



Reception Prospectus

Where Children Come First!





Welcome to EYFS!

The Early Years Foundation Stage sets standards for the learning, development and care of children from birth to 5 years. It is a distinct and important stage as it helps get your child ready for school as well as preparing them for their future learning. It is in the foundation years that children develop learning attitudes, skills, social integration and personal organisation. To support this development, we provide our youngest children with an environment which is safe and secure where they can play, explore, experiment, develop confidence, be curious and learn. Here at Moat Hall, we believe that children should experience a broad and balanced curriculum which reflects their individual needs, interests, enthusiasms and individual learning styles. We aim to nurture a sense of personal well-being and a love of learning so that each child can reach their full potential.

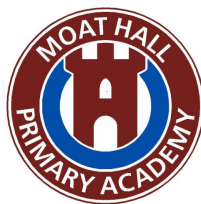
Early Years' Statement of Intent

At Moat Hall our motto is "Where Children Come First". In our Early Years' Foundation Stage our personalised and tailored curriculum provides all children with the knowledge, skills and understanding they need to be confident, curious and independent learners in all areas of the curriculum. We believe that by providing an education that does all of this, it will give children the best chance of becoming lifelong learners, ready to succeed in an ever changing world.

Implementation

We aim to make a positive difference to every child's life. We encourage children to reach their full potential and be the best they can be. Children will experience the seven areas of learning through a balance of whole class/group teaching and play based learning. We base this on children's interests, topics, themes, books, continuous provision and phonics. Learning is carefully planned and staff support

children's development through a sound knowledge of where the children are at in their development.



How our EYFS unit is organised:

There are 4 classes in our unit:

1. **Mini Moats**

Children aged 2-3 years have their own room and outdoor space.

2. **Little Ladybirds-** Pre-School Class

When children turn 3 years they transition into our pre-school room where they share the outdoor provision with Nursery.

3. **Caterpillars** - Nursery Class

Children who are 3 and 4 years who will be transitioning into Reception the following September will be in our caterpillar room.

4. **Butterflies-** Reception Class

Reception children who are 4/5 years old, have their own indoor provision.

Children in Mini Moats, Little Ladybirds and Caterpillars will be allocated a keyworker. In Nursery children split into family groups for their “Adult led carpet sessions”.





Meet the Team

Head Teacher- Mrs J. King

Assistant Head Teacher/ EYFS Manager- Mrs E. Bradford

Reception staff (Butterflies)

Reception Class Teacher - Mrs V. Silk

Reception Class Teacher – Miss L. McVinnie

Reception Teaching Assistant – Miss K. Waters

Teaching Assistant Apprentice- Miss K. Taylor

Nursery Staff (N2 Caterpillars)

Nursery Teacher- Mrs H. Jones

Nursery Teaching Assistant - Miss E. Hepples

Nursery Teaching Assistant - Mrs S. Severn

Pre – school staff (Mini Moats and Little Ladybirds N1)

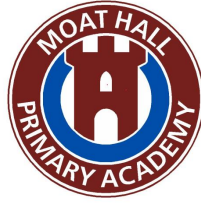
Nursery Teaching Assistant - Mrs R. Rawlins

Nursery Teaching Assistant - Mrs A. Wise

Nursery Teaching Assistant - Mrs P.Daley

Nursery Teaching Assistant Apprentice– Mrs C. Norgrove

All staff are highly qualified and committed to the early development and care of the children. They have a base room in EYFS but spend time across the unit to get to know all of the children to ensure smooth transitions throughout.



Our Learning Environment

Children will access a high quality, carefully planned environment throughout the day which meets the needs and interests of the children



We aim to provide opportunities that inspire children to discover the awe and wonder of the world around them.

Our environment allows children to be confident and independent learners who welcome a challenge.



Session Times

08.30 a.m. -11.30 a.m. Morning session

12.05 p.m. - 3.05 p.m. Afternoon session

08.30 a.m. - 3.05 p.m. All day session

Children who stay for a full day can stay for lunch, Hot dinners are available at £2.00 or they can bring a sandwich box.

Session bookings:

Children in Caterpillar class (Nursery children) will be allocated the following funded sessions: 15 universal hours in our morning session.

