

Mission statement and Useful Information

Our mission is to provide the most enriching learning opportunities, within a nurturing environment, for our children to be kind, curious and confident, ready to shape the world. Happy and engaged children. Each unique child pursuing their own interests in an enabling environment supported by their peers and adults. Our passionate team are dedicated to our children; to give them the best possible start in their early years and be ready to embrace the school environment. Our approach develops our children's confidence, social skills, learning capacity, curiosity, enthusiasm, communication, problem-solving skills, well-being, as well as the 7 EYFS learning areas.

When can we join?

The nursery is open to all children aged 2 years 6 months to 5 years old. Occasionally we do take children slightly younger but places for all children under 3 are dependant on staffing levels. In the first days, do not be surprised if your child is a little shy about joining us. It's important they enjoy their experiences so we allow your child time to watch and absorb the feel of the group and join in when ready.

We operate term times 9-12 every morning. Should you require all day care we may be able to organise, in September, for your child to be taken to First Steps in Stokesley after 12 (this will be dependant on availability and days required)

What will we do?

We offer your child fun and friendship with other children and adults. Please see our website photos. A wide range of activities, both inside and in our purpose built outdoor area, are available to all children including art, crafts, sand, water, malleable play, make-believe play, music/singing, stories, circle time, visitors, ICT skills, yoga(mindfulness), construction toys, games, puzzles and funky finger activities.

Funding/Payments

According to the age of your child you will either have a funding form to complete (yearly) or an invoice to pay(half termly) .

The table below gives details of when a child becomes eligible for a funded place

Child's birthday	When you can claim
1 January to 31 March	The beginning of the summer term on or after 1 April
1 April to 31 August	The beginning of the autumn term on or after 1 September
1 September to 31 December	The beginning of the spring term on or after 1 January

The fees are £24.00 a session (sept 2323.) An invoice will be provided during the first week of each half term.

Staff / Emergency numbers



Wendy Kelly. Manager 07508840155

Sandra Jolly Deputy/Senco 07986305546

Sandra Ideson Nursery Practitioner / Senco



The school is now gated for security. Please arrive for a 9am start, you are welcome to wait in the school playground.

Please keep your child/children on the hard surface of the playground (this avoids muddy shoes) For insurance purposes do not allow your child to use the schools' equipment/field/ or play apparatus outside of nursery.



Due to our small entrance, please encourage your child to come into the setting independently. We will be at the door to welcome them. There will be a hand sanitiser station inside for the children to use. We understand some children may be unsettled and require an adult to enter the building with them. If this is the case, please sanitise your hands and we would encourage you to leave as soon as it is possible.



Again to alleviate congestion the school gate will be opened at 11.45 - 12 for picking up you are welcome to come into Nursery to collect your child/children. We will be asking new starters to collect their child at 11.50 am for the first few weeks until they have settled .

Snack

Milk and water will be offered to the children at snack time along with a variety of fruits.

We appreciate any contributions to our fruit bowl each day as it adds to the variety we can offer your child. Please bring fruit that we can peel/wash.



Termly News letter

You will receive by email a termly newsletter giving you information on the topic we are covering . Show and tell items will be encouraged at certain times to enhance a topic.

PLEASE DO INFORM ME if this doesn't arrive in your box.

Names

Please do **name clearly** all items worn/brought into Nursery this helps ensure the right coat, hoodie, jumper, hat etc .goes home with the right child.

Outside play

We will be playing outside during the session (unless raining) so please dress your child appropriately

Coats/layers if cold

Sunhat /sun cream if warm

Shoes

Shoes that are easy to put on/off really do help your child (avoid laces if possible) Due to health and safety issues open-toed shoes /crocs are not compatible with active play.

Limited space

If you think your child may require a change of clothing due to a toilet accident please provide a **VERY SMALL A4 SIZE** bag clearly labelled containing such items.

Picture

All your child's art **creations/ letters /bills** will be placed in their **box** ready for collection at the end of each session. To help identify their box please provide a small picture 10 by 6 cm of your child .

