



Fellside Community Primary School – Our Nursery

Dear Parents

Your child will soon begin school life as a pupil at this nursery. We hope that your child's time with us will be happy and successful.

This leaflet is intended to tell you a little about the nursery, and answer some of your questions. Please feel free to drop in, and if you have any queries do not hesitate to ask.

As a staff we believe that the best possible start will come from us working together to seek the best possible care and education for your child at each stage of development.

We welcome you to our school.

Our aims are that:

- the needs of every child should be met
- the potential of every child should be fulfilled
- every child should learn to respect their own rights and the rights of others
- every child should learn to see the relationship between dependence, interdependence and independence in society
- every child should expect that their own needs and the needs of others will be met in school and society
- all children need to feel that they are contributing to the making of a society which is supportive of the needs and rights of the diverse peoples of which it is composed
- all children need to feel that they are functioning as effective participants in the communities to which they belong

How Nursery Can Help Your Child

The nursery is their first step into the outside world. In nursery they meet new people, become confident with adults and learn to work together, to share, and to help each other.

- that They meet with a variety of different activities, equipment and experiences
- They plan, make decisions and choices, concentrate, and work things out
- They express themselves in language, drawing, painting, construction and pretend play
- They become interested in books and writing as a source of enjoyment, interest and information
- They develop a positive attitude to school and regard their Early Years Team as friends and partners in their learning.
- They play outside and exercise their bodies using all their rapidly developing physical skills. With care and your help, we can make sure they grow in confidence and independence which will help them throughout their lives.

We Need Your Help

You are the most important people in your children's lives. If you show an interest in his/her education and share in their achievements there will be many rewards and benefits throughout their school life.

We would love you to find time to spend in nursery with us, perhaps for the whole session occasionally or just for an hour. Not only are you extra eyes, ears and hands but your child (and others) gain a lot from your involvement.

If you would like to come on a regular basis please let us know, otherwise feel free to stay any time you can. Extra help with practical things such as sweeping the san or fastening aprons help the nursery to run smoothly. More important though is having extra adults to talk with and listen to the children and show a real interest in what they are doing. Being with and talking with adults is one of the best ways in which children learn. One of the best ways to help children concentrate is by sitting in the book corner and reading to one or two children. Books and reading are the key to education and we hope that by the time they leave the nursery they will all have a love of stories and books and so be well on the way to being able to read by themselves.

Suggestions and Ideas for Helping in the Nursery

- Wear your work uniform
- Share your hobby
- Play an instrument
- Bath a baby
- Read or tell a story
- Bake or cook in school
- Demonstrate a skill or sport
- Stay and play

We Collect And Recycle Most Clean Junk!

i.e. plastic containers, boxes, cardboard rolls (not toilet roll tubes), wallpaper, toys, jewellery, fabric scraps, wood cut-offs, cards, wool, shells, stones, ANYTHING INTERESTING!!

Nursery Fund

We use this money for all sorts of things e.g. baking ingredients; books, posters, toys, jigsaws and all contributions are very gratefully received. The nursery fund tin is left in the children's cloakroom. In the past we have had such things as raffles and car boot sales to raise money for the nursery and if any parents are willing to organise any fund-raising activities we would be delighted to hear from you.

Discipline

Discipline implies far more than children doing as they are told.

- Children learn from adults, who by their example, show them what is acceptable
- Children should be encouraged to behave sensibly and considerately
- Children value the security of clear, fair rules which are consistent
- Children should be given reasons for rules, see the point in them, and join in the rule making
- When possible children should be encouraged to develop respect for others and themselves

SELF DISCIPLINE IS WHAT WE SHOULD AIM FOR

We do not punish children who are “naughty”. Disputes, which arise, are dealt with in a way which aims to get the children to see consequences of their actions and encourages them to find a better way of sorting out their problems. We try to foster and promote an atmosphere of caring, sharing, self-control and co-operation between children.

Dressing For Nursery

It is important that your child feels comfortable while at nursery. Easily washed and managed clothes are best. In the nursery we often have a great deal of fun getting ‘messy’. Glue, paint and clay are easily removed and we do wear aprons but it is a great shame to inhibit your child with unsuitable clothing.

Going to the toilet completely on your own away from home is often left to the last minute – clothes should be easily removed. Do not worry about “accidents” but as we only have a small selection of clothes in school it is useful for the children to have a spare set of clothes in a bag on their peg. We play outside all year so a warm coat is necessary in the winter. We like children to wear “non-slip” type shoes eg. Trainers/san shoes which are ideal for indoor and outdoor play. Names in clothes can be helpful and avoid mix-ups.

Anything Else I Need To Know

- We have a notice board for nursery information. Please keep an eye on it. You are welcome to use it for notices about local events and For Sale / Wanted ads.
- The children exchange library books weekly for home loan. Please encourage your child to handle books carefully and to read regularly.
- Parents are asked to bring 2 – 3 pieces of fruit to nursery once a week, which the children help to prepare and share during sessions.
- The staff keep notes and records of your child’s progress during his/her time with us. We hope that you will regularly talk to us about your child and that nursery will be enjoyable for the whole family.

When Can They Start? How Are They Admitted?

Children normally begin in the September after their third birthday. While your child is on the waiting list or if he/she is about to start we would be happy to make time for you to visit whether just to say hello or to play a while. There are two sessions each day in the nursery, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Our children attend in the morning or in the afternoon.

During the first week of September the Nursery Teacher and Nursery Nurse visit the children about to come into the nursery and their parents at home. A home visit is by no means compulsory but it is offered to all children starting nursery.

Why Home Visit?

- It provides us with an opportunity to talk about your child – their achievements, interests, likes and dislikes
- We can begin to look at the needs of your child
- For the child, the aspect of “the stranger” is removed; the person who is welcomed into the home is to be trusted. It provides a familiar face when the child starts nursery, providing reassurance and dispelling anxiety

As our aim is to make nursery a happy and secure place for your child we admit the children gradually by staggering their entry. Settling in can take a short time or can be extended depending upon your child. In the beginning the children are split into two groups of fifteen and attend on alternate days. This allows staff and children to get to know each other and to overcome any problems. The two groups then come together. If your child is still finding it difficult to settle in, this part time attendance can easily be extended. All children will need their parents to stay a while and if your child is anxious it will help enormously if you are prepared to stay a while until he/she is relaxed. Time spent at the beginning will have great benefits later on. Remember your child cannot learn if he/she is unhappy or afraid. We discourage sweets/crisps but comforting toys are very welcome.

What Time Do They Start?

The morning session is 9.00 – 11.30 am

The afternoon session is 12.45 – 3.15 pm

Parents and carers can have a seat with their children in the nursery cloakroom before their session starts, and a member of staff will invite them in at the appropriate time. At the end of each session we will invite you back into the nursery to collect your child. The children stay with us until we can pair them with their collecting adult. We do this so that we can be sure the children are going home with the right people. Please let us know if you cannot bring or collect your child yourself and ensure that it is always a responsible adult who does so on your behalf.