We offer 30hr provision for children with a 30 hr code or parents who wish to pay for additional sessions.

As part of our commitment to early learning, as a school, we fund all children for their afternoon session.

Mini Moats and Little Ladybird sessions are flexible but places must be booked in advance. **Booked sessions are non-refundable for sickness and holidays.**

Please refer to the funding terms and conditions for more information.

Mini Moats and Little Ladybirds (N1 children) Session costs:

£12.50 per am/pm session

£25.00 full day

Before and After School Club

We provide a before and after school club for children of working parents and for emergency situations. Sessions start at 7.30 – 8.30 a.m. and 3.05 – 6.00 p.m. All

sessions need to be booked in advance with the school office. Booking forms are available from the school entrance foyer.



Funding

The Government provides universal funding for ALL three and four year old children starting from the term following their third birthday until they start Reception.

Parents DO NOT need to make an application for this entitlement but should contact their preferred provider directly.

The date you can claim will depend on when your child's birthday is:

Child's Birthday	When you can claim
1 January to 31 March	The beginning of term on or after 1 April (Summer Term)
1 April to 31 August	The beginning of term on or after 1 September (Autumn Term)
1 September to 31 December	The beginning of term on or after 1 January (Spring Term)

Free 30 hours for 3 and 4 year olds and Tax Free childcare

These are two separate Government schemes to help parents with the cost of childcare and both can be applied for in one online application through the childcare service. You can usually get 30 hours free childcare if you (and your partner, if you have one) are in work for 16 hours a week and earning at least £120 a week but no more than £100,000 each a year. You must make the application the term before you wish to start receiving funding and you can apply up to 16 weeks before your child turns three. Hours can start at the beginning of the next term following a YES confirmation from HMRC. If you are eligible for these extra hours, you will receive an 11 digit reference code to pass onto your provider, along with your National Insurance number and child's birth certificate, and reserve your child's place. **You will need to reconfirm your eligibility every three months.** Please visit <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk> for further details of eligibility and how to apply. You can also ring the childcare service helpline on 0300 123 4097. Parents MUST make their own application and if eligible complete a Parental Declaration Form available from school. Please also let us know on this form if your child is eligible for Early Years' Pupil Premium. Children will be eligible if their parents

receive benefits used to access eligibility for free school meals. If you complete the EYPP section, with parent NI number and date of birth, school can make the application for you. This money is paid directly to school to help support your child.

Some 2 year olds are eligible for 15 hours of free childcare per week under the Think2 funding scheme. Your family must claim any one of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Child Tax Credit and have an annual income not over £16,190
- Working Tax Credit and have an annual income not over £16,190
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Support through Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act
- The Working Tax Credit 4 week run on
- Universal Credit and a net annual household earnings below £15,400
- The child is looked after by the Local Authority

If you are eligible you will be given a voucher code which you will need to complete our Parental Declaration form available from school. For more information please visit <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/think2> and apply online.

You may be sent a personally addressed golden ticket in the post. Providing the golden ticket is validated before the expiration date, parents with eligible 2 year olds can access up to 15 hours of funded early education or childcare. There is no need for the parent to also apply online as this serves as confirmation of funding. You can start claiming for eligible children after they turn 2, depending when their birthday is:

Child's 2nd birthday	When they can claim from
1 January to 31 March	The beginning of term on or after 1 April (Summer Term)
1 April to 31 August	The beginning of term on or after 1 September (Autumn Term)

1 September to 31
December

The beginning of term on or after 1 January (Spring Term)



School Uniform

Here at Moat Hall, we pride ourselves on our smart appearance that begins in Early Years in preparation for school. We would appreciate if all uniform is clearly labelled as we teach the children to be responsible for their own things.

