

Starting Nursery



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Welcome to Nursery

Starting Nursery is an important milestone for a three-year-old. There will be lots of new things to learn and, of course, you will want to ensure that your child is well prepared. We aim to make your child's time in Nursery a happy and memorable one and so it is important that the home and Nursery work together to develop a partnership.

We hope this booklet will provide some useful information that will help your child settle quickly into the Nursery. There is also a list of the key things we would like your child to be able to do when they start Nursery and some advice on how to help your child achieve these things.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to working with you to support your child in Nursery.

Please note that all the information in this booklet such as start times and finish times are dependent on the Corona Virus pandemic, as a school we will follow the guidance given to us by the government. This is a fast-moving situation and if information changes we will share this with you on the website or by email.

Important information

School times:

You will either be allocated a morning or an afternoon place in Nursery.

Morning nursery:

Nursery starts at
8.30 am

Nursery finishes at
11.30 am

The session will begin at 8.40 am but Nursery will be open from 8.30am for you to come along and work with your child.

You will be able to pick your child up from 11.30am. All children **MUST** be collected by 11.40 am

Afternoon nursery:

Nursery starts at
12.30 pm

Nursery finishes at
3.15 pm

The session will begin at 12.40pm prompt but Nursery will be open from 12.30pm for you to come along and work with your child.

You will be able to pick your child up from 3.15pm. All children **MUST** be collected by 3.30pm

Attendance:

- It is extremely important that your child arrives at school on time and that you collect your child on time. Children can get very upset if you are not there to pick them up when the other parents are collecting their children.
- If your child is absent from school, please telephone the school office before 9:00am or 1:00pm and send a note to school on their return. We are required legally to keep details of absence. If we are not notified, then it becomes an unauthorised absence.
- If you accept a place at Nursery we expect your child to attend regularly. If you find you cannot do this, we would be grateful if you would let us know as we have a waiting list and we can then give your place to another child. Daily attendance is vitally important.

Term Time Extended Leave

Requests for term time holiday will not be authorised. There is strong evidence that such absences are disruptive to the child's education and have a negative impact on attainment.

Health:

- **It is essential that the school is kept informed of any changes to contact numbers. We may need to contact you urgently if your child is ill.**
- Please let the school know of any allergies your child may suffer from.
- Please let us know if your child needs medication prescribed by your doctor for any condition such as asthma. You will need to complete a form.
- Milk is free for all nursery children. Water is freely available throughout the day.
- Should your child have an accident in nursery, basic first aid is applied. Should your child bump their head or fall and require first aid, this is recorded in a book and you will receive a note.
- Please check your child's hair regularly for head lice and inform us of any cases immediately.
- Your child will require a water bottle with a sports cap to keep in school. Water bottles are available to purchase from school. Water is freely available throughout the day.

Corona Virus

If you or your child has Corona Virus symptoms, they must not come to school. You and your whole family must stay at home self-isolating for 14 days. Everybody in England can now apply to have a Corona test. We would request that you have a test and inform us of the outcome so we can take additional measures to protect staff and children in school.

Corona Symptoms

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least one of these symptoms. If we suspect your child of having Corona Virus symptoms, we will call you immediately to collect them. You must follow the guidance if you, your child or anyone you live with has any of the above symptoms.

Safety:

- Children must be collected promptly by a responsible adult. No child can be collected from Nursery by anyone under 16 years of age.
- It is important you inform us if another adult is collecting your child. We want to be sure that no-one takes your child without your authority
- Should your child not be collected from school we will attempt to contact either the parent or other named adults. It is vitally important that you keep this information up-to-date.

Settling into Nursery:

- Most children settle into Nursery very quickly. However, we do expect you to stay with your child until they are reasonably well settled.
- The children are admitted in small groups throughout September. You will be advised of your child's start date at your meeting with the Nursery Staff.
- You can keep up-to-date with what your child is learning through the school website (curriculum section). Should you require any more information, do not hesitate to contact the class teacher.

Transition into Reception:

- It should be noted that admission to our Nursery does not necessarily mean your child will get a place in our Reception classes.

The Nursery Curriculum

The Foundation Stage: Equipped for life, ready for school

There are 3 prime areas of learning:

Personal, social & emotional development

Communication & language

Physical development

and 4 specific areas of learning:

Literacy

Mathematics

Expressive arts & design

Understanding of the world

During the day the children will take part in activities covering all aspects of the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum, sometimes individually, in small groups or as a whole class.

Assessment:

The Foundation Stage Profile & age related development bands

During the year, Nursery staff will make observations to check your child's progress through the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. We will hold parent's meetings regularly throughout the year where you have the opportunity to meet with staff to discuss their progress. However, you are always welcome to discuss any needs or concerns with the staff at the end of the session.

At the end of the year an assessment will be made to show the achievement of your child. You will be given a report explaining this.

We would like to hear about what your child can do at home and, there will be occasions when we will ask you to share this information so that we may add it to your child's profile.

How your child will learn?

Your child will be encouraged to play and explore the setting both indoors and outside. They will have the opportunity to create and to think things through, adapting their ideas and working alongside others. We want your child to be involved in every part of the Foundation Stage curriculum with the staff using your child's interests to plan a relevant, exciting curriculum.

You will receive regular letters that will keep you up-dated on what your child is learning in Nursery. These letters will also explain how you can support your child at home. Should you require any more information, do not hesitate to contact the Nursery teacher.

Parental support

- We are very keen to work in partnership with parents. Throughout the year we would like you to come and work alongside your child in the classroom supporting their learning. This time is very valuable and it will enable you to see what activities your child enjoys and possibly give you ideas for activities you may be able to do at home.
- Please ensure you read and sign our Home School Agreement
- Please attend Parents Evenings and any other meetings regarding your child's education and welfare.

Helping your child in Nursery

You can help prepare your child for Nursery by ensuring they are able to:

- Use the toilet and wash their hands afterwards by themselves
- Put on/take off their own socks and shoes
- Put on and fasten their coats
- Play games and begin to share with others
- Tidy up after they have played with their toys
- Use a pencil and scissors correctly

Things you can do to help your child when they start Nursery:

- **Talking** is very important. Please make time to talk to your child at home, encouraging them to tell you what they have been doing in nursery.
- **Read to your child** and share their school library book and any other books daily. Share a bedtime story with your child.
- Show how much you value reading by letting your child see you reading at home (this could be reading anything from books to the newspaper/magazines/leaflets)
- Join the local library
- Encourage your child to draw, paint, use glue and scissors.
- Help your child to learn their colours, talk about the shapes they see around them and count objects to at least 5.
- Ensure your child can recognise their name.

These are some useful websites you might like to access with your child:

www.oxfordowl.co.uk

http://www.familylearning.org.uk/phonics_games.html

www.ictgames.com/literacy.html

www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/

www.starfall.com/

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

What should my child wear to Nursery?

We encourage all children to wear school uniform. The children undertake lots of 'messy' activities while they are learning through play and school uniform is very practical. It also makes dressing and undressing easier.

Girls

The school uniform is:

Emerald green sweatshirt /cardigan with school logo (available from school)

Yellow polo shirt

Black trousers or black skirt or black pinafore

Black velcro fastening shoes

Summer uniform – green check dresses

Boys

Emerald green sweatshirt with school logo (available from school)

Yellow polo shirt

Black jogging bottoms

Black velcro fastening shoes

It is useful if your child has a spare set of trousers/leggings and pants in Nursery in case of accidents.

As every child wears similar clothes, it is extremely important that all items of clothing have your **child's name** on them.