



Welcome to Whitmore Park Nursery

Ambitious young minds are the future leaders of our community





Introduction

Starting Nursery is an exciting time for both you and your child. There will be lots of new things to learn and of course you will want to ensure that your child is well prepared for this important event. We aim to make it a happy and memorable experience. We hope that this booklet will provide some useful information and will help your child settle quickly into school.

Nursery Staff



Mrs McShane
Nursery Teacher



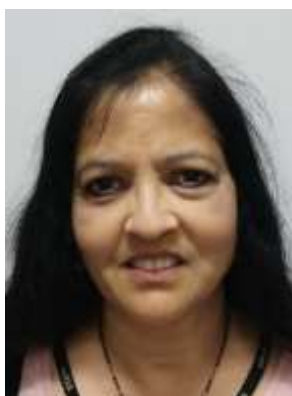
Mrs Jeevan
Teaching Assistant



Mrs Bayliss
Teaching Assistant



Mrs Ward
Teaching Assistant



Mrs Patel
Teaching Assistant



Settling in

Our aim is to provide a caring, secure and stimulating environment where children feel valued and able to achieve their full potential. We are really looking forward to welcoming all of our new Nursery children this year. We hope that you find the information in this booklet useful. Please share the pictures contained in this booklet with your child so that they can begin to look forward to joining us in Nursery at Whitmore Park. Please take a look at our school website where you will find a page for “New Pupils 2021”. You will be able to view a video “welcome” from myself and have a virtual tour of Nursery.

Session Times

Morning session **8:30am—11:30am**

Afternoon session **12:15pm—3:15pm**

All day session **8:30am—3:15pm**

A Nursery Session

On arrival at school, children are encouraged to find their name card and take their coat to their coat peg. A short carpet session follows. The children begin by singing songs and rhymes. They will then experience a short introduction to the activities that will be available that day. This will be a fun introduction to the wide range of activities awaiting the children, the children will be encouraged to visit the different areas of learning. During the nursery session, the children will have time for free choice play and also participate in adult led activities, adult supported activities, stories, games and music. Children are able to work outside if they wish to do so and will need to have suitable clothing: wellingtons and warm clothing in winter; sun hats and sun cream (applied at home prior to the session please) in summer.

Arrival and Departure

Your child will enter the Nursery through the Nursery gates. The gates will be open from 8.25am (12.10pm). I will be at the gate to greet the children, a member of staff will be at the Nursery door to help your child with their coats and bags. The staff are very busy at the start of a session. If you would like to speak with me at length, please see me at the end of the session or Nursery day.

If your child is upset when leaving you, I ask parents to hand them over to me and to leave promptly so that the staff can settle the children. This ensures that the environment is calmer, and that it does not get crowded by the gate. This helps the children to settle much quicker. Please be assured that the children will be supported with settling in. If there are any problems, I will call you or discuss them with you at the end of the session.

Cars are not allowed to come on site.

The Nursery gate will close at 8.35am and 12.20pm.

If your child is late then you will need to take them to the main office. We encourage you to arrive as close to 8.25 am (12.10 pm) as possible as this is a valuable time for the children to settle in.

Please collect your child promptly at 11.30am (3.15pm) and let us know in advance if anyone else will be collecting your child, or if you are going to be late collecting them.



Please be aware that the members of the Nursery Team will not allow a child to be collected by anybody who is not listed on the authorised collection form.

Children may not be collected by a child under the age of sixteen.

A Typical Day in the Autumn Term

Throughout the session the children have a mixture of adult-led teaching and choosing time. Adult -led teaching includes Stories and Rhymes, Number Time, Time to Talk (developing language skills) . Our Nursery environment is divided into different areas of learning. These include:

- Writing Table.
 - Maths Area.
 - Discovery Area.
 - Fine Motor Area
 - Book Corner.
 - Construction Area.
 - Creative Table.
 - Role Play and Small World.
- The children are encouraged to independently visit all of the areas and access the resources.
- Adult supported activities will also be available throughout the week.

Uniform

Uniform in Nursery is not obligatory. Most parents however, prefer their children to wear school uniform. The advantages of wearing a uniform are:

- It helps the children feel part of the school community.
- Wearing a uniform creates a sense of equality.
- It creates loyalty to the school .
- Children do get very messy in Nursery, wearing a uniform prevents their personal clothes getting spoiled.

Whitmore Park School uniform consists of a red jumper or cardigan with a white shirt or polo shirt. Children should also wear either black or grey trousers or a skirt/dress. If your child requires support with using the toilet, could they please wear black jogging trousers or leggings. This helps your children to become independent.

On P.E. days children are able to come to school in “P.E. friendly” clothes, Jogging bottoms, trousers, and t-shirts are suitable, but no tights and skirts please.

Nursery children do not participate in formal P.E. sessions until the second half of the Autumn Term. You will be informed in advance of the children’s P.E. day.



Drinks and Snacks

Nursery children receive a drink of milk and piece of fruit or vegetable at snack time every day. Water is also available for the children throughout the session.

All day sessions

- Children attending the nursery all day may be eligible to receive **30-hour childcare funding** which is subject to criteria set by the government, please visit <https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk> for further information, or to apply for this funding.
- Children who wish to attend the nursery all day but who are not eligible for the 30-hour funding, will be charged at a rate of £15.00 per additional nursery session (£5.00 per hour). You will be invoiced once a month.

Lunch time childcare

- If you choose for your child to remain in school during lunch time you will be required to pay £4.00 per day to cover the lunch time childcare, this applies to both children who are eligible for the 30-hour funding and those who are not.
- If children are staying for lunch, they require a packed lunch.
- If your child attends a morning or afternoon session you can extend their session to cover the lunchtime period from 11:30—12:15, the £4.00 per day childcare charge will apply and you will be required to provide a packed lunch. Please contact Reception if you wish to extend your child's session.

Contact Information

Nursery staff will ask you to fill out a contact form. Please list all people responsible for collecting your children along with their telephone number. We will also ask you to select a password that can be used in the event that nursery staff do not recognise the person collecting your child. If a person arriving to collect your child is not on the list or do not know the password, they will not be able to collect your child.

What your child will need for nursery:

- Wellington boots (Please provide a pair for school)
- Outdoor coat
- Sun cream and a sunhat for hot weather.

Children do not need the following things in Nursery:

- Book bags
- P.E. Kit
- Water bottles



Nursery Curriculum

It is crucial for children to develop a life-long love of reading. Reading consists of two dimensions language comprehension and word reading. In Nursery we develop a love of stories and the opportunity to enjoy rhymes, poems and songs.



We develop a comprehension of the stories that we read through play.



Opportunities for early writing are available. They are able to use their print and letter knowledge in early writing.

We support children to write their name.





Developing a strong grounding in number is essential so that all children develop the necessary building blocks to excel mathematically.

We provide frequent and varied opportunities to build and apply understanding of number.





Nursery Curriculum

In Nursery we provide a language rich environment.



The development of children's language underpins all seven areas of learning. We ensure that your child has many conversations throughout the day, with both adults and peers.





Strong supportive relationships with adults enable children to learn how to understand their own feelings and feelings of others.

Fine motor control and precision helps with hand eye co-ordination which is later linked to early literacy.





Transition Photographs

Please share these photographs with your child to help prepare them for starting Nursery in January:



This is where you will go to the toilet.

This is where you will hang your coat and bag.



This is our home corner.





This is where you can relax with a book.

This is our construction area.



This is where you can make music.



This is our outdoor construction area.

Here are some children learning in the outdoor classroom.



This is the play house.



This is where we write outside.



This is our outdoor equipment.

We can't wait to work in partnership with you.