



Welcome to Nursery Hill Primary School
Reception and Nursery
A Guide for Parents

Parent - Teacher Poem

I dreamed I stood
In a studio
And watched two Sculptors there,
The clay they used
Was a young child's mind
And they fashioned it with care.

One was a teacher,
The tools she used were books and
Music and art;
One was a parent
With a guiding hand
And a gentle loving heart.

And when at last
Their work was done
They were proud of
What they had wrought
For the things they
Had worked into the child
Could never be
Sold or bought.

And each agreed she
Would have failed
If she had worked alone
For behind the parent
Stood the school
And behind the teacher
Stood the home.

By Ray A. Lingenfelter

We would like to welcome you to our wonderful school, Nursery Hill Primary School. We are so excited to have your child join our school and we are sure they will be extremely happy and develop a real passion for learning. This booklet has been created to help you support and prepare your child for their first year at school. We appreciate this is a very exciting and nervous time for all and hope that this information will make you all feel at ease with this new chapter.

Our aim is to work in partnership with you, to make this transition to school a smooth, pleasant, exciting and happy experience for you and your child. It is imperative that we keep communication open between home and school, to ensure the children feel comfortable with the transition, as well as helping us create the best opportunities for them.

Miss Boulton will be your child's Class Teacher

There will also be 2 Learning Support Assistants in the class: Miss Hughes and Miss Shaikh.

School Opens Wednesday 7th September 2022

Induction Arrangements for Nursery Children

The children will be coming to school on **Wednesday 7th September**. You will have a 20 minute slot to meet and greet your teacher.

- Please come in and spend some time in the Early Years Foundation Stage classroom with your child between 9.00 and 12 noon. Times will be allocated so you have time to explore the space and talk to Miss Boulton.

Thursday 8th September

The children will;

- Need to be dropped at the school office at 9.15am.
- Be collected at 11:15 am at the school office

Friday 9th September

The children will;

- Be staying a little longer, 9.15 am to 11:15 am.
- Need to be dropped off and collected at the school office.

Week beginning Monday 12th September

- The children will stay for their chosen times: morning, afternoon or all day.

Induction Arrangements for Reception Children

Week beginning Wednesday 7th September

The children will be in on Wednesday 7th September for an afternoon session between 1:15pm and 3.15pm.

- Your child needs to come in via the Reception gate near to the main entrance of the school.

Please collect your child from the gates at the end of the day - 3.15pm

Thursday 8th September

The children will;

- Need to be dropped at the school office at 1:15pm.
- Please collect your child from the gates at the end of the day - 3.15pm.

Friday 9th September

The children will;

- Have their lunch at school
- Need to be dropped at the school office at 11:45am.
- Please collect your child from the gates at the end of the day - 3.15pm.

Week beginning Monday 12th September

The children will;

- Start school at 8.45am
- Stay at school for the full day.
- Need to be collected from the EYFS gate at 3.15pm.

School Times

Start of the Day

The EYFS gate will be opened by a member of the EYFS team at 8.45am. This is where we encourage the parents to say 'Goodbye' to their child, and the child will go into the classroom. When your child is in the classroom, they will be helped by one of the team to hang up their coats and put away their bag. As the children progress through the year, they will be encouraged and supported to do this more independently.

End of the Day

If your child is in Nursery and only staying for the morning session, they will need to be collected at the main office at 12 noon. All other children will also need to be collected from EYFS gate at the end of our school day which is 3.15pm.

It is imperative that we know who is collecting the children and therefore if it is someone different collecting your child, please inform Miss Boulton or the school office who will be collecting. To ensure the safety of all children, we cannot allow a child to leave with anyone who is not on their collection list.

Late

If your child is late one morning, please take your child to the school office so they can be signed in. Your child will then be brought into the classroom by a member of staff.

Illness

If your child is poorly and unable to attend school, please telephone the school and leave a message with the school office on the first morning of their illness.

Settling into School

Starting school is a very big transition for the children, where all children respond differently. Some children find it exciting, whilst others find it quite daunting. At Nursery Hill, we endeavour to make this transition, one that is calm, exciting, fun and secure. We want the children to be happy and develop an attitude where learning is irresistible.

