

Welcome to Reception



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An introduction to the teaching
team and life in Reception at
Morpeth Road.

Meet the Leadership Team

Mrs Ward – Executive Headteacher

I have been teaching for 32 years and started my career in the west end of Newcastle. During this time I have been a head teacher of 6 schools and now have the privilege of being the executive head teacher of Malvins Close, Croftway and Morpeth Road Academies. My aim is to ensure that all children are given the very best education possible and that together our children thrive. As part of Wise Academies we will be able to increase our access to a range of services make our school the best they can possibly be. I look forward to September when we can restart our fabulous journey together again.

Mrs Troughton – Head of School

I have been teaching in schools for 15 years. I have taught across the country including in London and 5 years ago moved back to teaching in Northumberland. I have been Head of School at Morpeth Road for nearly 2 years and love it here. My aim is to ensure we provide the best education possible for the children here in a supportive and nurturing environment. I want children to thrive and be the best they can be. I look forward to September and hope that soon we will be able to invite adults back into schools so we can share some of the wonderful learning and opportunities that are happening here

Mrs Miller – Assistant Head of EYFS

I have been teaching in Early Years for 21 years across 4 different schools in the North East. I joined Morpeth Road two years ago. I absolutely love working in Early Years and feel privileged to be able to work with children as they begin their school journeys. It is also a great delight to establish positive relationships with parents and for us to work together to ensure the very best outcomes for the children. It is my passion to ensure all children develop a love of learning. I am very much looking forward to September and I hope there will be lots of opportunities to work closely with parents in school and not just virtually!

Mrs Locking – Assistant Head of Key Stage 1

I am Mrs Locking and I am the Assistant Head of Key Stage One as well as a year two teacher. I have taught at Morpeth Road for almost two years now after being seconded from Malvin's Close. I have been teaching for over 10 years now and I absolutely love my job at Morpeth Road. I am the reading lead in school and love to combine my passion for reading and art. It's my aim for all children in school to love reading as much as I do. We will be planning lots of exciting opportunities for children and families to engage with reading in and out of school next year so watch this space.

Miss Killinger – Assistant Head of Key Stage 2

Hello Everyone! I am Miss Killinger and I am the Assistant Head of Key Stage Two as well as a year six teacher. I have been teaching at Morpeth Road for nearly 8 years now and have taught in every year group across the school. For the past two years I have been teaching in year six and have discovered a new found love for it! I hope you all have a lovely, fun filled summer and I can't wait to see lots of happy, smiley faces in September!

Mr Wood – Assistant Head

I am one of the Assistant Head's here at Morpeth Road after coming over from Croftway almost two years ago. I have been teaching for 7 years now and since September, I haven't had my own class. This means I am able to see all the children in school and make sure everyone in school is being Ready, Respectful and Safe. I love working at Morpeth Road and I can't wait to see everyone in their new classes in September!

Designated Safeguarding Leads

Designated safeguarding leads are the people who have a responsibility for ensuring the School's policies and procedures are adhered to, to keep our children safe and promote their well-being. These officers are in place to secure safeguarding efforts are as efficient and effective as possible.

Designated Safeguarding Leads.

At Morpeth Road our Safeguarding Leads are:

Our designated safeguarding and E-Safety staff

				
Mrs D. Ward Executive Head	Mrs F. Troughton Head of School	Mrs A. Paxton Family Team	Miss D. Robinson Family Team	Miss H. Rankin Family Team
				
Mrs C. Watson SENDco	Mr A. Wood Assistant Head E-Safety Lead	Mrs L. Locking Assistant Head	Miss R. Killinger Assistant Head	Mrs E. Miller Assistant Head

How do we support our families?

Children and families are well supported by Family teams across each school to provide pastoral and nurture support to those that need it.

