



Knypersley First School  
Nursery Information  
Booklet  
2019/2020



*learning together, learning for life*

**Knypersley First School**

Part of the Learning First Federation



## GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

### The Name and Address of our School is:

Knypersley First School  
Newpool Road  
Biddulph  
Stoke on Trent  
Staffordshire  
ST8 6NN

**Telephone:** 01782 973810

**E Mail:** admin@knypersley.staffs.sch.uk

**Website:** www.knypersley.staffs.sch.uk

### Head of School

Mrs E Goodyear

**Early Years Leader:** Miss N Broadhurst

**Nursery Teacher:** Miss Lydia Leese

### Nursery Morning Session

Monday-Friday: 8.45am - 11.45am

### Nursery Afternoon Session

Monday-Friday: 12.15pm - 3.15pm



## Notes



## Welcome to Knypersley First School



Knypersley First School is part of The Learning First Federation which is a partnership with Reginald Mitchell Primary School, Kidsgrove and Kingsfield First School, Biddulph.

The Learning First Federation will provide outstanding educational learning opportunities by knowing our children well and understanding their needs. It will develop each child to their full potential by offering a wide range of personalised interventions.

### Our School aims for pupils

- \* To achieve high standards in all areas of the curriculum.
- \* To be highly motivated life-long learners.
- \* To be flexible and adaptable for the modern world
- \* To have alert and enquiring minds, a spirit of curiosity, qualities of creativity and imagination, resulting in a love of learning
- \* To have high levels of self-esteem, respecting themselves, others and the environment
- \* To have the ability to adapt to change and the skills to meet the needs of a rapidly changing world
- \* To respect religious views, moral values, other ethnic backgrounds and ways of life
- \* To work independently and collaboratively, having an understanding of themselves as learners

