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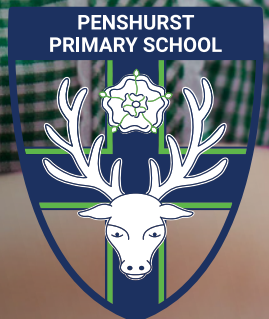


PENSHURST PRIMARY SCHOOL

STARTING SCHOOL

GUIDE

WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL:
A HELPFUL GUIDE FOR PARENTS



WELCOME!

Welcome to Penshurst Primary School.

We are excited to welcome you to our school community and cannot wait to meet you and be a part of your educational journey.

At Penshurst we are a part of The Hessle Academy family of schools, and pupils have many opportunities to develop their skills and abilities. Our inclusive ethos enables all pupils to identify their own learning interests and skills and develop them.

We encourage our pupils to be curious, respectful, caring and to think for themselves by providing a warm, safe and encouraging atmosphere. Our curriculum is relevant and engaging, and pupils tell us they enjoy learning and feel part of the school.

We want children to enjoy their time at school, to play a full part in the life of the school and to achieve success in all they do. We love to share in the successes of our children. From the smallest to the largest of achievements – be that academic, sporting, social development or making a contribution – we celebrate and value every single success.

Jo Spencer,
Head of School

Vince Groak,
Academy Headteacher



VISION & VALUES



Our success is driven by the belief that every child is capable of extraordinary achievement. We have six key values that underpin everything we do:



Respect

We always show respect to ourselves and the people around us. We know that everyone is different, and we respect that.



Resilience

We show determination and do not give up when we find things hard. We know that we might not understand our learning sometimes, but we work hard to figure it out.



Aspiration

We aim high and always try to achieve our best. We believe that we can make a difference to those around us.



Responsibility

We take responsibility for our own actions. We see our mistakes as something to learn from.



Integrity

We do the right thing. We are always honest with ourselves and other people. We are comfortable with who we are.



Kindness

We are always kind to those around us and we have good manners.

UNIFORM



Jewellery:

One small pair of metal studs may be worn, but must be removed for PE.

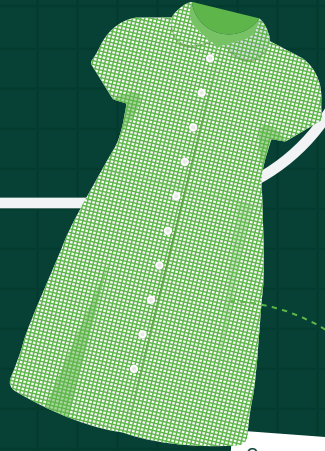
Make-up:

Must not be worn in school.

Hairstyles:

Should be a sensible style and natural colour (no Mohican styles or shaved patterns). Hair accessories should be of school colours (grey, white, green, or black).

White shirt and school tie in Year 6.



Green checked summer dress in summer term only.

Book bag with school logo.



PE KIT

PE Kit

T-shirt in house colour with school logo.
Black shorts.
Shin pads must be worn for football.

Footwear:

Should be appropriate for the activity (may include trainers, plimsolls, or football boots).

Optional:

Leotard for dance / gym, black or navy tracksuit for cold weather.

Drawstring PE bag.

SCHOOL DAY



Each day focuses on core lessons of Maths and English in the morning and all other subjects in the afternoon.

Typical day for Reception

8:40am - 8:50am	Gates Open
8:50am - 11:45pm	Registration & morning sessions
11:45am -12:45pm	Lunch
12:45pm -3:10pm	Afternoon session
3:10pm	End of school

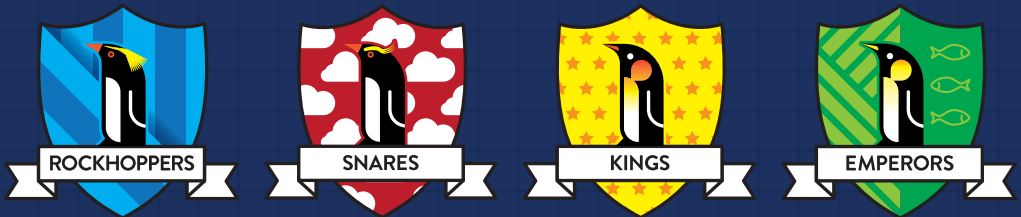
Typical day for Years 1 - 6

8:40am - 8:50am	Gates Open
8:50am - 12:10pm	Registration & morning sessions
12:10pm -1:00pm	Lunch
1:00pm -3:10pm	Afternoon session
3:10pm	End of school

Throughout The Hessle Academy, every learner and member of staff is part of a house community. Each house has a specific identity and forms a community within the wider school. We strongly believe that this provides learners with an increased sense of belonging.

At Penhurst, the four house teams are named after penguins: Rockhoppers, Snares, Kings, Emperors.

We also have a school mascot called 'Pablo the Penguin' who runs his own shop (you can read more about Pablo's shop on the next page).



“Being in a penguin house ensures that we all look after each other and care for each other. We also compete against each other, which is really good fun.”

Year 5 Pupil



“It is brilliant being in a penguin house as we get to do activities with children in all the different year groups.”

Year 2 Pupil

CELEBRATIONS

At Penshurst, we like to celebrate pupil achievement weekly. Throughout the year pupils collect points (called penguins) for good work or excellent behaviour, which are added to their class charts and house total. Pupils collect these rewards and save them to exchange into Penguin Pounds which they can spend at Pablo's shop.



