



Monkwood Primary School

Foundation Stage Prospectus

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We are committed to supporting every child to become the very best that they can be.

Welcome to

Monkwood Primary School

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Monkwood Primary School is a warm and friendly school with a family atmosphere. Our children are at the very heart of everything we do and are valued as individuals. Our caring and dedicated team are committed to supporting every child to become the very best that they can be.

This prospectus is designed to give parents and carers an insight into Foundation Stage 1 at Monkwood Primary School.

We aim to create:

A safe, stimulating, positive and happy environment in which our children can develop socially, emotionally, intellectually and physically to reach their full potential.

An atmosphere that encourages everyone to value others regardless of ability, race, gender and creed.

Opportunities that will enable the children to work with increasing independence.





We strive to create a learning environment where all children can thrive, feel safe, happy and confident in their learning and therefore achieve their full potential.



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WORKING TOGETHER, LEARNING TOGETHER, ACHIEVING TOGETHER



We instill
In our
Children;
Respect,
Resilience,
Pride,
Aspiration &
Independence

Starting School

Thank you for choosing Monkwood Primary School. We understand that starting school is a huge milestone in your family life and we aim to make this transition as happy as possible. We can't wait to get to know your child and we do this by offering a relaxed and engaging environment where children are able to play.

Your child has been allocated a:

Morning session 8:45am – 11:45am

Afternoon session 12:15pm – 3:15pm

School Uniform

Girls are encouraged to wear: Grey/black/navy skirt or pinafore or trousers, white/pale blue/navy polo shirt and navy sweatshirt/cardigan/hoody. Girls are welcome to wear blue gingham dresses during the Summer months too. We encourage sensible black school shoes as opposed to sandals.

Boys are encouraged to wear: Grey/ black/navy trousers or shorts, white/pale blue/navy polo shirt and navy sweatshirt/hoody.

Monkwood Primary School logo polo shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies and book bags are available from Pinders (Rotherham Bus Station). These are not compulsory.

Please ensure you label absolutely everything! We cannot tell you how many items are lost as a result of no name being written inside!



We make every effort to make sure new pupils
are made to feel

welcomed!

Starting Nursery Checklist

- School Uniform
- Coat
- Water bottle (labelled)
- Book bag
- Wellies
- Summer hat



Your child will play outside a lot! We are lucky to have access to our own wood as well as a vast outdoor space and playground. Please make sure your child brings a pair of labelled wellies that can stay in school. We would hate for their school shoes to get ruined!

We are proud of all of our new outdoor equipment. We only ask that children do not play with/on it before or after school. Thank you.





Coming to School

Morning session children enter school via the gate directly outside their classroom. Please collect your child at home time from their classroom at 11.45am (a member of staff will meet you at the green gate and walk you round).

Afternoon session children enter school via the green gate (again a member of staff will greet you). At the end of the school day please collect your child from the gate directly outside their classroom at 3.15pm.

We encourage children to be as independent as possible from day one and therefore ask that you leave your child at the door for them to bravely walk in by themselves! We promise you there will always be adults by the door to support with this. Your child will hang their coats on their peg. They will put their water bottle in a labelled basket. Wellies stay on the well station for the year.

Please encourage your child to bring their book bag every day too, although books are changed on a Friday. Toys should be left at home to avoid anything getting lost.

Class Dojo

Class Dojo is used to communicate effectively with home. We let you know when your child has been rewarded with a Dojo for whatever reason. We also send photos and messages to keep you up to date with your child's development. You are able to message your child's class teacher with any queries too.

We love to learn more about what your child has been up to at home. This helps us to develop an even better understanding of your child's development and we use the information you provide us with to inform our assessments.

Sometimes we will ask you for specific information to help us. For example we may ask you to send us a photograph of something your child has enjoyed over the weekend – we then share this in school, enabling your child to have a concrete image to hang their speaking skills onto and enable them to feel more confident in sharing their thoughts and ideas.



The Foundation Stage Curriculum

The Foundation Stage is the period of learning from birth to 5 and in school from Nursery (part-time) through to the end of your child's first year in full-time school (3 – 5 years). All staff plan for the development of the whole child. The curriculum consists of:

The Prime Areas

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

The Specific Areas

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

Your child will be immersed in a brand new indoor learning environment which is geared to children making choices for themselves. Alongside this, Early Years practitioners skilfully plan areas of interest and activities which seek to capture the attention and engagement of every child. We are extremely proud of the standard of our provision which was reflected in our recent judgment of Good. Children have a wonderful experience whilst in our care and see every day as an adventure.

Look out for weekly updates in your child's Home/School diary which tell you more about what we have been up to throughout the week and how you could help at home.



30 Hour Funding

Currently all three and four year olds are entitled to 15 hours a week of free early learning (from the term after their 3rd Birthday). From September 2017 this was doubled to 30 hours for working families. [This equates to 4 and a half full days with US.](#)

Am I eligible?

To qualify, both parents need to be working (the sole parent must be working in a single parent family) and each parent earns on average:

- A minimum equivalent to 16 hours per week at minimum wage or National Living wage
- Less than £100,000 per year

Families where one parent does not work or neither parent works will not usually be eligible unless:

- Both parents are employed but one, or both parents is temporarily away from the workplace on maternity or paternity leave, adoption leave or statutory sick pay
- One parent is employed and one parent has substantial caring responsibilities based on specific benefits received for caring
- One parent is employed and one parent is disabled or incapacitated based on receipt of specific benefits

You can apply for the 30 Hours Free Childcare at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

You will need to bring your unique allocated code in order for us to organise your child's 30 hours at Monkwood Primary.