### Our values and beliefs:

#### Self-help

We will help each other whilst helping ourselves by working together

#### Self-responsibility

We will all act responsibly and play a full part in our school

#### Democracy

We will all have a voice

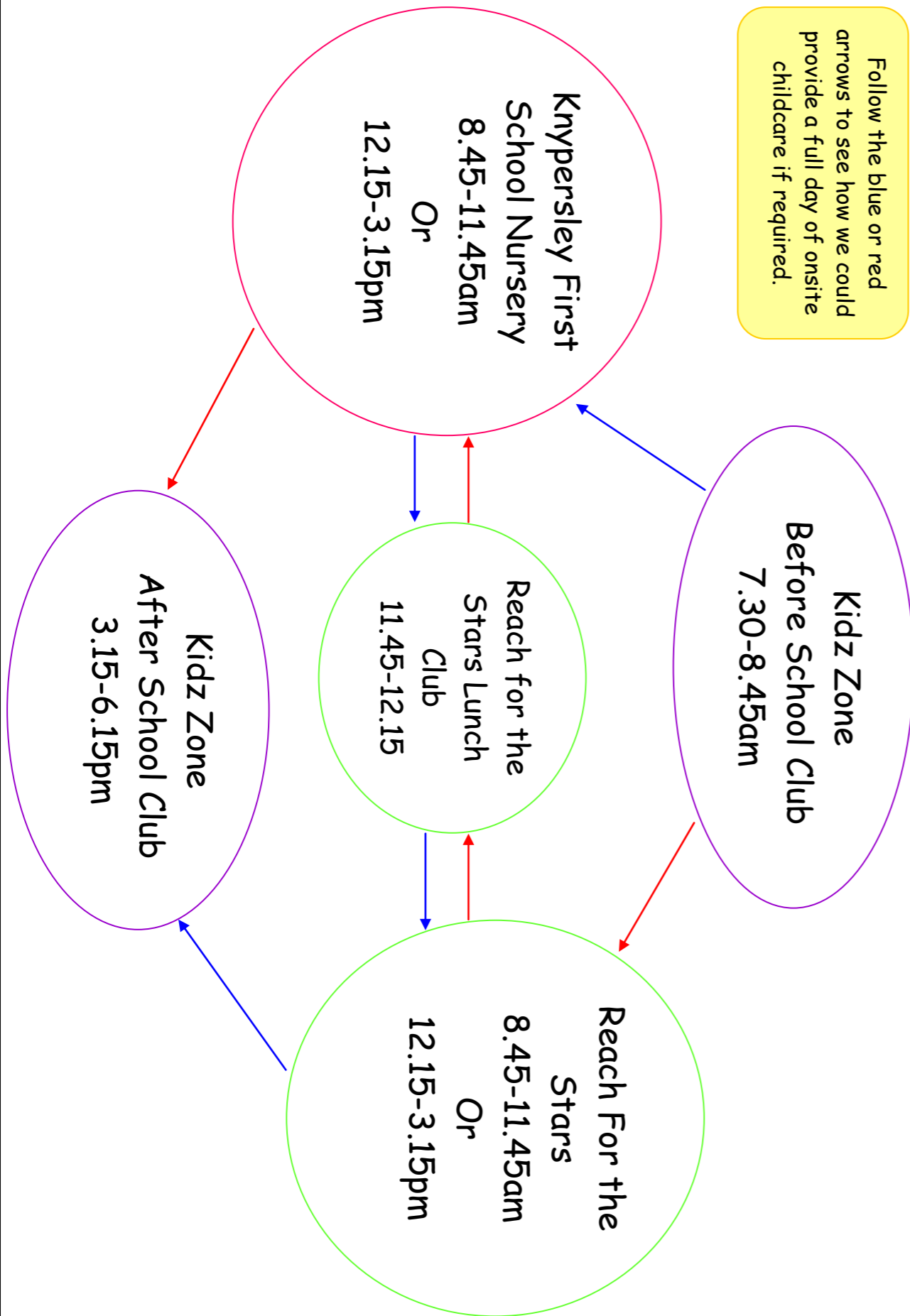
#### Equality

We will have equal rights and benefits (according to our contribution)

#### Equity

We will be treated justly and fairly.

Follow the blue or red arrows to see how we could provide a full day of onsite childcare if required.



## Nursery Curriculum

The daily curriculum on offer carefully planned to promote our children's enthusiasm, curiosity, love of learning and personal development. The children are provided with experiences to learn through very personalised and purposeful play via adult led and independent learning opportunities.

The curriculum is planned around the following areas:

- **Communication and language development** involves giving children opportunities to experience a rich language environment. To develop their confidence and communication skills.
- **Physical development** involves providing opportunities for young children to be active and interactive. The children will develop their fine and gross motor skills. We help children to understand the importance of physical activity, and to make healthy choices in relation to food.
- **Personal, social and emotional development** involves helping children to develop a positive sense of themselves and others. They learn to form positive relationships with their peers and develop respect for others. In this area, the children also learn about boundaries and expected behaviour.
- **Literacy development** involves encouraging children to link sounds and letters and to begin to read and write. Children are given access to a wide range of reading materials to ignite their interest. Writing opportunities are also integrated into other of the curriculum.
- **Mathematics** involves providing children with opportunities to develop and improve their basic skills in counting and understanding of number as well as gaining a knowledge of different shapes. Mathematics is made extremely practical and is planned for in the children's play.
- **Understanding the world** involves guiding children to make sense of their physical world and their community around them through opportunities to explore, observe and find out about people, places, technology and the environment.
- **Expressive arts and design** involves enabling children to explore and play with a wide range of media and materials, as well as providing opportunities and encouragement for sharing their thoughts, ideas and feelings through a variety of activities in art, music, movement, dance, role-play, and design and technology.



We also have a 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. There is no need to book regular slots as long as your child is registered with Kidz Zone then you can just phone and book them in as and when you need to use the service. Kidz Zone is managed by Mrs A Dowding and we have four play leaders, Mrs J Connor Mrs P Evans, Mrs B Dobson and Miss A Wood.

The costs are as follows:

7.30 a.m.-8.45 a.m. £3.50. Breakfast served until 8:15am  
3.15 p.m. - 4.15 p.m. £3.00  
3.15 p.m. - 6.15 p.m. £6.00

Please contact Kidz Zone on 07387 872191 if you require any further information and advice.  
Please complete a registration form.



A holiday club is also provided by Reach for the Stars. Please contact a member of the team for more details.

