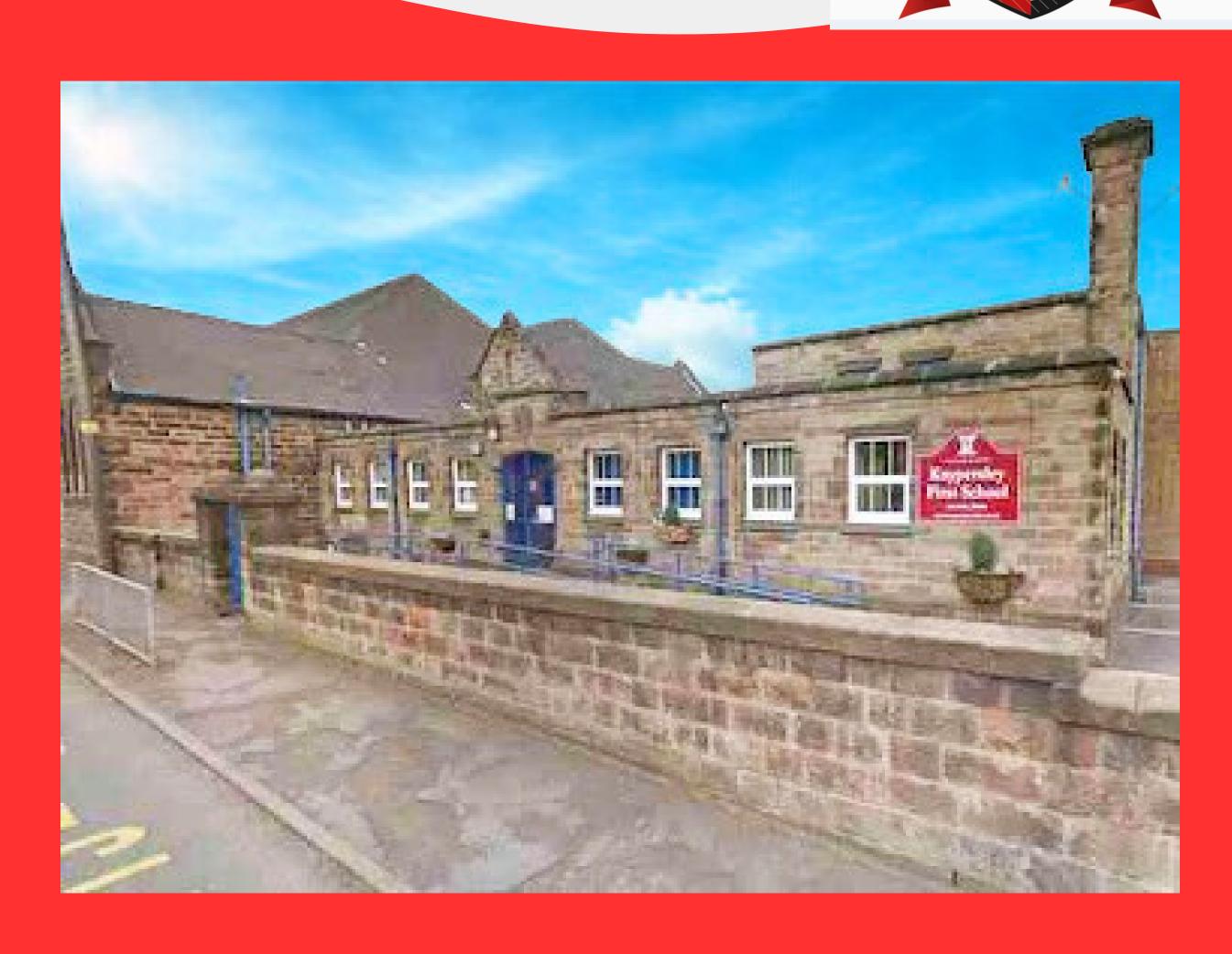
KNYPERSLEY FIRST SCHOOL PARENT INFORMATION 2025–2026





Welcome to Knypersley First School!

