



# Reception Induction Welcome



# Introductions

Mrs Deb Hudson

Headteacher

Mrs Jo Hadley

Deputy Headteacher

Miss Rebecca Beddoes

Assistant Headteacher

Mrs Lara Melia

Reception Class Teacher  
Early Years Lead

Mrs Karen Mangan

Reception Class  
Teaching Assistant



# Mrs Deb Hudson – Headteacher



Hello. I am delighted to welcome you to our school. It is a privilege to be headteacher here, a role that I have had for the past 17 years. We have fantastic children and a wonderful team of staff and governors who are all committed to our school community. We hope that you will quickly feel a part of 'The Ridge Family'.

I am looking forward to getting to know you all. To help you get to know me, I can tell you that I live with my husband, who is also a headteacher and we have two grown up children, who are currently back at home because of the pandemic. We have two grey cats called Pablo and Edie, who bring us all much joy. Our daughter came to The Ridge as a pupil and had the unusual experience of having her Mum as her head teacher! Outside school I enjoy baking, geocaching and going to watch Wolves with my husband and son.

I can't wait until I can meet you face to face and we can all be at school, learning together.

# Mrs Lara Melia – Class Teacher



It has been lovely talking to you on the phone and I look forward to meeting you all via Zoom.

I have worked at The Ridge since September 2019. I have been teaching for over 10 years and spent 7 of those in my favourite place – Reception. At home I enjoy going swimming and going on long walks with my dog, Cullie.

I can't wait to meet you all in the near future and look forward to a happy and successful time together at The Ridge.

# Mrs Karen Mangan – Teaching Assistant



Hello! My name is Mrs Mangan and I have worked at The Ridge for 16 years, 13 of these in Reception.

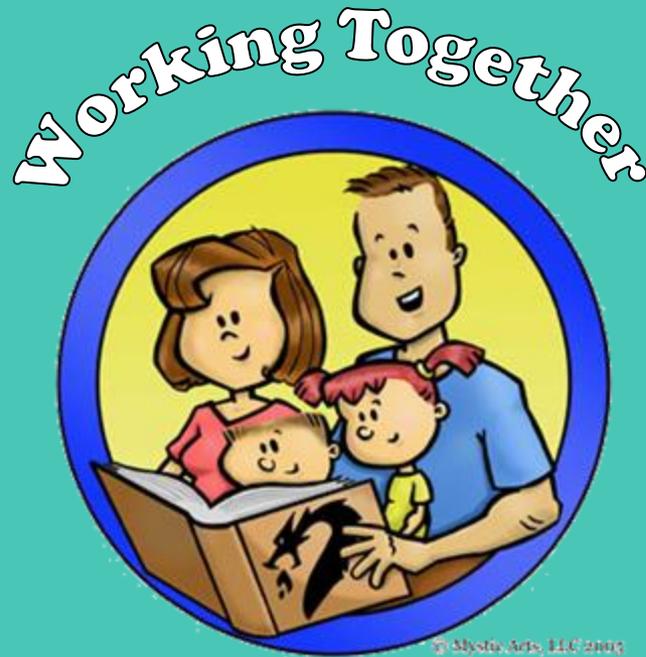
I am very much looking forward to meeting you all and starting our Reception journey together. Our classroom is always a fun and happy place to be and Mrs Melia and I are always here to help you.

At home I love to read, especially children's books and have a few favourites that might be the same as yours. I also like cooking and walking my two dogs Lexie and Marshall. I have 3 grown up children and 3 Granddaughters.

I can't wait to get to know you all and find out all about you and the things that you like to do.

# Welcome to Reception

To find out all of the information you will need about starting school, please refer to the Working Together document which you have received via email.



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# Our Classroom



# Coming into School

We will be sending a video out before you start school to show you how to access Reception.



# School Uniform

Please see our school website which will explain the uniform that you will need for your child. Due to the current circumstances school jumpers, cardigans and ties will be available to buy from our school office in September.





## Induction and Arrangements for September

- Mrs Melia has contacted you all by phone to arrange a Zoom meeting with you and your child.
- We have already started liaising with Kindergarten and other settings to gather information about your child.
- Once we know what the government plans for the wider return to schools in September, we will contact you to give you more information about the arrangements for starting school.



