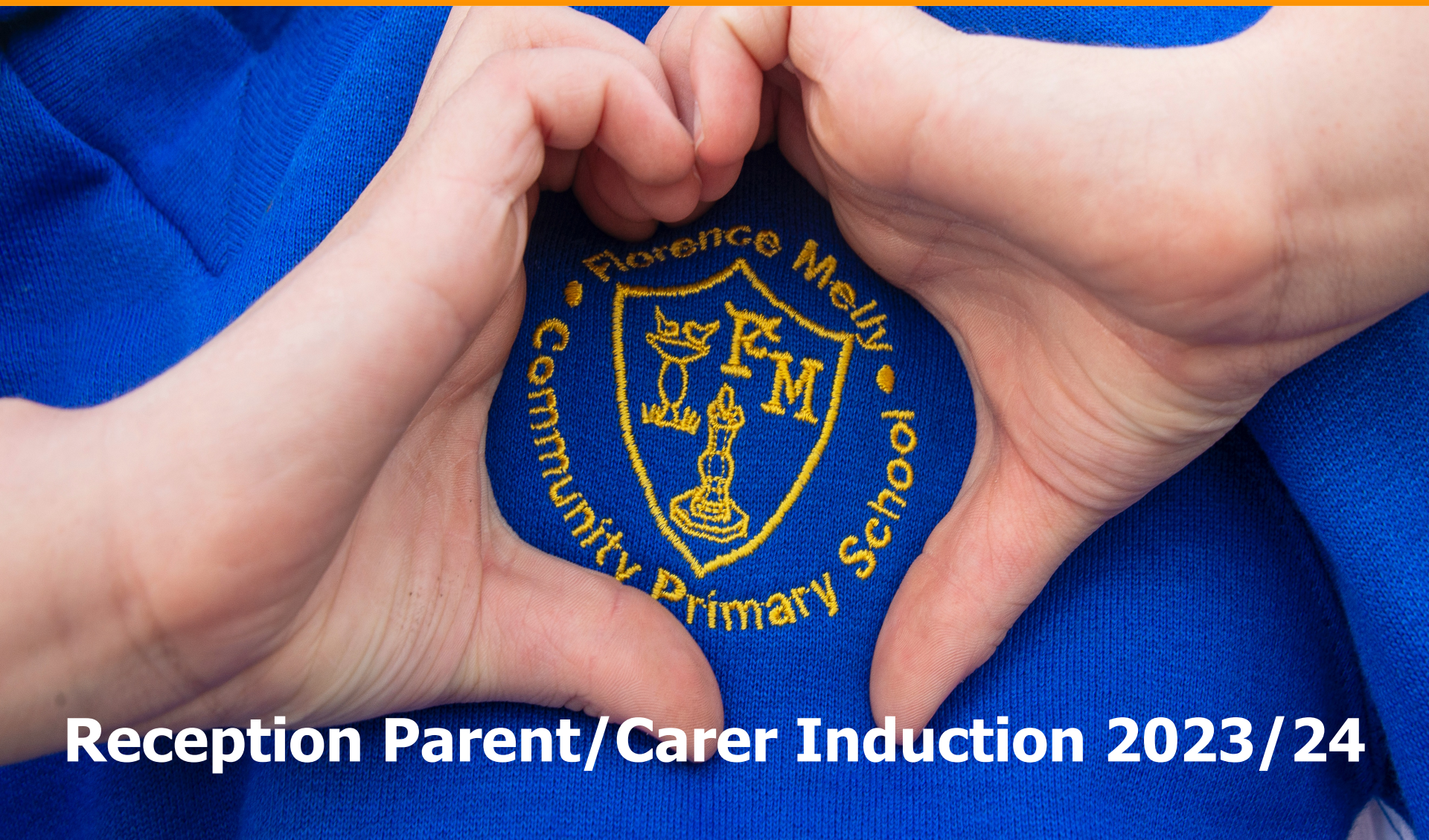




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**RECEPTION NEW STARTER PRESENTATION**  
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**Reception Parent/Carer Induction 2023/24**





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## A Welcome from our Headteacher

I would like to take this opportunity welcome you to our outstanding school. I am honoured to lead this school and being a Headteacher has been a lifelong dream of mine. I am delighted that my first taste of headship is at Florence Melly – a place extremely close to my heart. A place that feels like home.

