

New Whittington Primary School

Nursery Information for Parents



Welcome To Our Nursery Pack



Dear parents,

We would like to offer you a very warm welcome to our school, and hope that this is the start of a very long and productive partnership between home and school. At New Whittington Primary School, we aim to 'Bring Learning to Life' and as such hope that your child is excited about learning with us and makes excellent progress whilst in our care.

This booklet is intended to give you some information about how our Nursery works and how we can work together to ensure your child develops to at least achieve their potential.

We are a very inclusive school, and have experience in supporting children and families with many differing needs. Never be afraid to ask a question of us, we will always work to find an answer as quickly as possible.

You will find attached to this booklet a letter setting out two dates for your child to visit our nursery. When your child comes for their introductory session you will be given a number of forms to complete. It is important that you give us as much information as possible on the forms, as the information is useful to staff to help your child to settle into Nursery quickly and with ease. If you would rather talk to a member of staff rather than writing it down, please ask and we will gladly help you.

In the meantime, if you have any questions please email us on

nwpnursery@learnerstrust.org and we will get back to you.

We look forward to working with you.

Yours sincerely,

Emma Tooley
Headteacher

Kristy Hoole
Nursery Teacher



Nursery Session Times

Morning Nursery : 8.45am -11.45 am (3 hours).

Afternoon Nursery: 12.10pm-3.10pm (3 hours).

All day Nursery, Monday – Friday 8.45am – 2.45pm (6 hours).

All day Nursery: Extended day until 3.10pm with a £2.50 per day charge.

All children aged 3 or 4 years are offered 15 hours of funded Nursery provision per week. These can be taken in different ways.

1. Five morning sessions, Monday – Friday. This option is designed for our older children.
2. Monday and Tuesday all day and Wednesday morning (finishing at 11.45am).
3. Wednesday afternoon (starting at 12.10pm) and all day Thursday and Friday.
4. Five afternoon sessions, Monday – Friday. This option is highly recommended for our younger children.



Nursery Session Times

Some children may be eligible to attend our Nursery for up to 30 hours per week and need to provide us with their validation code every term (three times a year). Please speak to Mrs. Hoole to find out more details about whether you may be eligible. Children wishing to take up this offer need to select one of the above options and can then add any extra sessions as required. If you require 30 hours of Nursery provision this would be five days a week from 8.45am until 2.45pm.

If you are not eligible for the 30 hours of Nursery provision, but would like your child to attend additional sessions, this is available at a cost of £16.50 per session (3 hours). These sessions are also booked each term in advance, subject to availability and must be agreed with the nursery teacher, due to limited availability. You will be sent a bill each term on parentmail.

If your child is staying with us for a full day the six funded hours ends at 2.45pm. If you would like your child to stay with us a little longer until the end of the main school day, you can collect your child at 3.10pm. There is a charge of £2.50 per day for this service.

This needs to be booked termly in advance due to limited availability. You will be sent a bill on parentmail. If your child is attending Nursery for the full day they will need to bring a healthy packed lunch which they will eat from 11.50 in the main school hall. This will be followed by a short additional outdoor or indoor play session before re-joining the main Nursery. Children staying with us for lunch will be supervised by their own mid-day supervisors and a member of the EYFS teaching team throughout lunchtime.

Curriculum Intent



We follow the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum that is designed to meet the development and learning needs of children from birth to five. The curriculum is split into seven areas of learning - Communication and Language, Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Physical Development, Literacy, Mathematics, The World and Expressive Arts and Design.

These seven areas are planned into the activities in the Nursery setting. Your child will experience learning in all seven areas, and will engage with these activities through a variety of approaches. The curriculum is carefully planned and play based, and the activities will be both indoors and outdoors.

During each Nursery session your child will take part in small group taught activities with their peers. This includes a counting or maths activity, a speaking and listening activity based around our current theme, singing and rhyming games and a story time. Our activities and stories are based around a termly theme with a different focus each week. We will keep you informed as to our current theme.

Each Wednesday we have a designated PE session which is an important part of our curriculum, helping with core body strength. On this day, children are asked to remove their own shoes and socks and put them back on again. With this in mind, please send your child with shoes that are easy to remove and slip back on again. We also ask that girls do not wear tights on this day and trousers or leggings are worn instead.

Our EYFS Staff

Our Nursery and Reception classes operate closely and interchangeably as an EYFS unit. This has many benefits to the children and helps with their transition into the full time reception class.

