



Team GEMS: Phase 1



Welcome to Phase 1!

At Godfrey Ermen, it is our aim to work in close partnership with parents and carers so that our children have a happy, successful year. In our school, Nursery, Reception and Year 1 are in Phase 1 - with Mrs Brookes as the Phase Leader.

Here's a helpful guide to the staff who will support your child in Phase 1:



Mrs Brookes

The Pastoral Team (from left to right):

Mrs Clancy - Headteacher, Mrs Stanger - Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Brookes - SENDCo,
Miss Williams - Family Liaison Officer, Miss Little - Thrive/Emotional Well-being Practitioner



The Nursery Team - Mrs Taylor, Mrs White & Miss Trott



The Reception Team:

Squirrel - Miss Agius, Miss Heyes and Mrs Currie
Hedgehogs - Miss Gambhir, Miss Crowe & Mrs Hassan



The Year 1 Team:

Y1 Brindley - Miss Svolkinas, Mrs Leonard and Miss Borton
Y1 Ermen - Mrs Bicknell & Miss Salt





The children in Phase 1 are also supported by our Pastoral, Lunchtime and Ancillary Teams

Ancillary Team	<p>Mrs Anderton - Office Manager Mrs Riddell - Finance Manager Mrs Kirkwood - Admin Assistant Mrs Royle - Admin Assistant Mr O'Loughlin - Site Officer</p>
The Lunchtime Team	<p>Mrs Boyd - School Cook Miss Levis - Deputy School Cook Mrs Smedley - Welfare Assistant Miss Spencer - Welfare Assistant Mrs Siddiquee - Welfare Assistant Miss McHugh - Welfare Assistant Mrs Tallon - Welfare Assistant</p>

Communication: Compliments, Concerns and Complaints

We value ideas and suggestions from all of our families, staff and the community. If you would like to share your compliments, concerns or complaints, please text, email or SeeSaw the school:

Text: 0161 850 1489

Email: godfreyermen.ceprimaryschool@salford.gov.uk

On most occasions, if you have a question or concern, it will be best to contact your child's Class Teacher in the first instance. See Saw is the best way to keep up-to-date with information from the Class Teacher so please let us know if you need any help to get this up and running. When using See Saw - please bear in mind that Class Teachers will be busy teaching the children during the day, but will try to respond in a timely manner.

If an issue persists we do want to work in partnership with you to resolve any concerns, so the next step is to contact your child's Phase Leader by using this form on our website [Contact Us \(gems-salford.co.uk\)](http://www.gems-salford.co.uk), or by emailing school directly. If you need further support, please see our Complaints Policy at <http://www.gems-salford.co.uk/parents/policies/>

We take **PRIDE** in all we do!

PRIDE Values

Our school PRIDE Values help us to support every child in reaching their full potential. Each day, every day we recognise and praise individual achievements and effort in all areas of school life.

PRIDE Values	PRIDE Rules – Good Choices!
Personal Excellence: 	We work hard. We follow our Learning Rules. 
Respect & Friendship: 	We are kind and gentle. We care for our environment.  
Inspire & Innovate: 	We listen. We are honest.  
Determination & Courage: 	We know we can make mistakes. We don't give up.  
Equality: 	We are fair. We keep each other safe and happy.  

The 5 Learning Skills

In school we explicitly teach the children to use 5 important skills that are needed in order to learn - these are looking, listening, speaking, thinking and concentrating.



Children will be rewarded with praise, stickers and certificates when they use these skills well. They will also get a sense of satisfaction when they see how much their work has improved!

PRIDE Assembly

Every week we have a PRIDE celebration in class where we come together to share and celebrate our successes. In each class, children are awarded certificates for being the 'PRIDE Pupil'.

Important information about your child's curriculum:

Working Together

At Godfrey Ermen, we strongly believe that we achieve more by working together and we would really appreciate your support in helping your child to practise some basic skills such, as reading together, times tables or phonics/spellings. Once your children have settled into the new term further information will follow from your child's class teacher via SeeSaw.

Reading

We also believe that reading is the 'key' that unlocks learning in all areas of life, so it is a priority at Godfrey Ermen to ensure that your child acquires this vital skill - and develops a love of reading. During our daily reading session in School, your child's reading is monitored and they are given a task to complete each night. Your one-to-one support with reading is essential and can become a special part of your child's daily routine. Your daily comments in the Reading Record are so helpful, as they inform the teacher about your child's progress at home. Further information will follow from your child's teacher vis SeeSaw.

P.E.

To support their physical development, your child should wear school uniform that is suitable for PE on their designated P.E. days. This includes plain black or grey jogging bottoms or leggings and trainers. Please ensure earrings are removed or covered with plasters on PE days.



Class	P.E. Days
Nursery	Friday after Christmas
Reception Hedgehogs	Thursday
Reception Squirrels	Thursday
Ermen	Wednesday
Brindley	Thursday

On-Line Safety

As children develop greater use of the internet, it is important that we work together to keep them safe. As part of our curriculum we do discuss on-line safety on a regular basis in school - but here are some links that could be useful for you at home.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

They offer advice with discussion points for you to work on with your child and they help to develop an understanding of on-line safety through games. These websites also signpost you somewhere to go if you are unsure about something that you have come across and are not sure of the best approach.

Pupil Learning Reviews

We have arranged for learning reviews with parents/carers to take place the week commencing 4th October - to give you the opportunity to find out how your child has settled into his/her new class. Please look out for further information.

We're looking forward to another fun-filled and productive year!

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Brookes and the Phase 1 Team