



**Aston Lodge
Primary School**

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Foundation Stage Prospectus

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PARTNERSHIP
TRUST.



“They have helped her become the confident, outgoing, happy little girl she was before, and now she genuinely enjoys coming to school.” - **Parent**

Welcome to **Aston Lodge Primary School**

Part of Wickersley Partnership Trust



Thank you for choosing Aston Lodge Primary School.

Starting school is a significant milestone for both children and their families, and we are delighted to be part of this exciting journey. We know that every child is unique, and our aim is to ensure they feel happy, safe and valued from their very first day in EYFS.

Our experienced and caring team provides a nurturing environment where children are encouraged to play, explore, ask questions and develop a lifelong love of learning. Through high-quality teaching, meaningful experiences and positive relationships, we support every child to grow in confidence, independence and resilience.

We believe that the strongest foundations are built when home and school work together. By developing positive partnerships with parents and carers, we can ensure every child receives the very best start to their educational journey.

We hope this prospectus gives you a glimpse into life at Aston Lodge and answers any questions you may have. We look forward to welcoming your family into our school community and creating many wonderful memories together.



Our Vision

Working in partnership with parents and carers, we support children to grow into confident, independent and responsible learners. We encourage them to be kind, respectful and resilient, helping them develop the confidence to embrace new challenges and achieve their very best.

Everything we do is underpinned by **The Aston Lodge Way**. Through our **PRIDE** and **REACH** values, we help children build positive relationships, develop a love of learning and become valued members of our school community.



PRIDE

Presentation
Resilience
Involvement
Drive
Effort

REACH

Respect
Enthusiasm
Aspiration
Co-operation
Happiness

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WORKING TOGETHER, LEARNING TOGETHER, ACHIEVING TOGETHER





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

Starting EYFS

Thank you for choosing Aston Lodge Primary School. We know that starting school is a significant milestone for both children and families, and we are committed to making the transition as smooth, positive, and enjoyable as possible.

We are excited to get to know your child and to help them feel happy, confident, and settled. Our early years environment is designed to be relaxed, engaging, and play-based, giving children the opportunity to explore, learn, and build relationships at their own pace.

From the very first day, we encourage children to develop confidence and independence. To support this, we kindly ask parents and carers to say goodbye at the classroom door and allow their child to come into school independently. We understand this can feel like a big step, but please be reassured that our caring team will always be there to offer a warm welcome, encouragement and support.

Notice Period

If you wish to end your child's place at Aston Lodge or move them to another setting, we kindly ask that you provide four weeks' written notice.

This notice period enables us to manage staffing, funding, and records effectively, while also giving us the opportunity to support your child through a positive, well-planned transition to their new setting.

Please note that if the full four weeks' notice is not received, fees may still be charged for that period, and the Early Years Entitlement funding will continue to be claimed by the school.

Funding & Session Information

Every child is entitled to 15 hours of funded early education from the term after their third birthday. Eligible working families may also be entitled to 30 hours of funded childcare.

We offer flexible sessions that provide children with a consistent, high-quality early years experience in a caring and engaging environment.

Session Times

Morning session 8:30am – 11:30am

Afternoon session 12:15pm – 3:15pm

Children attending all week access **32.5 hours** of provision.

30 Hours Funding

Children accessing 30 Hours Funding can attend all week for an additional **£10 per week**, which covers the extra **2.5 hours of childcare**.

If you think you may be eligible, please apply through the Government's Childcare Choices scheme and provide your eligibility code before your child starts.

Lunchtime

Children staying with us for lunch can choose between a freshly prepared school meal or a healthy packed lunch from home. School dinners are charged at **£2.65 per day**.



Pupil Premium

Could your child be eligible for additional support?

Pupil Premium provides additional funding to help eligible children make the very best start to their education. This funding enables schools to offer extra opportunities and support, helping every child to reach their full potential.

Families who qualify may also receive support towards educational visits and other aspects of school life.

If you think you may be eligible, we encourage you to apply. It's quick and easy to do, and our team will be happy to help if you have any questions.

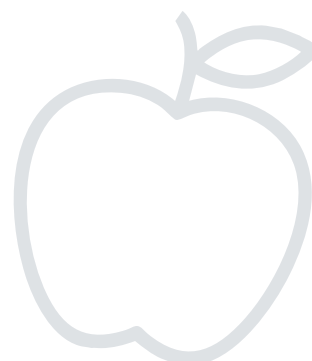
[Rotherham Pupil Premium Application Form](#)

Healthy Snacks

To help children stay happy, healthy and ready for a busy day of learning, a healthy snack and free milk are provided each day.

Children also have continuous access to their own named water bottle throughout the day, so please ensure it is filled with fresh water each morning.

The health and wellbeing of our children is extremely important to us. If your child has any allergies, dietary requirements or medical needs, please let us know before they start with us so we can ensure the appropriate support is in place and that they are safe, happy and fully included in all aspects of school life.





Every day is a chance
to explore, discover and
grow **together.**

School Uniform

We are incredibly proud of our school community, and our uniform helps children develop a sense of belonging from their very first day. We encourage children to wear their uniform with pride, ensuring they are comfortable and ready to enjoy every aspect of school life.