- **Mrs Alderson** – SENco
- **Mrs Watson** – SENco
- **Hollie Rankin** – Family Team Lead
- **Mrs Paxton** – Pupil & Family support
- **Miss Robinson** – Pupil & Family support
- **Mrs Palamountain** – Nurture support & communication
- **Mrs Tait**- Nurture support & communication

Meet the Reception team

Mrs Miller – Assistant Head for EYFS Teacher

Hello, I am Mrs Miller and I am the Assistant Head of Early Years as well as a reception class teacher. I have taught at Morpeth Road since September 2019. I have over 20 years of teaching experience and I love working in Early Years. I am really looking forward to welcoming the nursery children into reception and I am excited to meet and welcome some new children into our school. We will be having lots of fun on our learning adventures together! I hope you all have a lovely summer and I'll see you soon.



Miss Hayton - Teacher

Hello, I am Miss Hayton and I am a reception class teacher. I joined Morpeth Road in September 2019 and before that I taught at Croftway. I am excited about welcoming the children into reception and I am looking forward to the fun and exciting new things we will be learning together. It will be lovely to hear about the adventures you have had over the summer. See you in September.



Meet the Reception team

Mrs Hart – Teaching Assistant

Hello, I'm Mrs Hart and I am a TA in reception.

I have been at Morpeth Road since 2013, first as a volunteer then as TA in nursery from 2014. I have had a lovely year as a TA in reception this year.

I am looking forward to meeting children and parents new and old to begin our next learning adventure.



Routines

The reception children start at 8.45 and finish at 3.30.

Children who attend breakfast club will be able to access the school from 8:00am

We will let you know PE days in September. The children will not have PE in their first week.

The children receive free school milk but you must fill in a form. They should also bring a NAMED water bottle everyday.

Your child should bring a book bag (not a back pack) to school everyday.

Theme Plan 2020/2021

Autumn 1 - All About Me

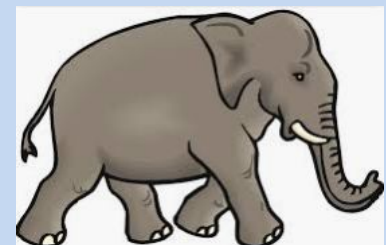
Autumn 2 - Festivals and Celebrations

Spring 1 - Here, There and Everywhere

Spring 2 - Growing

Summer 1 - All Creatures Great

Summer 2 - All Creatures Small



Reading

We want every child to have a love of reading. Your child will listen to stories being read aloud to them everyday in school. It is essential that you share a book everyday at home with your child too.

- Please write a comment and sign your child's reading record every time you share a book.**
- Practise the sounds and words your child brings home.**
- Encourage your child to look at signs and writing that they see all around them!**

We are very excited about launching our reading incentive 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' in September.

Behaviour for Learning

- Three school rules; Ready, Respectful, Safe.
- Positive behaviour chart.
- Individual sticker chart.
- Consequences; **Step 1** – Reminder; **Step 2** – Verbal warning given; **Step 3** – Last chance; **Step 4** – Timeout; **Step 5** – Repair; **Step 6** – SLT Repair; **Step 7** – Formal meeting with parents.
- Copies of our behaviour policy can be found on our website.
- Children who bring phones to school are required to hand them in to their class teacher when they arrive at school every morning. They will be locked away for the day and will be handed back out at the end of the school day.

Safety Online

- How to always be safe online.

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S SAFE Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information when chatting or posting online. Personal information includes your email address, phone number and password.

M MEETING Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present. Remember online friends are still strangers even if you have been talking to them for a long time.

A ACCEPTING Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages!

R RELIABLE Someone online might lie about who they are, and information on the internet may not be true. Always check information with other websites, books or someone who knows.

T TELL Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.
You can report online abuse to the police at www.thinkuknow.co.uk

www.kidsmart.org.uk

KidSMART Visit Childnet's Kidsmart website to play interactive games and test your online safety knowledge. You can also share your favourite websites and online safety tips by Joining Hands with people all around the world.

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BLOCK IT
FLAG IT

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Key Messages

- **Uniform** – children are expected to wear appropriate school uniform every day.
- Attendance Target: **97%**
- Supporting our children to be organised and independent.
- Encouraging good behaviour for learning needs – **team effort.**
- Respectful communication with all staff.
- Developing a 'growth mindset' by encouraging good mistakes.
- High expectations lead to progress.

Thank you!

Thank you for taking the time to read this information. We are very much looking forward to a successful year with your children!

Feel free to contact us to ask any questions!