



Welcome to
Year 2
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 2!

We are looking forward to getting to know you and working together so that we have a very exciting and productive year. We hope that your child enjoys the new challenges and experiences that Year 2 has to offer!

Year 2 is an important year for learning. The children are expected to become more independent readers, writers, and mathematicians as the year advances. The Year 2 curriculum builds upon and extends the experiences that children have had in Year 1 and they will continue to learn through exciting topics so that they remain motivated, enthused and eager learners.

The pride we have in our school was reinforced by our most recent inspection which said that:

“Pupils at Grange Lane are kind, welcoming and polite. This can be felt as soon as you walk through the door. Pupils look after each other. They show high levels of respect to each other and all adults, including visitors. There is a clear passion from leaders and staff to give pupils a wide range of opportunities and experiences. This ensures that pupils, including those with special educational needs/and or disabilities (SEND) and those who are disadvantaged, experience success. This creates a highly inclusive culture. As a result, pupils get off to an excellent start to their education”. (Ofsted March 2023)

We hope this booklet will give you an insight into our happy and successful school and Year 2. Although it contains some useful information, we realise it may not answer all your questions, so please contact us for any further information you may need.

Helen Acton
Chair of Governors

Louise Chappell
Principal

Our Vision

Our vision is to create a happy, welcoming, secure, and stimulating learning community where everyone is valued and respected. To work together to inspire and challenge all children so they become confident, motivated lifelong learners who have opportunity to achieve their individual potential.



The children learn through a variety of hands-on experiences!



Meet the Year 2 Team.

Name	Role
Mrs Jones	Tigers Class Teacher
Mrs Heyes	Lions Class Teacher
Mrs O'Neill	Teaching Assistant
Miss Tasker	Teaching Assistant
Miss Housley	Teaching Assistant
Miss Pearson	Teaching Assistant

Year 2 School Day

Doors open from 8:40am – 8:50am and school ends at 3pm, with a lunch break from 12.00 -1pm.

Year 2 children will enter school from their class door when the gate opens.

It is important that all children arrive on time every day.

Pupils then go straight to their classrooms and take part in independent morning learning activities.

Any child arriving late must enter school through the main entrance and sign in at the office to ensure that records are kept up to date for safety reasons.

Please let the teacher know if someone else will be collecting your child.

How can you help? Below is some useful information to help support your child's learning throughout the coming year.

- Reading books should be in school and available for the children to access every day. Please listen to your child read their book each night.
- Regular practice of spelling words from the Year 2 list of common exception words which can be found on the school website.
- The aim is to find maths moments during daily life for example:
Measurements – cooking and baking.
Number formation – using numbers of personal significance such as house number, age of family members.
Time – concentrating on telling the time to 15mins O' clock, Half-past, quarter to, quarter past.
Money – £ and p – working out change.
Addition and Subtraction.
- Please register with the Y2 class dojo as important information is shared on this site.



School Dinners

School dinners are free for all infant children (Reception to Year 2). Our school lunches offer children a choice of either a meat, vegetarian, sandwich, or jacket potato main meal. There is also always fruit and salad available.

Milk Money

To access school milk, you need to register with cool milk (www.coolmilk.com) before September. There is a cost for school milk, the term after their 5th birthday. Their website has full details.

Emergency Details

The school needs an up-to-date emergency contact number in case of illness or accident.

Attendance

The aim is for all pupils to achieve 97% attendance each year. Please aim to send your child to school every day possible. If they are ill, please contact the school office. If there are ever any issues getting pupils into school, please talk to a member of staff and we will support you to support your child. For these purposes we employ an Education Welfare Officer and a Pastoral Manager. To reward pupils' attendance, we have 'In It To Win It' during our weekly Celebration Assembly. All children who have had 100% for the week and have shown good behaviour will be entered and the winner wins a book to take home.

PE Kits

The academy will be giving your child a free PE T-shirt and shorts for use at school in September. We ask that you continue to use the PE bag that was given to you in year 1 to store it. Please bring the kit on a Monday and it can then be taken home on a Friday to be washed and returned the following Monday. Children must be able to remove earrings for PE although we would prefer children not to wear earrings to school.



What does my child need to bring to school?

- Book bag (with reading book)
- Water bottle
- Weather suitable clothing
 - Coat, hats, scarves, gloves, etc.
 - Sun hat, sunglasses, sun cream, etc.

- PE kit
- School library books.

Websites we use at school

All at the Academy, and indeed the community have a duty to protect children. Year 2 children will be given the log in details for all these websites, and they will spend some time in school getting used to accessing them. All are accessible from home devices. Here are the main ones:

- Oxford Owl - <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk>
- Purple Mash – www.purplemash.com

Safeguarding

All at the Academy, and indeed the community have a duty to protect children. If a safeguarding or child protection issue is raised, we will follow our Safeguarding procedures. Safeguarding overrides any confidentiality procedures. If you have a concern, please contact the Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Louise Chappell or Deputy Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Kay Shaw via the school number.



Mrs L.A. Chappell – Principal
Designated Safeguarding Lead. 01302 651038



Mrs Kay Shaw – Pastoral Manager
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead. 01302 651038
Mobile: 07535 091409

Frequently asked questions:

My child also has other people to help them, for example a Speech and Language Therapist – can they help?

Please let your child's teacher know if they are being supported by other professionals such as a physiotherapist, children's centre worker, occupational therapist, community nursery nurse, health visitor, doctors or anyone else. We can all share information to help your child achieve and learn.

How do I fit in with my child's learning?

YOU are the most important person in helping your child. You know your child best and any information you give us is really important and will be used to help your child. Sometimes we also need to know if anything unusual is happening in your child's life so that we can help them in school. It is really important for us to have a good relationship with parents and carers.

My child is not doing the same as my friend's child

ALL CHILDREN ARE DIFFERENT – and every child's needs will be personalised. Children enjoy different things, they learn things differently and by staff observing them, and making notes, we know what learning your child needs. However, if at any time you are concerned about your child's learning please chat to your child's teacher. If we are concerned about your child's development, we will also speak to you.

