

Chaucer Primary School

Nursery



Information for Parents



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There are also additional members of staff working in Nursery, who are employed by school or through other agencies.

All staff have had enhanced DBS clearance checks done.

Welcome to Nursery

We are looking forward to getting to know you and your child and we hope that they will enjoy their time at Nursery.

This brochure is intended to help you with any questions or queries that you may have. It is also intended to help you understand what we do and how we will be working with your child.

We work closely as a team and are here to help. Please come and talk to us at any time about any concerns that you have regarding your child.



Settling in

Your child's first few days in Nursery are the most important, and we want to ensure that he/she will settle in as quickly and happily as possible.

Nursery may seem a strange and noisy place at first, particularly if you child has rarely, or never, been separated before.

We hope that your first visit together will help to reassure you both. All children can become upset at some point and staff are always ready to provide a reassuring cuddle.

Do not worry if your child takes a while to settle into Nursery. We will do our best to help them settle and they will soon be enjoying their time with us and be very happy.



Learning through play

The first few years of a child's are important and a child's experience and learning during these years are the foundation for their future learning and development.

Coming to nursery is often the first step and a vital part of their learning.

The relationship between nursery staff, parents and your child will help them make the transition between home and school.

In nursery we provide materials, equipment and experience to enable each child to develop as a happy and confidential individual.

The emphasis in nursery is on enjoyment, exploration, discovery and participation in play activities.

Play is the principal means of learning for a child of this age. A child's play is his/her work.

In nursery our children learn through their play activities (both indoors and outdoors). We provide a curriculum to develop children by providing first-hand experience (seeing, doing and touching) in all areas of learning.

We plan our activities with a theme through stories and Rhyme. The themes may be seasonal such as Autumn, Winter, Christmas, Easter or Summer or it may be something the children are familiar with such as Transport, using our senses, mini-beasts or pets.

Children in nursery learn from everything they do, and their learning is not separated into individual subjects, as it will be later on in their school life. Children will learn much more easily if they are enjoying what they are doing.

We follow the Early Years Foundation Curriculum, this is based around the areas of learning:-

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We have high expectations of children's behaviour and we respect their choices and ideas. In return we expect children to treat each other and all adults with curiosity and kindness.

We encourage the development of self-confidence, independence and self-awareness.

As a nursery, we cater for the social and emotional aspects of learning. We prepare the children for new events and special days through stories and puppets. We deal with issues such as toileting, bedtime routines, sharing, taking turn, birth of siblings and other major issues that can affect children in their home life.

Communication and Language

Communication and language development are important aims, and opportunities for children to improve their skills are essential as they are the basis for all learning.

In nursery we always have the time to talk with the children, and most important of all, to listen to them. Children are encouraged through activities to talk and listen to each other and adults in a variety of situations.

Physical Development

Involves providing opportunities for children to be active and interactive, develop their co-ordination, control and movement. Children must be helped to understand the importance of Physical activity and to make healthy choices in relation to food.

Literacy

Literacy encompasses reading and writing from the earliest stages of development, such as looking at books and patterns in sand.

Books are always available for children to enjoy and staff are happy to read stories to individuals or groups of children.

Mathematics

Through activities, children can often solve mathematical problems, count and use numbers. They can identify and use numbers and sometimes during role play and as part of the day to day routine - straws in milk, fruit on trays, children in groups etc.

We encourage children to recognise numbers and count out loud in a practical way.

Attendance

Please make sure that your child attends regularly unless he/she is unwell. Children cannot benefit from nursery activities, unless attendance is regular. If your child is not going to be attending for any reason, please contact us as soon as possible on 01253 873795.

Medicines and Illnesses

We do not administer any medication such as Calpol or Antibiotics. If your child needs medication on a regular basis, during school time, you will be asked to come into school to administer this to them.

We would also be grateful if you could notify us of any infectious diseases e.g. Chicken Pox, German Measles etc. that your child may have contracted or been in contact with.

Remember - tummy upsets, sickness or diarrhoea, easily spread around nursery. Children must remain away from nursery for 48 hours after the last bout of attack.

If your child becomes ill at nursery, or has an accident, we will contact you as soon as possible. Please keep all contact numbers up to date with the school office.

Accidents

If your child hurts themselves at nursery, the accident will be recorded in the accident book and you will be informed of the accident. A separate slip will be issued if your child bumps his/her head.

Clothing

Nursery children should wear suitable clothing for play activities. Your child will be painting, glueing, playing with water, sand and clay. Although, aprons are provided, occasionally, accidents can happen and children can get upset, if they get paint on their clothes. School sweatshirts are available to purchase from the school office, if required.

It is a great help if your child wears clothes that he/she can cope with when visiting the toilet. A spare set of clothes is requested for each child in the case of 'accidents', so they can be changed by staff.

The children play outdoors, so they will need to have a coat with them during the school day, on all but the warmest days.

Can you please make sure that coats/clothes are clearly marked with your child's name.

As the weather gets warmer, please ensure that your child has adequate sun cream on, prior to coming into nursery and also has a sun hat with them.

Don't Forget

The door is always open. If anything concerns you, no matter how small, please speak to a member of staff.

We do hope that your child has a wonderful time at Chaucer Primary School Nursery.