As a parent/carer, you can support your child by reassuring them if they are worried and being positive about school. If you have any concerns, please contact Miss Boulton who will be more than happy to discuss these with you and work together to overcome any worries.

At the end of the school day, there will be children who will share every part of their day, whilst there will be other children who won't tell you anything. This is completely normal and nothing for you to be concerned about. The children in EYFS are only 3, 4 and 5 years old, and are often very tired at the end of their school day.

On Friday 16th September, the children will not be in school so that meetings can be arranged to discuss your child's transition period.

How to get your child off to the best start

As we support and encourage the children to become more independent, it is helpful if your child wears clothes that are easy for them to put on and take off. For this reason, we ask that they wear shoes with no laces.

It is also helpful if your child can;

- Dress and undress themselves
- Use a tissue
- Use a knife and fork (if school dinners)
- Wash and dry their hands
- Tidy away toys
- Share and take turns
- Use the toilet independently.

School Uniform

Our school uniform is;

- Navy blue jumper or cardigan (with the school logo is preferable)
- White collared t-shirt or shirt
- Grey/black, navy-blue joggers trousers/shorts as we like to get outside and explore our school grounds
- Grey, white or blue tights/socks
- No jewellery except for watch and stud earrings
- White or blue hair accessories only
- Black school shoes/trainers (no sandals)

For PE, the children will need;

- White t-shirt or a T-shirt in their house colour
- Black shorts
- Black or Navy-blue tracksuit (not branded)
- Black pumps (indoor)
- Trainers (outdoor)

The children will be using the outdoor area in all weathers and therefore we would like the children to have the following things in school at all times, to ensure they are suitably dressed for all activities.

- Wellies
- Waterproof jacket
- Sun hat

Please ensure all uniform is labelled with your child's name, including their shoes and coats. Younger children tend to take off their clothes and not think about where they put them. If they are not clearly labelled, it makes it more difficult for us to identify who the owner is.

We have 2 school uniform suppliers.

Match Fit Kit <https://matchfitkit.com/product-category/schools-primary-schools-nursery-hill-primary-school/>

SK School Uniforms <https://skschooluniforms.co.uk/brand/nursery-hill-primary-school/>

Things your child will need daily

- A book bag for their reading diaries, newsletter and any other communication. Please do not bring rucksacks, as these do not fit in their trays.
- A clearly labelled water bottle. Please only fill with water.
- Lunchbox if required, clearly labelled.

Lunchtimes

School Meals

Since September 2014, all children of infant school age receive a free school meal. In the pack, there is a menu so you can see what is offered on a daily basis.

Unfortunately, the children in Nursery are not offered this. However, if they are staying for lunch, they are more than welcome to purchase a school dinner by paying on the School Money App. There is also a cost for the children staying in school as we employ appropriate Level 3 teaching assistant support and midday supervisors to ensure we maintain ratios.

The cost of a school dinner will be £2.25 per meal and there is a cost of £2.50 for half an hour's lunch supervision.

Packed Lunches

We promote a healthy school ethos and as a result we would like to ask that packed lunches contain healthy foods to support this. We ask that no sweets, chocolate or fizzy drinks be packed in them for the children.

Funding

It is possible to purchase additional hours for children who are not eligible for 30 hours funding at a cost of £5 per additional hour. This needs to be booked and paid for on School Money in advance as we have a limited number of places.

There is funding available to support childcare costs for 3 and 4 year olds in Warwickshire.

Please click on the following links for further information.

Early Education Funding Page for Parents

<https://api.warwickshire.gov.uk/documents/WCCC-829341009-244>

Support is available for parents to help with childcare costs. Information can be found via Childcare Choices / HMRC for 30 hour codes & Tax Free Childcare <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium Funding

The Government gives funding to schools to help children from lower income families. The funding is called Pupil Premium. This money was previously used to cover the cost of a free meal for those qualifying families, however, as all infant children in our school now receive a free meal, we would like to ask all families who think they may qualify for Pupil Premium funding to register as this additional funding can be used to reduce the cost of school trips, after school care and provide additional support in school such as 'nurture' support or intervention for those falling behind or those who need some additional challenge. There are further details in the Induction Pack. Once an application is made and approved, you will receive further information.