At Knypersley First School, we are proud to provide a happy, caring and stimulating environment where every child is encouraged to thrive. We believe that the early years of education lay the foundations for future success, and we are committed to nurturing confident, curious, and kind learners.

Our school motto, "Learning together, learning for life," is at the heart of everything we do. It reflects our belief that education is a shared journey—between children, staff, families, and the wider community—and that the skills and values we foster here will stay with our children long beyond their time with us.

What makes Knypersley truly special is not only our strong sense of community and care, but also the exceptional facilities we offer. Our onsite swimming pool gives every child the opportunity to gain water confidence and vital swimming skills. Our inspiring Forest School area supports outdoor exploration, creativity, and resilience. And our fully equipped cookery suite allows children to develop practical life skills while learning about health, nutrition, and



teamwork.

We are also proud to be part of the Children First
Learning Partnership, a collaborative trust of likeminded schools working together to ensure the very
best outcomes for every child. Through this
partnership, our pupils benefit from shared learning
experiences, enrichment activities, and wider
opportunities that extend beyond the classroom. Our
staff also enjoy high-quality professional development
and the chance to work alongside colleagues across the
trust, sharing expertise and innovation to continually
improve teaching and learning.

Our passionate and experienced team work tirelessly to create a safe, inclusive, and inspiring environment where every child feels valued and supported. We are proud of the warm, welcoming atmosphere that visitors often comment on, and the strong relationships we build with our families.



The School Day

Reception 8.45am-3.10pm



Nursery Full Time 8.45am-3.15pm

Nursery
AM Session
8.45am11.45am



Nursery
PM Session
12.15pm
-3.15pm

For further information regarding our nursery session options, please see our Nursery Core offer.

Attendance

If your child is ill and will not be attending school for the day, you must inform us by contacting the school office. the school telephone number is 01782 973810.

It is procedure for us to contact you if you have not informed us as to why your child has not attended. Attendance is monitored on a weekly basis.

Please see our website for our attendance policy.





My School Bag

All children will need to bring a bag for all of their personal belongings. In Reception, children will need a school bag big enough to hold an A4 folder. You may wish to purchase a Knypersley book bag (available from Smart Uniform).



Water Bottle filled with water only.

Spare underwear, socks and bottoms (even if your child does not have accidents regularly).

Healthy snack if you wish to send one.

Weather appropriate outerwear e.g. winter hat, gloves, sun hat etc.



Please could all nursery children bring a pair of wellies to keep in school. You will be able to take them home whenever you need them.

Please ensure your child does not bring in toys or other nonschool items in their bag.



Uniform

Our Early Years uniform is designed to enable your child to fully access our active curriculum. It allows children to move freely both indoors and outdoors. We do not have a separate PE kit as children in the Early Years will take part in gross motor skills activities daily.



Black Hoodie

White Polo Top

Black Jogging Bottoms or Leggings

Black shorts or skort (for warmer weather)

Black Velcro trainers



We kindly ask that all uniform items are unbranded (or with the school logo). Trainers can be branded as long as they are completely black (no white/colourful logos). Long hair should be tied back. Small stud earrings can be worn but must be removed for PE and swimming.

Branded items can be purchased from Smart
Uniform in store or online.





Please clearly label all items of clothing including coats etc with your child's name.



Lunch and Snacks

All <u>Reception</u> children are entitled to Universal Free School Meals. Your child will be asked to order a hot meal or sandwich pack from our school menu every morning. Our menu is available on the school website.

Children may bring their own healthy packed lunch from home if they do not wish to have the school options.

It is helpful to discuss the days options with your child before they come to school so you can help them choose something they will enjoy.



To help you child be independent, practise using a knife and fork to cut their food before they start in reception.

<u>Nursery</u> Children who are accessing full time provision will need to bring a healthy packed lunch with them every day. Children who are part time (mornings or afternoons only will need to have their lunch at home.

