

Welcome to Tow Law Millennium Primary School



New starters information
2020

Welcome

Thank you for choosing our school, we are excited to welcome you to our school community.

This year has been very different and we hope you and your family are staying safe.

Due to the current situation we are unable to manage transition as in previous years. We are hoping to put together an online tour of our Early Years environment for your children to view prior to starting school.

Class organisation

This year, there are 12 children starting in Reception.

We also have 16 (8 morning and 8 afternoon) nursery children starting or returning in September.

We have taken the decision to mix Reception and Nursery as Class 4.

The Reception children will have access to Class 4 for focused learning activities, Class 5 for child led learning and play and our wonderful outdoor area and secret garden.

Staff



Mrs Moralee



Mrs Boulton



Miss Coates



Miss Bell



Mrs Hurton

The Class Teacher will be Mrs Boulton and the Teaching Assistant will be Miss Bell. Mrs Moralee and Mrs Hurton will also be supporting in the class.

Miss Coates will initially be in class to support transitions.

Lunches

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to free school meals. Meals are prepared fresh onsite by our cooks Donna and Elizabeth.

Nursery children attending are also provided with a free lunch.

Each morning children will be given 3 options including at least one vegetarian option to choose from.

** Please inform us prior to your child starting if they have any allergies.*

Getting ready for school

It's really helpful if the children can do these things when coming to school:

1. Use the toilet independently
2. Use a knife and fork and can feed themselves
3. Put on their own coat
4. Listen when an adult is speaking
5. Recognise their own name

It is also really helpful if you could label all clothing to help adults and children to identify belongings.

Settling in

Due to the current situation and children missing transition days, we plan to have a phased induction for our new starters.

Week 1 - w/c 31.8.20 (first day back for pupils Wednesday 2nd)

Reception 9.30am - 1pm

Week 2 - w/c 7.9.20

Reception 9.30am - 2pm & Nursery 10am - 1pm

Week 3 - w/c 14.9.20

Reception 9.15am - 3.15pm & Nursery 10am - 1pm

** These times are subject to change in line with government guidelines. We will also work closely with parents and transitions may be longer depending on individual needs.*

Nursery hours

15 hours or 30 hours funded nursery places.

30 hours

- 9 - 3 Monday to Friday

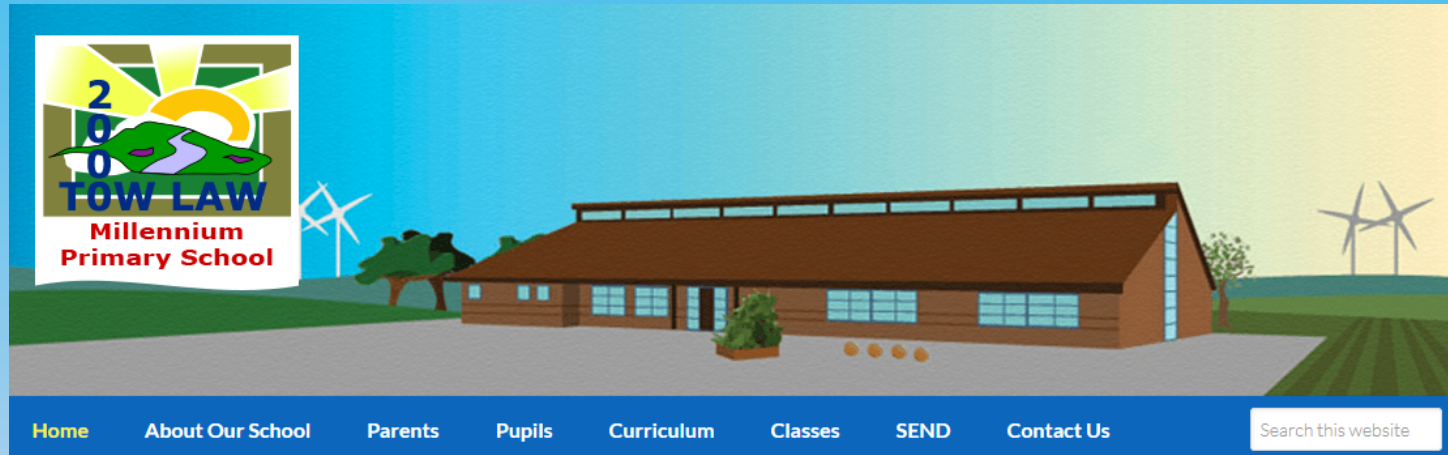
15 hours options

- Mornings Monday to Friday 9 - 12
- Afternoons Monday to Friday 12 - 3
- Monday and Tuesday full days and Wednesday AM
- Wednesday PM and Thursday and Friday full days.

**This is what we usually offer but in the current situation we will be limiting nursery provision to 10.00-1.00 and suspending the offer of 30 hours. However, we are working closely with local child minders for those children entitled to that provision. These changes are, we hope, only a short-term response to the current situation we find ourselves in.*

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