emotional Development
Communication and
Language
Physical Development

Enabling
Environment

Positive
Relationships

Characteristics of Learning

Playing and Exploring - Engagement
Active Learning - Motivation
Creating and Thinking Critically - Thinking

Buddy Time:

At Mount Hawke Academy we have a Buddy System set up. We meet our Year 6 buddies during the first few week to build up a friendship. The Buddies help the Reception children to settle into school, by being there at lunchtimes and breaks. Buddy Time happens once a week. The Year 6 join us in Mousehole Class, where we explore our learning topic in many different ways. Due to the Covid situation, we will await guidance to see how our Buddy system will or can run.



Welly Wednesday:

Each week, on a Wednesday morning, Mousehole Class will get dressed in their waterproofs and wellies and venture outside. We explore the garden area, the larger field area and trees, the growing area and polytunnel. During these sessions, we participate in many different curricular activities, to extend and challenge our learning in a unique and different way.



School Lunches:

A school lunch will be provided for all children until they reach Key Stage 2. This will be a choice of a meat or vegetarian option, hot or cold choices.

Starting school at Mount Hawke Academy:

Unfortunately, due to the present Covid situation, we cannot inform you of our start dates. We will be sending further information about the start dates and staggered starts once we have received guidance.

Illness

If your child is going to be absent from school due to illness, please inform the school office before 9am in the morning. Let us know why your child is going to be absent, and when you expect them to return. If your child is off for more than one day, we must still be informed each day of your child's absence until they return to school.

Please note in instances of sickness and/or diarrhoea, please keep your child off school for 48 hours, timed from the last occurrence.

To report a child's absence, please email [**absences@mounthawke.org**](mailto:absences@mounthawke.org)

Medication

We will administer prescribed medication to children if:

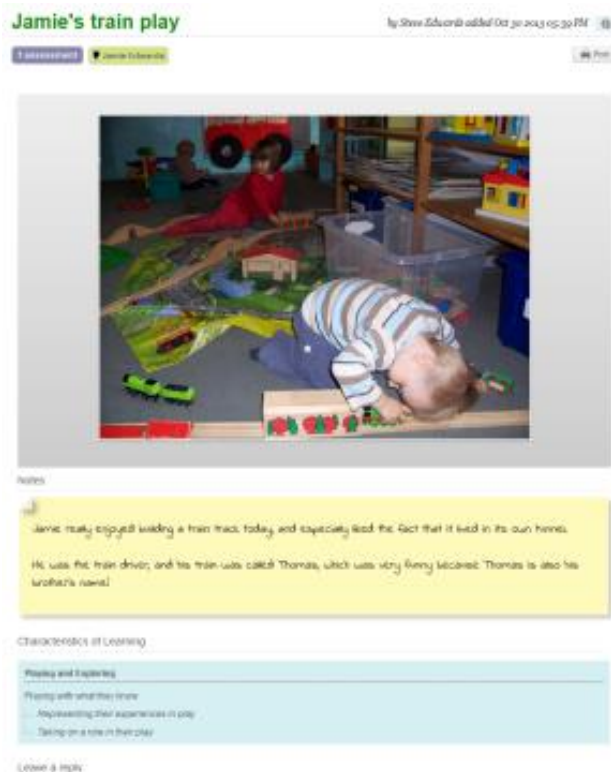
- They are handed in to the office with clear written instructions
- The medicine is labelled with the child's name and dose
- The timing of the dose is not critical
- Parents should collect medicines from the office at the end of the school day.

Due to the Covid situation, we will await guidance to see if we are able to and how to administer medicine.

One last thing... We do like to have dress up days connected to our topic. This can bring stimulus to the start of a topic of learning or a way to celebrate the end of a topic. It is really great fun and generates lots of learning opportunities! Please do not feel however, that you have to buy a costume for these events. We simply love any homemade creations and celebrate what everyone comes dressed in. We also have spare costumes at school, if needed.

Tapestry

Tapestry is a computer documented Learning Journey for observations and



assessments. During the year, we will upload observations of your child's learning, showing their progress or next steps. We absolutely love it when parents respond to these or add any observations of their child's learning and development at home. We have found this to be a great way to communicate your child's developments and progress.

As your child settles into school, we will send home the documentation needed to set up a Tapestry account for your child. We aim to have you up and running by the October half term.

Thank you for taking the time to find out more about Mousehole class, we really look forward to meeting all your little people. It is the most rewarding job and we feel very privileged to be at the start of their school journey. We promise to give your little person the best start they deserve and to deliver a learning experience that is creative and imaginative, offering opportunities to explore, investigate, problem solve and develop life skills and friendships that they will treasure.

School Contact

If you have any further questions on any of the information that you have read, please contact us on hello@mounthawke.org