

# Our School



Thursfield Primary school is part of the Multi-academy Creative Learning Partnership Trust and has been ranked Staffordshire's number one primary school, and rated 'Good' from Ofsted, September 2019.

We are a village school which prides itself in creating a happy, caring, family atmosphere where everyone is encouraged and inspired to achieve their potential and develop a love of learning.

We want every child to be successful; to reach for success from the very first day they join us and throughout their school journey so that when they leave us, they have a love of learning for the rest of their lives.



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Staffordshire's Number  
**ONE Primary School**

as ranked by the 'Real Schools Guide 2020'.

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## Parent Information Early Years

# Early Years

Your child's school life starts at Thursfield in our Reception classes. We want their first experience of school to be a happy and enjoyable one, that's why we strive to provide a safe and stimulating environment where a love of learning is fostered.

Following the Early Years Foundation Stage, we have developed a creative, engaging curriculum which will provide your child with the knowledge and skills needed to be a successful learner. We encourage all children to become confident, independent learners and to reach their full potential. We provide each child with their very own 'ticket to anywhere' which they carry throughout their Thursfield journey.

We use Tapestry (an online learning journal) to share your child's learning and progress. Teachers and parents can both share observations and communicate via the online journal. Communication is key in any successful partnership, which is why we have an open door policy and plenty of opportunities to talk to your child's teacher.



## Our School Day

School starts at 8:45 and a member of the Early Years team will open the door at 8:40. We encourage children to come into school independently, find their peg and sort out their belongings. A member of staff will always be available should you need to discuss anything before or after school.

We take part in a variety of activities throughout the day to support our learning, both indoors and outdoors; coats need to be in school every day to allow us to do this. Sometimes uniform gets a little messy, this is just us learning in a creative, fun way.

We enjoy snack during the morning and this is available to purchase from school (via Arbor) or you are welcome to provide your own in-line with our healthy snack policy. Lunch time is spent in the dining hall and then on the playground. Reception children are entitled to a very tasty free school meal with plenty of choice each day.

We take part in welly walks each week, so ask that a pair of named wellies are left in school at all times. They are also useful for outdoor play. Children need their own named water bottle in school each day.

Home-School planners will be given at the start of the year and need to be brought in every day. Letters, notices, books and words will be placed in here, another great way to communicate with you. A book bag is a useful place to keep all these things together.

“children's well-being and happiness is at the heart of all we do”

## Are You School Ready?

In order to be school ready, ensure that uniforms are purchased and clearly named, contact details and forms are given to the school office and begin talking to your child about how exciting their school journey is going to be and what will happen on their first day.

It's always really helpful if children are able to put on their coat and zip it up and put on their shoes; this makes getting ready for break time much quicker. Also being able to dress and undress helps on PE days and other times we may need to change. Children need to be confident in going to the toilet on their own. Lunch time supervisors are always happy to help cut up food which can be tricky, but otherwise, we do encourage the children to use their knife and fork independently.



## Uniform

At Thursfield, we pride ourselves on how smart our children look in their uniform and often get compliments during school trips. Uniform can be ordered from Smart Uniform or Badged.

Reception uniform: navy/gold jumper or cardigan, blue polo shirt, grey trousers or skirt/pinafore, grey socks and black shoes.

We also have a PE tracksuit which can be worn to school on PE days along with a gold t-shirt. If you don't purchase the tracksuit, children need to change for PE in school. Black or navy shorts can be worn with pumps or trainers.