# Preparing to Start School

## How You Can Help

- Talk to your child about starting school in a really positive, excited way.
- Try to not to talk about any worries you may have about your child starting school in front of them.
- Talk about how friendly the adults in school will be and that they only have to ask us if they need anything.
- Ensure that your child has a consistent bedtime routine before they start school.
- Being independent – please refer to the Starting School document that you have already received by email.
- Please keep us informed of any changes or significant events at home, this is so that we can work together to support your child.
- If there is anything you want to know, please ask! There is no such thing as a silly question.



## Partnership with Parents and Carers

# What You Can Expect From Us

- An open door and a listening ear
- Information about your child's development, learning and progress
- Involvement in wider school life

### Weekly Attendance w/e 24th May 2019

RT - 92.50%  
1L - 94.17%  
2R - 91.67%  
3HD - 95.54%  
4C - 93.15%  
5B - 93.53%  
6B - 100.00%  
Well done year 6!!



### Latest News

Pioneer 2019  
Dudley MBC - Mumps Letter  
Curriculum Newsletters - Summer 2019  
50 from 50 - Fundraising  
Fundraising for The Ridge's 50th Birthday  
School Nurse Drop-in Dates  
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Our Website ([www.ridge.dudley.sch.uk](http://www.ridge.dudley.sch.uk)) and School Life App



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# Partnership with Parents and Carers

## Parent Pack

Available to view on our school website  
(Our School – New Intake Parent Pack)

Parent Pack – September 2018



**General Information About Our School**

<b>School Address:</b>	The Ridge Primary School Gregory Road Wollaston Stourbridge West Midlands DY8 3NF
<b>Telephone Numbers:</b>	Mains School: 01... Kindergarten: 01...
<b>Web Site:</b>	<a href="http://www.ridge.dudley.sch.uk">www.ridge.dudley.sch.uk</a>
<b>Headteacher:</b>	Mrs. Deborah Hudson
<b>Deputy Headteacher:</b>	Mrs. <a href="#">Johanne</a> Hadley

Parent Pack – September 2018



**Our School Uniform**

Our school has a uniform, which gives children a sense of pride in belonging to The Ridge.

**Winter Uniform**

- White button up shirt or blouse (not polo style)
- Navy Blue School tie (obtainable from the School Office)
- Grey gingham dress, skirt or school trousers
- The Ridge Primary School 'Kingfisher Blue' Sweatshirt / Cardigan (obtainable from the School Office)
- Navy blue, white or grey socks or tights
- Flat black/navy/grey school shoes (not trainer style)

**Summer Uniform \***

- Yellow gingham or striped dress
- The Ridge Primary School Sweatshirt/Cardigan
- The Ridge Primary School Yellow Polo Shirt
- White or grey socks or tights
- Sandals may be worn, with socks, but must be suitable for school (no trainers, beach/jelly shoes)

\* Summer Uniform is optional and may be worn from the beginning of the Summer Term (usually April) to the Autumn Half Term (usually end of October). For the rest of the year



# Partnership with Parents and Carers

## Parent Pack

- General Information
- Key Staff
- School Aims
- Teaching and Learning
- The School Day
- Absence and Punctuality
- Safeguarding
- Promoting Positive Behaviour
- Home Learning
- Special Educational Needs
- Working in Partnership with Parents and Carers
- School Uniform and Bags
- Out of School Care



# Partnership with Parents and Carers

## Free School Meals

- If your child is in Reception, years one or two, you will automatically be entitled for free meals under the new 'Universal Infant Free School Meals' criteria. However if you do meet the criteria listed below then you will need to submit an online claim in order for your child's school to receive Pupil Premium funding.

If you get any of the following support payments your child may be entitled to receive free school meals:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit Run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit
- Children who receive a qualifying benefit in their own right are also allowed to receive free school meals.
- Children under the compulsory school age who are in full time education may also be entitled to receive free school meals.

**For further information visit: <https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/benefits/free-school-meals/>**



## Partnership with Parents and Carers

# What We Expect From You

- Support our policies – Attendance, Safeguarding, Concerns, Home Learning
- Information about any changes at home which might affect your child in school
- Support for your child with Home Learning
- Support with our funding – Pupil Premium

# OSCAR Club



OSCAR is our before and after school club. Please let us know if you would like an information pack or alternatively contact our school office.

# Questions



We will be happy to answer any of your questions via our Zoom meeting or please feel free to ring or email us. We look forward to meeting you all soon.