Snacks

All Early Years children will be offered a free piece of fruit and a drink of milk daily as part of current government schemes.

Children may also bring an additional **healthy** snack from home. Please speak to a member of staff if you would like clarification on which snacks are suitable.

Please do not send children with foods containing nuts. We are a nut-free provision due to allergies.





Can your child drink from an open cup? Practise at home to help your child be independent in school.

Communication

At Knypersley we primarily use a system called Arbor to communicate with parents. We can send you messages and you can send messages to us via the Arbor app. You will receive more information regarding setting up your Arbor account.

How will I know how my child is progressing?

A termly report

A termly parents evening

If a message is urgent or time limited please telephone the school office. Staff do not always see messages during teaching hours.



01782 973810

What if I have a problem or concern?

Please speak to your class teacher in the first instance. This may be via Arbor or in person if required. If your issue cannot be resolved by the teacher, they will advise you on the next steps needed. All teachers have a weekly drop in session that you can book via Arbor. If you cannot attend the drop in session, staff are able to offer a phone call instead.

Medication and Care Plans

If your child has a medical need or care plan, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can be prepared to support your child.

If your child is unwell, staff are able to administer medications including pain relief.



If your child needs prescription medication in school, please ensure that it is sent in the original packaging with the pharmacy label still attached.

All medication must be signed in and and out via the school office. Please do not put medications into your child's bag.

Staff will not be able to accept them via the drop off doors.

If your child becomes unwell in school, we may contact you to ask for permission to give liquid paracetamol.

SEND

At Knypersley First School we pride ourselves on providing the very best provision at the earliest stages of learning.

Our school SENDCo will be on hand throughout the induction phase and also throughout the school year.

We work closely with outside agencies to gain the best possible advice when suppporting the individual needs requirements for our pupils. We endeavour to unlock learning for all children.

For more information please call the school office on a Wednesday 3.30-4pm to speak with the SENDCo.



Reading

From Reception, children will bring home a reading book to practise at home. Children are encouraged to read at home at least 3 times a week to

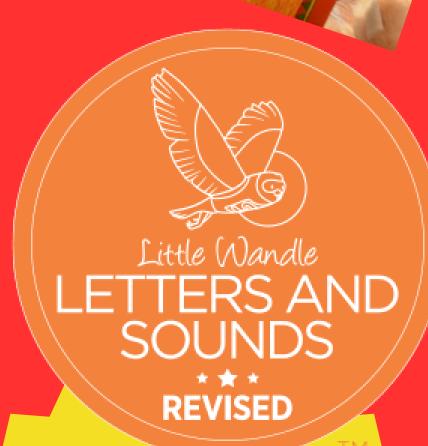
support their reading sessions in school. Children will receive a reward in school if parents record that they have read 3 times or more each week.

At Knypersley we teach phonics through the Little Wandle programme. Starting in nursery we begin to build the foundations for reading by supporting children to develop their phonological awareness. In reception, children progress to learning to read through decoding. You will be invited to learn more about how to support your children with reading and

phonics at a parent workshop.



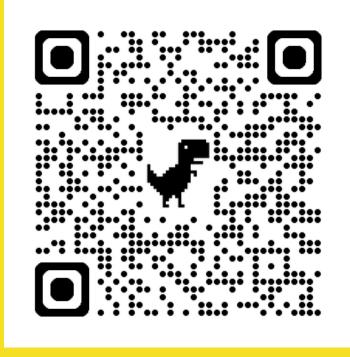
All children will have access to our school library and be encouraged to take books home to share with their families.



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Home School Links Book



Swimming

All of our children take part in a weekly swimming session at our onsite pool.

Reception children will swim from september. Nursery children will start swimming the term after they start school. The nursery staff will let you know when your child will start. This is a brilliant opportunity for children to learn a vital life skill.