01782 517433



**OUR SCHOOL PROVIDES 30 HOURS FREE CHILDCARE FOR 3 AND 4 YEAR OLDS\***  
(Subject to eligibility)

### IMPORTANT PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Currently **all** children are entitled to access the universal 15 hours each week which commences the term after their third birthday and continues until they start Reception. At Knypersley, your child is able to join our nursery provision for their **universal 15 hours** if they are 3 before 31st August 2018. If you would like to begin to access your universal 15 hours entitlement before September 2018, children can attend our on site preschool Reach for the Stars from the term after their 3rd birthday. Parents/carers do not need to do anything further if they just want to access the universal 15 hour entitlement for three and four year olds (every morning or every afternoon).

If your child will be entitled to the 30 hours funding, they can use their additional 15 hours at Reach for the Stars. Lunchtimes are separate to your funded hours and are charged at £2 per day. Children will need to bring a packed lunch. The application process for receiving the extended entitlement is through Childcare Choices. Therefore parents/carers wishing to access the additional 15 hours free childcare entitlement will need to make contact with Reach for the Stars and apply for a funding code using the following website:

[www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)

#### Eligibility

You can usually get 30 hours free childcare if you (and your partner, if you have one) are:

- in work - or getting parental leave, sick leave or annual leave
- each earning at least the National Minimum Wage or Living Wage for 16 hours a week - this is £120 if you're over 25

You're not eligible if:

- your child doesn't usually live with you
- the child is your foster child
- either you or your partner has a taxable income over £100,000

You can get 30 hours free childcare at the same time as claiming Universal Credit, tax credits or childcare vouchers.

If you are not eligible for 30 hours free childcare, there is the option to pay for wrap around care through Reach for the Stars. Please contact them for details.

## Special Educational Needs

The needs of each and every child will be met by the Early Years Foundation Stage as much as they can. However, if our staff identify anything which concerns them, they have a duty of care to inform you and discuss this in further detail privately. Your child may then be supported via interventions or via encouraging external agencies to support where needed. Mrs Beckett is our SEND & inclusion Leader, she meets with our EYFS staff on a regular basis to support them and assist them with any children who have individual needs.

### Assessment

The Nursery staff will complete a 'Learning Journal' for each child. This is in the form of a book and includes samples of work the staff consider 'wow' moments for your child. Some of the children's guided work will also be evident in here. We also use an online assessment tool that allows us to observe and take photographs of the children's achievements. When your child begins their time with us, you will be asked for your email address so that we can share these observations with you. We also encourage you to share your child's achievements at home with us. You will be informed of your child's progress through reports and parents' evenings.

### Pastoral

Should the Nursery staff need to speak to you about your child they will do so in confidence at the beginning or end of each session. Alternatively, you may wish to attend our 'Parent drop-in' session which happens once a week for parents to ask any questions they may have. If you have any worries or concerns please approach a member of staff or phone the school to arrange an appointment.

### Uniform

Our school uniform is :

Boys- grey or black trousers, white polo shirt and a red school jumper.

Girls- grey or black trousers, pinafore or skirt, white polo shirt and a red school jumper/cardigan.

In the summer time, girls can wear a red gingham dresses and boys grey shorts.

**Please write your child's name in all items of clothing and their shoes.**

Earrings must be removed by the parent for sporting activities so we ask you to think carefully before having your child's ears pierced. If this is something you wish your child to have done then please do so at the start of the 6 weeks summer holiday.

## Induction - Taster Sessions

If you secure a place at Knypersley we will invite you and your child to visit us. Children will be able to meet their new Nursery friends and become familiar with the nursery classroom. Parents can talk to our nursery staff about their child and ask any questions. You will have the opportunity to leave your child with us for a short amount of time and meet the other parents.

**We will write to you to let you know about the dates and times of these sessions.**

## Parents as Partners

We would like to emphasise that by working in partnership we can make your child's time even more successful and rewarding. We will keep you informed of our learning activities via our twitter, text messaging and our website. You will also receive the school's main newsletter every Wednesday which is also available on the school's website. Throughout the year we hold parent workshops and give you some ideas of how you can support your child with his/her learning at home.

"Teaching is skilful and highly effective. Children are kept productively occupied by worthwhile activities and acquire excellent learning habits and behaviours that endure. The school's work to engage with parents is a notable strength. The quality of information provided is excellent. There are many opportunities for parents to come into school, to meet with staff and find out about school life and classroom learning."

*Ofsted, March 2017*



Knypersley First School  
Nursery



Reach for the Stars



Swimming Pool



Cookery Room



Computer Suite



Kidz Zone