At Florence Melly, we are passionate about providing our pupils with a world class education – all of them – regardless of any barriers they face! We will never settle for anything less – your children deserve the absolute best and we will do everything in our power to deliver that! We want to help create school, working closely with our amazing staff team, that your children are desperate to attend – a place they feel safe and happy – excited and enthralled! A school they can proudly call their own! We believe strongly in our school's DREAMS philosophy and our motto: 'If you can dream it, you can do it' sits firmly at the heart of everything we do.

With the help and support of our pupils, parents, staff and governors, we can make Florence Melly Community Primary School the best school in the country. I hope that I can count on your support as we move forward.

Mr Leach - Headteacher



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## Our outstanding school – A place we are proud of!

Florence Melly Community Primary School is a larger than average primary, two-form entry school. Our nursery setting is made up of both full-time and part-time places. This year, for the first time ever, we have been able to offer 30-hour free funded places. This is something we are very excited about!

We have a vibrant school website: [www.florencemelly.org](http://www.florencemelly.org) and an exciting Twitter feed: [@flomellynews](https://twitter.com/flomellynews) which provide a wealth of information, guidance and resource.

In 2019, our school celebrated an outstanding Ofsted inspection. Florence Melly Community Primary School has witnessed significant improvements in recent years and school leaders are committed to making the school the best school it can possibly be. Relationships between staff and pupils are exemplary and a culture of high expectations has led to significant improvements. The biggest challenge the school faces is maintaining this standard but our leaders are committed to being progressive, forward thinking trailblazers - living up to the outstanding status.

This all starts in our Foundation Stage – from the second our pupils/your children walk through the door! Our EYFS pupils are the foundation from which we build.

Our DREAMS core values sit at the heart of everything we do.

At Florence Melly, we firmly believe that: 'If you can DREAM it, you can do it'!



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## Our school day and term dates

Our Reception provision runs between Monday and Friday, during term time only.

The school gates open at 8:45am. The children can come into school and enjoy a slice of toast and a chat with their friends and teachers before starting their first lesson at 8:55am. Please make every effort to get your child into school on time!

The children have an action-packed and fun-filled morning before heading to lunch at 11:40am. The school day finishes at 3:15pm. Parents/carers can collect their child using the gated entrance on Bushey Road.

Please visit our website for our term dates: <https://florencemelly.org/parents/term-dates/>. Here you will find downloadable and printable versions, ready for your fridge. We hope that they help!



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## Hungry? It's time for a snack!

At Florence Melly Community Primary School we are committed to ensuring that no child should ever go hungry! When the children arrive at school, they have access to toast and a healthy fruit or vegetable snack. These are available throughout the day and the children are free to choose when to access their snack.

The children will also be offered a drink of milk or water or they can bring in their own bottles from home (containing water). We do not allow the children to bring in cordial, fizzy drinks or fruit juices.



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## What's for lunch?

Our reception children are entitled to a universal free school meal as part of a government initiative. This is where the government provides funding to offer free school meals to pupils in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2. Our school dinners are provided by an external company called [Chartwells](#).

Alternatively, the children can bring a packed lunch into school. We ask that this is a healthy packed lunch and that you make sure that the lunch is kept in a lunch box that is clearly labelled with your child's name. We ask that packed lunches do not include any fizzy drinks, chocolate or sweets. We also ask that foods that pose a serious risk of choking (for example: grapes, whole tomatoes or small fruits) are cut into smaller, more manageable pieces.

The children will have their lunch between 11:40am and 12:30pm. They will eat their lunch in the hall and will be supervised by a team of lunchtime supervisors/assistants. Our Year 6 play leaders will help our Reception class children outside on the playground once they have finished their lunch.

If you would like any further guidance regarding what to include in your child's packed lunch or our hot lunch menu offer, please do not hesitate to contact us.



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## Dress to impress – Our school uniform!

We see school uniform as an essential part of school life. It is a symbol of belonging and something that unites all children in Florence Melly Community Primary School. We have the highest of expectations when it comes to school uniform and expect your complete support and cooperation. To help support our parents/carers, our school uniform can be purchased from our school office. Alternatively, our uniform can also be bought from 'Lisa's School Wear' on Priory Road or any large supermarket. We do not expect our uniform to be branded. Unbranded uniform is absolutely fine. For more information, please visit: <https://florencemelly.org/parents/school-uniform/>.