Session Pricing & School Meals

Revised FS1 costings from January 2026

- Cost per session (morning or afternoon) £13
- Additional optional cost for a 30 hour child who is staying all week £10
- FS1 school dinner cost - £2.50

You will be provided with a unique ParentPay account and all payments are handled via this system (we are a cashless school).

At Monkwood School, we require a four-week notice period should you wish to terminate your child's nursery place or move them to a different setting. This notice allows us to manage our staffing ratios and transition our records effectively.

- **Written Notice:** Please provide at least four weeks' notice in writing to the school office before your child's final day.
- **Fees and Funding:** If the full four-week notice is not received, the school will charge fees for that period. Furthermore, the Early Years Entitlement for those four weeks will be claimed by the school.
- **Support:** This period also gives us the opportunity to say a proper goodbye to your child and ensure their transition to a new setting is as smooth as possible.

Pupil Premium

Your child could be entitled to extra funding at school called Pupil Premium. This means you would receive a significant discount on things like School Excursions and school meals would be provided free of charge. Please follow the link below for further details.

http://www.rotherham.gov.uk/info/200008/benefits-and-support/104/apply_for_free_school_meals

Snacks

A healthy snack is provided for your child every day. The children will be offered free milk too. They also have continuous access to their water bottle – please ensure this is refilled daily. **Should your child have any allergies whatsoever, it is essential that you notify us immediately.**

Collecting Children

The nursery sessions end at 11.45am and 3.15pm. Please wait at the gate/door near your child's classroom. Children are called to you one at a time by their class teacher. Please be patient with us whilst we get to know the different faces. We will not allow a child to go with someone different and therefore you will need to let us know on the day who will be collecting your child. Do give us a ring or message via Dojo.

Attendance

Regular attendance is of the upmost importance to the Staff and Governors at Monkwood. We have an attendance award which is given out three times a year.

Should your child be ill and unable to attend, please let us know on the first day of absence. School will ring you should your child be absent without an explanation.

Staff at school want to support you fully in encouraging the best possible attendance. We will hold family meetings and/or can visit you at home to offer the best help in getting your child to school.

We encourage you to make dental/ hospital appointments outside of the school day. Should this not be possible, please bring in your appointment card/ letter for our records.



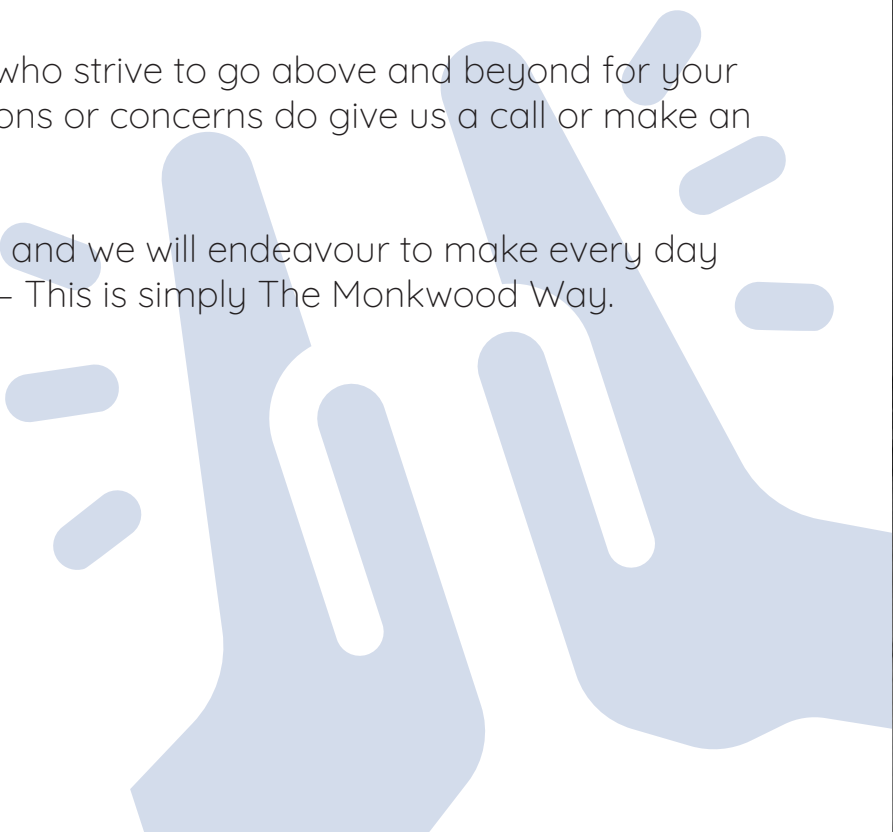
How you can Help us at Home

- Potty Party! It will really help us if you can encourage your child to be able to use the toilet by themselves. Please don't worry if your child is still in pull-ups – we can help you with this challenging time!
- Ditch the Dummy! Please encourage your child to leave any comforters at home. Also remember the long term effect dummies can have on speech.
- Find the magic in a book! Make time to share picture books and stories with your child – it really does make a huge difference.
- Keep on counting! Counting out loud regularly will enable your child to remember the number sequence and start to position numbers according to value. Point out numbers wherever you go – house numbers and registration plates etc.
- Sing! Singing songs and rhymes is proven to encourage better speaking and listening skills. We sing all the time at school!
- Bring your rubbish to us! We love to receive boxes, plastic cartons etc. We will return them to you in the form of a beautiful model or sculpture!

And Finally...

We are an open and friendly school who strive to go above and beyond for your children. Should you have any questions or concerns do give us a call or make an appointment via the Admin staff.

Your child's time at school is precious and we will endeavour to make every day enjoyable and memorable for them – This is simply The Monkwood Way.







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