



Welcome to St Margaret Clitherow School and into Foundation 2. We hope that you have all had a lovely summer and are ready for the start of school. We have been working extremely hard to ensure that we have exciting learning opportunities planned and a welcoming environment so the children have a happy and smooth start to our school.

In the first couple of days of school, we will focus on settling in and getting to know each other. We will explore our environment, make friends and get to know each other. Following this, our first topic is 'Marvellous Me!' We will share more information and how you can support your child at home in the next couple of weeks.

In all Early Years Settings, children are allocated a key worker. Your child's key worker is _____. Although your child is allocated a keyworker, in our setting we all work closely together to meet every child's learning and ensure care is tailored to meet their individual needs. We work together to help the children become familiar with the setting, ensure their well-being needs are met and build a relationship with you, their families. Please come and talk to any member of staff, who will know your child well, and be able to help with concerns.

Reading books

To start the year, your child will bring home a book of their choice to share with you. Please share this book together and talk about the story. In the next few weeks, the children will also bring home a reading book that they will read to you. Please support your child to read at home. Try and read every day. Your child will also have a reading diary so that you can make any comments on their reading. More information about reading will be shared with you in the next few weeks.

Class Dojo

This year, we are going to be using Class Dojo to communicate with you and share our learning from the classroom so you what is happening during the school day. Please see the separate letter about Class Dojo and complete the consent form and send it back to school as soon as possible.

Purplemash

As a school, we use purplemash to teach the computing curriculum. There are many tools and activities that the children can complete. Each child has their own login and this can be accessed from home. Please see the separate letter with your child's login details. If you have any questions please ask a member of the team.

A few reminders

- School starts at **8:45** and ends at **3:10**. Please arrive on time to drop off and collect your child. They will enter school through the EYFS gate. We ask that you leave your child at the gate with the adults and do not come into school so the children can develop independence and become familiar with the school day.
- PE is on a **Monday** – please come to school in PE kits on this day.
- Please bring a book bag to school every day so that we can send any thing home.
- Children need to bring a water bottle with water (no juice or fizzy drinks) to school every day. Please ensure this is clearly labelled.
- We ask that the children bring a spare set of clothes to leave in school. We do use aprons and provide protective clothing but there may be times when the children need to change.
- Please make sure that all uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name so that we can find any missing items.
- We are a nut free school. If your child brings a packed lunch please make sure you follow this policy.
- If your child needs daily medication (inhaler, epi pen) please inform a member of staff.

We know this time can be overwhelming so if you have any questions please come and talk to one of the team.

We are looking forward to getting to know you and working together,

The F2 Team