Yellow book



Each child will have a book in Nursery where we keep a small sample of their pictures/pencil controls etc .

Each child will also have a Seesaw account . This is an online app that allows you and your child to see photos of what they have been doing and who they have been playing with. The photos will be posted onto your Childs's learning journal towards the end of each half term and will only be visible to you. You will receive your personal login during the end of the first term unless you already have one.

You can also contribute to these books by filling out a certificate for those WOW moments at home that we may not see.

Open door



We operate an open door policy. If you have any concerns please do come and speak to us.

We do always update you informally on a regular basis as to how your child is doing and we would always speak to you if we had any concerns ourselves. Please remember learning can make strides/bursts , stall or even go backwards. Telephone calls or meetings can always be arranged if required.

Playing Nicely

Positive and desirable behaviour is always praised and encouraged by staff. We try to deal with disputes quietly but firmly, helping the children talk about their differences and solve their problems together. Physical punishment is never used. Occasionally, we may feel it appropriate to remove a child from an area or activity to diffuse a situation.

Kindness Tree

We have a kindness tree inside in order to raise the children's awareness of certain Personal, Social and Emotional aspects: sharing; listening; being helpful; being kind and tidying up. If a child's name goes up they receive a special clap.

Sounds/ Number /Colour of the Week



Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee
Ff Gg Hh Ii Jj Kk
Ll Mm Nn Oo Pp
Qq Rr Ss Tt Uu
Vv Ww Xx Yy Zz



Throughout the year the children will learn colours/phonics/numbers/ in the form of games and songs. Please see your termly newsletter to find out which colour/letter / number we will be focusing on.

P.E/music movement /Yoga and singing

Weekly singing with Mrs.Hassler and P.E/music movement/yoga in the school hall when we can have a slot.

Rev.Anne Heading

Once a term Anne comes in to tell the children a short Bible story based on the churches calendar and ends with a prayer.

Activity Bags Shared Learning and Development

In the corridor are some activity bags that you may wish to share with your child at home. Each bag (containing a story and some props) has a different learning/development theme and are designed to be FUN.

Bag 1 – Counting – Ten in the Bed /

Bag2- Friendships/Sharing – Is that what friends do?

Bag3- Colours – Brown Bear what do you see?

Bag4- Size/Weight - Little penguin

Bag 5 –Size – Danny and the Great White Bear

Bag 6 – Feelings – Lost and Found

Bag 7- Pets- Dogs

If you would like to take a bag home please sign the sheet just above the activity bags in the hallway. I hope you have FUN.

Sickness

Out of consideration to everyone in the setting please consider if your child has been ill/or



been given Calpol whether they are fit enough to attend nursery. Please be aware that children must be kept away from nursery 48 hours from the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting. This 48 hour rule MUST be adhered to.

Policies

Our policies are kept in the folder marked Policies in the corridor for your information and we do encourage you to read them.

Lock Down

In extreme emergencies in order to keep children safe we have a lock down procedure . If this was the case we would notify you with a text using the word CALM.

Equal opportunities

Our aim is to recognise and develop the individual importance of all children and adults within the Nursery by promoting self-esteem, fairness, trust towards one another, respect and tolerance of others beliefs, opinions and values. Our Nursery will provide an environment, which is welcoming, stimulating, caring and accessible to all.

Safeguarding Children

Our first concern will always be for the welfare of your child. As care providers for your child, we are required to follow local safeguarding board's guidelines. All staff have enhanced disclosure checks and are trained in safeguarding issues.

Confidentiality

We do operate an open door policy however, should you ever have a concern/complaint that you feel we have not been able to resolve there is a complaints file which is kept with the policies. As a matter of courtesy we ask that you do not place any comments about nursery on web sites.

The photos/videos taken at special times must only be used for family/friends. We politely request you do not share anything on social media that includes images of other children.

Can we remind you that we operate a no mobile phone/ electronic device policy in Nursery.

If you have a pre school child, why not come along and look at what we do - visit us at our premises at Kirkby and Great Broughton CE School.