Girls School Uniform

- Grey skirt, dress or trousers
- White shirt
- Burgundy cardigan or jumper
- Dark flat shoes, no heels.
- During summer months children may wear a red checked gingham dress

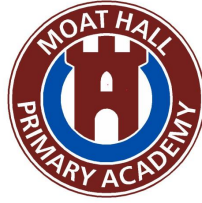


Boys School Uniform

- Grey trousers or shorts
- Burgundy jumper
- White shirt
- Dark shoes, no trainers
- School tie



Caterpillar Class (Nursery Children) require a PE kit for **SUMMER TERM ONLY**



Outdoor learning

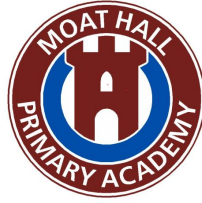
We love learning outdoors so we kindly ask that you provide your child with suitable clothing - a warm, waterproof coat with a hood and a pair of named wellies to keep in school. Please note these items will be used regularly and will get quite messy so the more inexpensive the better.



Forest School

Children love to explore our forest school area, all children have the opportunity to participate in forest school sessions in our on-site woodland area with our qualified Forest School staff. Children take part in engaging tasks and activities that encourage risk taking and develop their social skills.





Snack bar

Your child will have access to a snack bar throughout the day; this includes milk, water, fruit and healthy savoury snacks. We try to encourage children to make good food choices and to try new things.

We kindly ask for a weekly donation of £1. This is used for snack time, cooking and lots of other consumables within the EYFS provision. We would be grateful if you could send this in half termly in a named envelope.

Water bottles

Children should bring in a plastic drinks bottle with water, please label clearly, which should go home daily to be washed. Please ensure children do not bring in glass bottles or fizzy pop.

Attendance

We expect children to be in school promptly every day. If your child is late, this disrupts the start of the school day and means your child misses valuable learning time. If your child is ill or not attending school for another reason, please contact the school office on 01922 660960 or send a message on the absence class Do Jo. This is so we can code your child's attendance record correctly. We ask that you **DO NOT** bring your child to school if they have been vomiting or had diarrhoea until 48 hours has elapsed.

Book bags

Children will need a bag to keep their reading books, letters and homework safe. These can be purchased from the school office if required. Please check your child's bag daily for important information, accident forms or homework. Items that need to be returned to school can be put in your child's bag for school to retrieve. Please send in spare clothes if needed.

Parent partnership

Here at Moat Hall we value Parents' contributions and recognise that as your child's first educator you can provide important information that can help us support your child and ensure they are reaching their full potential. Staff are always available to speak to, regarding any concerns or worries you may have, either in a morning or after school. If you require a longer discussion with the teacher please book an appointment to come in and see us. We will make ourselves readily available for you.

There are numerous ways we encourage links with parents in reception:

- **Come and create sessions-** we invite parents/ grandparents in to come and create something with their child. Events have included Easter crafts, den building and Christmas craft.
- **Workshops-** we offer a range of workshops throughout the year including phonics and maths. It helps you to support your child at home if you know the different strategies we use to teach.
- **Class Dojo system** allows us to message parents and keep them up to date with their child's interests and progress. We can capture magic moments and share them with you on our secure site so that you can see what your child has been doing at school.

- **Achievement stars**- we will send out stars for you to complete with your child's latest achievements such as swimming, learning to ride a bike etc as we like to celebrate their successes with them.
- **Termly targets**-alongside parent's evenings and reports we will send home regular targets for your child so you are aware what they are working on in school and can support them at home.

Class DoJo system

Our Class Do Jo system allows you to sign up for text alerts and messages that keep you up to date with what your child is doing in class. Class teachers upload regular pictures of the children's learning experiences and can also post you reminders or notices. You can also message the teacher with any questions or queries that you may have.

Do Jos are also used as a reward for children. They can earn "Dojo's" for working hard, completing homework and trying their best, along with many other things. Rewards are given to the children when they have collected a certain number of Dojo's. Teachers can also remove Dojo's for unwanted behaviour.

Password system

We take the safety of our children very seriously, and so on admission to Moat Hall we ask you to provide a unique password to be used by anyone who may be collecting your child. If anyone new is due to collect your child please make the class teacher aware at the earliest convenience. Children will not be released to any person without the known password.



School Information

Our school address is:

Moat Hall Primary Academy
Johns Lane,
Great Wyrley
Walsall,
WS6 6BX

Our telephone number is:

01922 660960

Our email address is:

office@moathallprimary.academy

Our website is:

<https://www.moathall-castles.com/>

Head teacher:

Mrs J. King