Every week we hold a 'Pupil of the Week' assembly and a child from every class is chosen to receive this award, which is celebrated by the whole school community. Parents are invited to this celebration and we also announce the weekly house points and winners of the class attendance award. We also celebrate 'Pupil of the Term' and 'Pupil of the Year'.

CORRIDOR CODE

At Penshurst, we have a set of rules called 'The Five Ss'. These are rules we follow when in community areas such as the corridor.



Straight Line



Single File



Silence



Sensible



Smile!



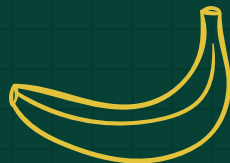
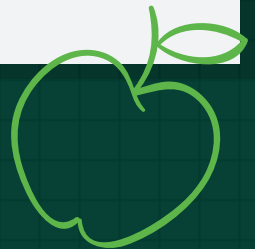
LUNCHES & PARENTPAY



Penshurst uses a system that enables pupils to pick their own meal for the day during registration time. This is a really interactive start to the day and takes account of the allergies that pupils may have, ensuring they cannot pick the wrong meal. If you feel your child may struggle or forget what they would like, please feel free to send in a note to the class teacher.

The menu is nutritionally balanced to ensure pupils have healthy options throughout the week. There is always a choice of a sandwich, jacket potato, vegetarian meal, or a hot dinner.

Pupils' meals are registered on the school online payment system, ParentPay, and can be paid for on the ParentPay website or in cash at a PayPoint location (usually newsagents or local shops). All children in Key Stage 1 are entitled to a free school meal, which they can choose from our menu.



COMMUNICATIONS

Effective communication between Penshurst Primary School and the parents/carers for our pupils is extremely important, with this in mind we have invested into an electronic communication system; SIMS Parent. SIMS Parent enables us to communicate more regularly with you regarding your child's achievements, attendance and academic progress. You are also able to check and update your contact details via the SIMS Parent App in a more convenient way than contacting the school.

SCHOOL NEWS

Keep up to date with with school life and activities by regularly visiting our website and Twitter feed.

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EXTRA CURRICULAR

Some of the clubs we offer are listed below:

Young Voices Choir

P Factor Club

Rugby

Football

Netball

Knitting

Craft

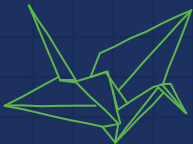
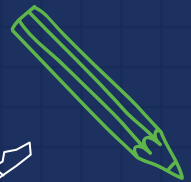
DANCE

Film

Enterprise

Homework

Hessle ACES



More information regarding clubs is available on our website.

HESSLE ACES

Hessle ACES provides after-school care at Peshurst Primary School until 6:00pm from September. For more information, please contact Hessle ACES on **01482 643565**.

ANNUAL EVENTS



We love to have parents visit and join in with the learning and fun. You can expect to be invited to many events throughout the year. Some of the events we put on each year are listed below.

Check our website regularly for updates on additional events.



Sports Days

P Factor

End of Year Musical Theatre Production

Leavers' Assembly

House Initiation Assembly

Pupil of the Term / Year Assemblies

Summer Picnic

Challenge and Faith Days

Sporting Competitions

Year 2 Wedding



EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE

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At Peshurst Primary School, our Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) is where learning within The Hesse Academy begins. These early years in the Nursery and Reception classes form the foundations of your child's ongoing education and that is why we passionately believe in making a child's first years in school as stimulating, memorable and inspiring as possible.

We recognise that every child has their own personality and individual needs. We see it as our responsibility to provide them with a warm, safe, and nurturing environment in which to grow and thrive.

The children in the EYFS are taught through a play-based curriculum. Our teaching and learning is driven by the children's interests. We work closely with the children to understand what they enjoy, and we tailor our plans and environment to match this. The children have a large, well-equipped inside and outside area which they can access throughout the day.



A TYPICAL DAY...

IN NURSERY

Morning sessions:

8:45AM – 11:45AM

Starting the day:

- Independent self-registration

In the morning:

- Morning circle
- Independent play
- Phonics lessons (taught through the Read, Write Inc programme)
- Snack time (with fruit, milk and water)



Lunch:

11:45AM – 12:15PM

Lunch time:

- Support with packed lunch from lunch and EYFS staff
- Outdoor play

Afternoon sessions:

12:15PM – 3:15PM

In the afternoon:

- Small-group Maths and Literacy work
- Independent play
- Story time

TAPESTRY



We use an online programme called Tapestry to evidence and celebrate your child's learning. Tapestry can be accessed via the web or an app on a mobile or tablet. It is a fantastic way to share videos and photos of your child's progress.



We ask that you read a story book with your child for ten minutes a day. We also use Tapestry to send home suggested activities e.g., sounds from phonics and mini projects.



YEAR 1 - 6 HOMEWORK

Homework is set through an online platform and includes reading, maths and challenges on a weekly basis. The work is set in each year group appropriately for age and stage. We also host the 'Penshurst Graduate Award' which allows pupils from Year 3-6 to study extra topics based on our thematic curriculum. They are tested on their knowledge and earn badges. Successful completion of 'PGA' tests are celebrated in reward assemblies.



KEY PEOPLE

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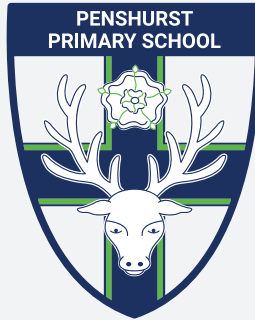
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