Your child will need:

- Swimming costume or trunks (no loose swim shorts)
- Swimming hat (compulsory for all children regardless of hair length)
 - Two towels

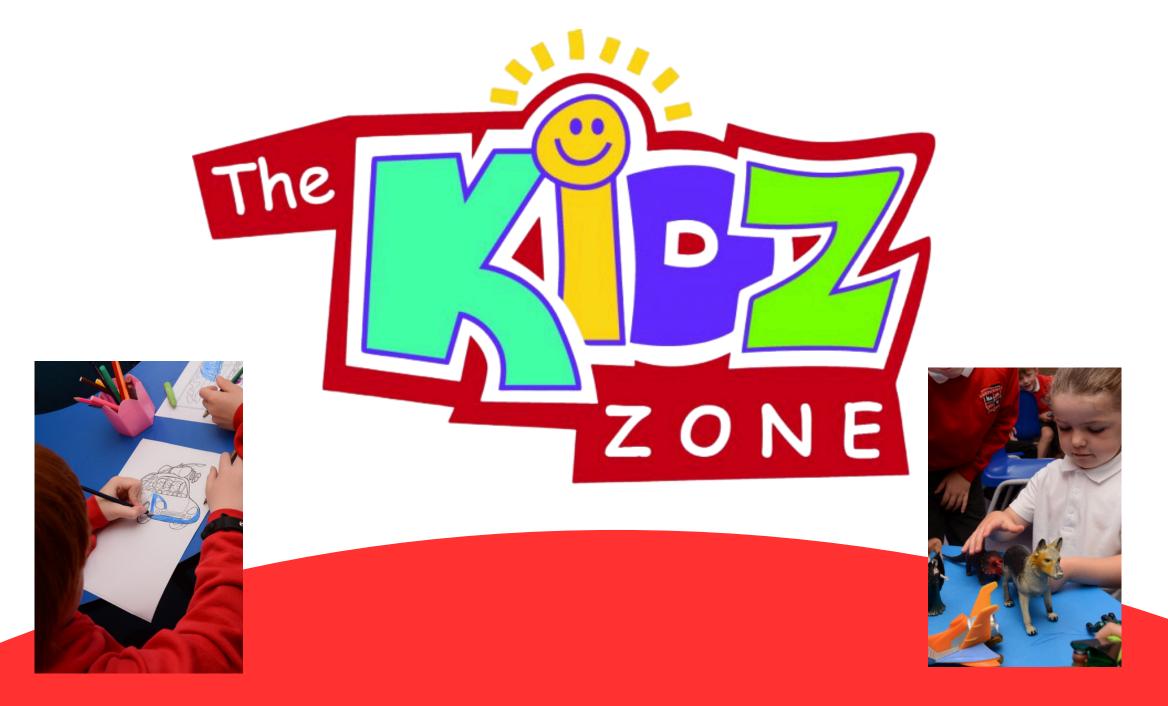


All floatation aids are provided. Children do not need to bring armbands.

Goggles are not permitted.

We also ask that talc is not sent into school due to some children having asthma/other breathing conditions.

PLEASE CLEARLY LABEL EVERYTHING



Kidz Zone is our before and after school club which offers term time care from 07:30am until 18:15pm and runs Monday to Friday. We welcome children from Nursery to Year 4.

Please book your sessions weekly by sending a message begining with 'KidzZone:' via Arbor.

Kidz Zone is managed by Miss A Naughten and we have 2 play leaders Mrs A Duda and Miss A Wood.

Prices:

7:30am - 8:45 £5.15 3:15 - 4:15pm £4.35 3:15pm - 6:15pm £8.15

A breakfast and evening menu is available to view on our website. Food is included in the price. Breakfast is available if arriving before 8.15am in the morning.

You will find a registration form on our website that you can complete to register your child or call in to collect one from the school office.

We offer a 10% discount for siblings.



If you have any questions regarding the information in this pack or would like further information on any specific areas of our provision, please let us know. Our Early Years Leader Mrs Ellis will be happy to offer help and advice.