Our school uniform consists of:

- Pale blue polo shirt
- Navy sweatshirt or cardigan with the school badge
- Grey, black or navy trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore dress
- Blue gingham dress (optional during the summer months)
- Sensible black school shoes

A school book bag is also recommended to help children carry their reading books and letters safely between home and school. Branded polo shirts, sweatshirts, cardigans and book bags are available from Pinders School wear, with stores in Aston, Crystal Peaks and Rotherham Market.

Please ensure that all clothing and personal belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name. This helps us return misplaced items quickly and encourages children to take responsibility for their belongings.

WPT Uniform Bank

Families across Wickersley Partnership Trust can both donate to, and request, essential school clothing through the WPT Uniform Bank.

For more information, please email uniformbank@wickersleypt.org.

Requests will be accommodated subject to available stock levels.





Starting EYFS Checklist

Starting EYFS is an exciting milestone, and there are lots of simple things you can do at home to help your child feel confident and ready for their new adventure. Every child develops at their own pace, so please don't worry if they are still learning some of these skills. We will support them every step of the way.

Before your child starts, it is helpful if they can:

- Recognise their own name.
- Put on and take off their coat with a little support.
- Begin to use the toilet independently.
- Wash and dry their hands.
- Use a spoon and fork at mealtimes.
- Begin to manage their own shoes and simple fastenings.
- Tidy away toys after they have finished playing.
- Share books and enjoy listening to stories.
- Practise taking turns and playing alongside other children.
- Talk about how they are feeling and ask for help when they need it.

If your child still uses a dummy, we encourage you to begin reducing its use before they start school, as this supports speech, language and communication development. If your child wears nappies, please speak to a member of the EYFS team before they start. We will work together with you to ensure the right support is in place for your child.





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Attendance

Good attendance from the very beginning helps children settle into routines, build friendships and make the most of every learning opportunity.

If your child is unable to attend, please let the school office know as soon as possible.

We are always here to support you, so if you have any questions or concerns before your child starts, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Collecting Children

Children will only be collected by a known or authorised adult. If someone different is collecting your child, please let us know before the end of the session so that we can ensure your child leaves safely.

Class Dojo

We use Class Dojo to share updates, celebrate achievements and communicate with families. Throughout the year, we'll share special moments from your child's learning journey, along with important reminders and information.

If you have a question, concern, or simply need to speak to a member of the EYFS team, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We are always happy to help and believe that working together gives every child the best possible start.

We also love hearing about your child's experiences at home. Whether they've achieved something new, enjoyed a family day out or have something exciting to share, these moments help us build on their interests and make meaningful connections between home and school.

Life in EYFS

In EYFS, every day is filled with opportunities to play, explore and discover. Our carefully planned learning environment encourages children to follow their interests, ask questions and develop the confidence to become independent learners.

Learning through play is at the heart of everything we do. Through a balance of child-initiated play and purposeful adult-led activities, children develop the knowledge, skills and understanding they need across all areas of learning.

Our indoor and outdoor environments are designed to inspire curiosity, creativity and problem-solving. Whether children are building, creating, investigating, reading, writing or exploring the natural world, every experience has a purpose and supports their individual development.

Reading is at the heart of our curriculum. We share high-quality stories every day, helping children develop a love of books, build their vocabulary and foster a lifelong enjoyment of reading.

We recognise that every child is unique. By getting to know each child as an individual and working closely with their families, we provide the support, encouragement and challenge they need to flourish.

Above all, we want our children to feel happy, valued and excited to come to school each day. We believe these early experiences lay the foundations for a lifelong love of learning and help every child become a confident, capable and caring member of our school community.



Supporting Your Child At Home

Children learn every day through the experiences they have at home and at school. The little things you do together can make a big difference to your child's confidence, independence and love of learning.

Here are some simple ways you can support your child at home:

- **Share a story every day** - reading together helps to develop language, imagination and a lifelong love of books.
- **Talk together** - chat about your day, ask questions and encourage your child to share their ideas and experiences.
- **Encourage independence** - give your child opportunities to put on their coat, use the toilet independently, wash their hands and tidy away their toys.
- **Practise early maths skills** - count steps, spot numbers, sort objects and talk about shapes during everyday activities.
- **Sing songs and nursery rhymes** - singing supports listening skills, memory and language development.
- **Play together** - whether you're building with blocks, drawing, cooking or exploring outdoors, play is one of the most valuable ways children learn.
- **Celebrate achievements** - praise your child's efforts, not just the outcome. Encouragement helps children develop confidence and resilience.

Most importantly, enjoy spending time together. The conversations you have, the games you play, and the memories you make all help build a strong foundation for your child's future learning.

And Finally...

Thank you for taking the time to read our EYFS Prospectus. We hope it has given you an insight into life at Aston Lodge Primary School and the exciting opportunities that await your child. We are incredibly proud of our EYFS and look forward to working in partnership with you to ensure your child has a happy, successful and memorable start to their school journey. If you have any questions or would like to arrange a visit, please don't hesitate to get in touch.



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