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Pool Hayes Primary School
New Nursery Welcome Booklet
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Your child's first day/week at Nursery

Please bring your child to the first main green gate, next to the school reception office, where a member of staff will meet you and direct you to the first stay and play session that you have been allocated for the first week in September 2020. This will be the main entrance that children will use when they come to nursery in the second or third week dependent on your child's start date. We are looking forward to meeting you all and starting on an amazing adventure over the year. As children begin to get use to their new surroundings, you will notice that your child will gain more confidence in a variety of different ways over their first term in Nursery. These will include.

- 1) To be able to separate from parent/carer easily.
- 2) To move independently and with confidence from the indoor classroom and outdoor classroom and begin to explore the different areas.
- 3) To get used to the structures and times of the nursery classroom.
- 4) To attempt to manage his or her own personal hygiene.

All children are unique and different and becoming confident within the Nursery will be different for everyone. We will tailor the transitions into Nursery to each child, as they begin to become and more feel confident in the setting. To ensure that children feel safe and secure in their new classrooms, we will be having stay and play sessions where one adult can come into school with their child for one morning. When children enter the Nursery for their first weeks, we have smaller group sizes so we can introduce nursery structures and get to know the children and their likes, before having all children in the Nursery setting in the third week. We also have two family groups during the sessions that are smaller and ensure that your children develops a relationship with a familiar adult while they are in the setting.



Attendance

It is important for children to attend Nursery sessions unless feeling unwell. Getting children into good routines and habits as young as possible supports their learning and development.

However, if your child is unable to attend school due to illness please call the school office on the first day of illness.

If your child has sickness and / or diarrhoea please allow for 48 hours before returning your child to school.

Times of the nursery school day

You will have the first week individual start dates in your packs. The general school nursery morning session is 8.45 – 11.45.

What does a typical session look like?

8.45 – 9.00	Children arrive and share a story with their friends and key adults Register As children move into the spring term, this will be Nursery family group Literacy time and will be extended.
9.10 – 10.30	Child led learning time with mini challenges across the indoor and outdoor area.
10.30 – 10.45	Tidy up time and review time
10.45 – 11.00	Snack time
11.00 – 11.20	Outdoor play sessions for all
11.20 – 11.35	Family group Songs and story time
11.45	Home time – Please can all parents fill out the parent collection forms. (See details below)



The timetable will change throughout the year as children begin to move to maths and letter sound family group time.

We also will have PE sessions on a Friday. Reading books are changed daily from the 1000 stories collection box and you will have a leaflet about this in your pack.

What will my child need to bring to school?

Children will need to bring a bag to school for letters and books. Books will be changed daily for the 1000 stories collection box.

Children will need a change of clothes and a set of wellies.

Children have snack during Nursery and this is Milk or water and a fruit. They also have access to water throughout the session, so do not need any water or snack from home.

Before you start school parents will need to return all contact paper work to school. They will also need to share their birth certificate on the first day and they will also need to have completed the collections photograph sheets so we can be sure on who is collecting your child.

The photograph collection sheets form part of the safeguarding policy at Pool Hayes Primary School for Nursery, Pictures should be attached to who can collect your child from school. If adults are not on the collection sheet them staff will not let children be collected. These will be in your packs ready for return in September 2020.



Uniform

School uniform is compulsory and all items of clothing must be named. Please be reminded, even though we strongly encourage the use of aprons, children will get their clothes dirty with paint, glue etc. because of all the fun adventures we will have in Nursery. Therefore please would it be possible to leave spare clothes in a named bag. These should include additional pants / skirt / trousers / socks depending also on their toileting needs. Finally, if possible we ask you to consider choosing clothing with an elasticated and waste to eliminate frustrations when children go to the toilet.

An overview of the school uniform is below;

Grey trousers, skirts, white polo shirt. Green jumper or cardigan, green summer dresses and a book bag for letters and library books.

If you need help and support of where to buy the uniform from this is the link from the school website.
<http://www.poolhayesprimary.co.uk/uniform.html>

Children will also need a PE kit from the spring term. This will comprise of a white t-shirt and a pair of black shorts with black pumps. Again, having the child's name in all the different items helps enormously and avoids clothing getting lost.

For outdoor learning children will also need a pair of named wellies in school for all adventures outdoors.



Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum at Pool Hayes

Primary

At Pool Hayes Nursery, we deliver a curriculum based on the framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage. This describes the seven of areas of learning and development, which are implemented through planned and purposeful play. The framework states that practitioners should respond to children's emerging needs and interests, guiding their development through warm, positive interactions. We have a fantastic Early Years team at Pool Hayes Primary School who use this principle and ethos every day in your child's learning.

In addition, the framework goes onto describe three characteristics of effective learning and teaching, these include playing and exploring independently, active learning in the outdoors and indoors environments and creating and thinking critically. During the sessions at Nursery, children will have opportunities to engage in planned mini challenges that relate to children's interests and next steps in their learning.

Observations and key focus week children

As highlighted above; in line with the core ethos of Pool Hayes Primary School, we aim to plan for individual needs and interests, especially in the first term as we form relationships with new children. To do this we have key focus children observations and learning over each half term. During this observation time, we will observe how your child plays and to find out more about their interests and how they are progressing. The staff will then record your child's learning experiences on their online journal and share this with you and this will form the next steps for your child's learning journey.



Policy on outdoor learning

We believe outdoor play to be an essential component of young children's learning and development and therefore all children will be given the opportunity to play outside throughout most of the day whatever the weather. It is important that you dress your child for school appropriately warm coats and water proof coat when it is cold and wet. Sun hat and sun screen when it is warm and sunny.

Children do get wet, muddy and messy we do have all in one weather suits at school for when they play outside. If you could provide wellies kept at school that would be amazing. We do teach children how to try and minimise mess but it is part of their learning and development.

Tips

Simple things you could do at home with your child:

- 1) Use the Nursery ready for school overview web to prepare children to start nursery (This is included in this pack)
- 2) During the term, we will have parent workshops, stay, and play sessions with your child – one adult can attend these sessions.
- 3) Be active and move in different ways – This will help early writing skills.
- 4) Talk to your child about the different new things they may see. – This will help early reading skills.

Questions

If you have any questions before children start school please ring the school a member of staff will always be able to help.

When your child starts school, we arrange half-termly meetings to discuss your child's progress and next steps. However, again staff are always available if you need any help. We are so excited to meet you all.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you to Pool Hayes Primary School.