### Winter Uniform

- A school jumper or cardigan.
- Grey trousers, a grey skirt or pinafore.
- A white polo shirt or shirt with a tie.
- Black shoes.
- **Trainers are strictly not allowed.**

### Spring/Summer Uniform

- The items listed above and/or...
- Grey shorts.
- A blue gingham summer dress.
- Black shoes.
- White, blue or clear jelly shoes.
- **No trainers/converse/pumps are allowed.**

### PE kit

- We encourage the children to come to school wearing their PE kits on their designated PE day. They should wear a blue jogging suit over their PE kit.
- A blue hoody or zip up top.
- Blue tracksuit bottoms.
- A white polo shirt or white round neck t-shirt.
- Blue shorts
- Black plimsoles or black trainers.
- **Brightly coloured trainers or football kits are not allowed.**

Please see the photographs on the next slides, showing parents/carers how we expect the children to dress for school. It is important to note that there are lots of variations of acceptable uniform - if you have any questions, just ask!





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## Our exciting EYFS curriculum

We firmly believe that every child deserves the best possible start in life. We aim to provide a curriculum offer that enables each child to fulfill their potential. The EYFS is a very important stage in a child's development – it is the foundation from which further learning can take place. It is quite simply a vital stage in a child's life! A child's early years experience should be happy, active, exciting, fun and secure! At Florence Melly, we adopt a play-based, child-centered approach to our practice. Our children learn by playing and exploring, being active, and through creative and critical thinking. We are keen for this to take place both in the classroom and outdoors.

We want our children to develop a genuine love and passion for reading. We aim to create an environment steeped in high-quality texts and endless opportunities to read for pleasure. We are committed to ensuring that every child leaves Key Stage 1 with the ability to read fluently, confidently and with deep understanding!



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Over the last couple of years we have made significant changes to the curriculum inline with the new EYFS framework. These changes have helped improve outcomes for pupils. There is now a very particular emphasis on early language and literacy. This focus on early language and extending vocabulary has been embedded across the 7 areas of learning. We recognise that promoting early language skills will have a positive effect on a child's overall learning and development.

For more information about the curriculum framework we follow, please visit our school website. Additionally, a copy of the Department for Education's Statutory framework for the early years foundation stage can be accessed by clicking the link below:

[Statutory framework for the early years foundation stage - Setting the standards for learning, development and care for children from birth to five.](#)



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## Parental engagement and our online platforms!

At Florence Melly, we recognise that parents and carers are the first educators in a child's life and we value your contributions. We want to work in partnership with you and we do this in lots of different and innovative ways. When you visit, you will be introduced to two online communication platforms, which are vital to ensuring that our partnership work is effective. These platforms are Tapestry and Class Dojo. We will talk you through these systems and help get you registered (if you need help) so you are all ready to go! We also have some information guides to help make this easier.

[Tapestry Online Journal](#)

[Class Dojo](#)

Your child will also be allocated a key worker. This is someone who will form a closer bond with your child and will be a great point of contact for you, should you need to speak to anyone in school. That personal touch is important to us!



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## Invest in your child's education - How you can help!

We cannot stress this strongly enough, but learning does not just take place at school. We actively encourage you to invest in your child's education and do as much as you possibly can at home. We understand that parents/carers have busy lives but there is always 10 minutes for a bedtime story or a phonics or counting game! We have adopted a new synthetic phonics scheme called Read, Write, Inc. Phonics – books and resources will be sent home frequently for you to use with your child. It is vitally important that you do! Having the ability to read opens up the world around them and we are highly committed to achieving the 'every child is a reader' philosophy.

Check out these resources to see how you can help prepare your child for school.

[Am I ready for school? Tips for Parents Resource](#) and [School Readiness Poster – The Road to School](#)



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### A few other bits and bobs...

- Reception children use the EYFS gate at drop off and pick up. This is located on Bushey Road and is not the main entrance on Grandison Road.
- Reception children are asked to wear a school uniform.
- Like every other year group in the school, our Reception children have a PE lesson a week (you will be informed which day this is in due course).
- It is vital that you to label all of your child's clothes! Put their name on absolutely everything!
- The children may bring their own water bottles into school. We do not allow fizzy drinks but cordial and/or fruit juices are fine.
- We encourage good attendance – even in Reception. This helps to form really good habits and provides more opportunities for us to do what we do best – teach! We cannot teach the children when they are at home.
- Please inform school office of any absences. The school telephone number is: 0151 226 1929.
- A wealth of information can be found on our school website: [www.florencemelly.org](http://www.florencemelly.org).
- Follow us on Twitter: [@flomellynews](https://twitter.com/flomellynews).
- If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office on 0151 226 1929 or via email [schooladmin@fmp.liverpool.sch.uk](mailto:schooladmin@fmp.liverpool.sch.uk).
- We are always here to help!



**Welcome to the Flo Melly Family!**

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