We are a highly experienced staff team and looking forward to welcoming your child into our EYFS unit.

Mrs. Humphries – Deputy Head Teacher, EYFS Leader and part time Reception Teacher.

Mrs. Hoole – Nursery Teacher.

Mrs. Randall – Reception Teacher (part time).

Mrs. Whittaker, Miss Tarr & Mrs. Taylor – EYFS Teaching Assistants.

Miss. Whitehouse – Nursery mid-day supervisors.

Mrs. Hoole is your main point of contact in nursery and is available at the start and end of most sessions, if you require. Please also use the seesaw app private messaging service and we will contact you as soon as is possible.





SEE SAW

Seesaw is an online application which we use to share your child's learning with you. We regularly update this with photographs and notes about our activities and your child's achievements. You can also use seesaw, to send us photographs and messages about your child's development at home.

For example, you heard your child count up to a new number today, or that the pet dog is poorly and your child is feeling sad. This sharing of information helps make sure your child is happy and makes great progress.

The seesaw app is also used as a private messaging service between you and us and will be used by us to send out notifications and individual messages to you, when appropriate. Seesaw is a celebration of your child's development and achievements and is only to be used in a positive manner. You will be connected to seesaw before your child joins us. Your invitation to join is detailed on the accompanying letter.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We encourage all children who attend our school to wear our school uniform. This develops a sense of identity across the school and a pride in belonging to the school. The uniform consists of :

Boys

Royal blue sweatshirt
Grey or black trousers
White or royal blue polo shirt
Black shoes

Girls

Grey or black trousers or skirt
Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan
White or royal blue polo shirt
Black shoes



In the summer, boys are able to wear black/grey tailored shorts and girls can wear blue and white summer dresses.

Uniform can be purchased from our uniform suppliers, School Trends and Pinders. Plain items **can be purchased in most high street supermarkets, such as ASDA, Sainsbury's, Marks and Spencer and Tesco etc.**

Please ensure all items of your children's clothing are named, including their shoes, coats, lunch bag and any other bag.

Part of the curriculum requires us to work outdoors with the children. It is really important that your child has shoes that are appropriate to the weather conditions, and a coat, gloves, hat and scarf in the colder months.

On hotter days, please apply sun cream to your child before their session and send them with a sunhat.

We have a small fund available to support the purchase of school uniforms for families experiencing hardship. This is a very discreet service which we would encourage families to ask about if required.

Snack Time



As part of each session we have a snack time. Children are provided with a cup of milk or water and a piece of fruit cut up into small chunks. Children are encouraged to pour their own drinks. This is a social occasion and children are encouraged to talk to each other and remain seated during this time. If we are celebrating an occasion or festival we may provide a themed snack.

For example, on pancake day, the children may make and eat a pancake as part of the session. In order to provide the additional snacks offered we ask for a voluntary contribution of £2.50 per half term, totalling £15 for the year. This is paid through parent mail which you will be connected to upon your child starting with us. Please note we are not able to accept cash payments.

Please do not send your child to nursery with additional snacks and drinks. We have children in nursery with allergies and we are careful about the food items we have.



Parent Engagement

Two or three Wednesday's per half term, parents are invited into nursery for the first 10 minutes of the session.

These sessions are designed at building relationships between nursery and home and allow parents time to complete nursery based activities with their child. The activities range from reading your child a story, to joining in with a playdough disco or an outdoor game.

Parents will be informed in advance of these dates and the session content. We strongly encourage all children to be accompanied by a parent for each session.

Toileting

Your child will be encouraged to use the toilet regularly and independently, and to wash their own hands afterwards. Please make every effort to help your child to become toilet trained before starting nursery.

If your child may have an occasional accident, please send in a bag of spare clothes for us to use when required.

Attendance

Good attendance goes hand in hand with high attainment. Although attendance at Nursery is not a legal requirement, we do ask that your child attends all the sessions you have agreed to unless they are ill.

If your child is unable to attend please leave a message on our school absence line or send a private message on the seesaw app.

Breakfast and after school club

The Whittington after school club is a privately run business in the canteen by the side of the school car park. The breakfast club is open from 7.30am onwards and children are brought to our nursery.

The after school club is open until 5.30pm. Charges apply for this service and they can be contacted on 07884 450150 for further information and availability.



BOOK A VISIT OR CONTACT US



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