



Welcome to Coldfall Primary School



Nursery 2024



Starting School

- We will be helping the children settle by staggering their start dates and times. You will be informed via letter of your child's starting date and times. Your child's first session will be 3 hours to help them settle. If they are happy they can then stay for their full hours from the following day, including Breakfast and After School club.
- We ask that you bring in a family photo for us to keep as we intend to create a photo board of the children and their families.
- Drop off for full time children will be **9.00am** and pick up time will be **3.00pm**.
- Drop off for morning children will be **9.00 am** and pick up time will be **12 pm**.
- Drop off for afternoon children will be **12.30** and pick up time will be **3.30**.
- You will need to drop your child off at the **Nursery entrance** at the designated times. Children under 16 years old are not allowed to collect Nursery children.
- The extended day for our Nursery runs from 8.00am-6.00pm with Reception aged children also having access to this provision in the Nursery classroom. Breakfast club runs from 8am to 8.55. After School Club runs from 3.30 to 6. You must ring the Nursery buzzer on Everington Road and collect/drop off from the Nursery entrance.

A busy day...

- Children and Parents are asked to wait outside the Nursery entrance until a member of staff opens the door to welcome them in.
- We believe that children learn through play and they are encouraged to join in with the various activities on offer both inside and outside incorporating the 7 areas of learning. We encourage them to make choices and grow in their independence.
- We believe children develop at their own pace and will be encouraged to gain confidence and take risks in a safe environment as children learn best when they are happy, safe and secure. The staff are here to guide and teach and will get to know you and your child well during your time in Nursery.
- The children will have access to the outdoor learning environment and will be allowed to explore and learn outside whatever the weather. The children will take part in Green Schools sessions led by Ms Green.
- The children will be taught P.E by our specialist P.E teachers.



- Child initiated play – children are encouraged to become independent learners and will be provided with a variety of resources and activities to develop independence, creativity and imagination.
- We encourage children to respect the learning environment and be responsible for keeping it tidy and looked after.
- Each session will finish with a whole group carpet time sharing stories and songs.

EYFS Curriculum

The children's learning is based around 7 main areas:

The Three Prime Areas:

- Communication and language development
- Physical development
- Personal, social, and emotional development

The Four Specific Areas:

- Literacy development
- Mathematics
- Understanding the world
- Expressive arts and design



For a detailed breakdown of the EYFS curriculum please read [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/974907/EYFS framework - March 2021.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/974907/EYFS_framework_-_March_2021.pdf)



Key Person

The Key Person will never replace the parent, but will be a special, extra adult for the child during their time in Nursery. A key person is someone who works with you to support your child to meet their individual needs. Miss O'Mahoney will be the overall Key Person, however, the rest of the Nursery team will also act as Key Carers, forming positive relationships with their designated children

Clothing

- It is important that your child wears clothes that he/she is able to manage easily so that they can use the toilet as independently as possible. Please do not send them in their best clothes as there will be messy activities. Most

importantly, please provide a bag with named spare clothes, wellies and a light raincoat which can be kept on your child's coat peg.

- P.E is on a Monday afternoon and Thursday morning, please make sure your child is wearing clothing that they can run around and move easily in, this includes suitable footwear.
- Please dress your child appropriately because they will be going outside whatever the weather. They will need wellies for their Green School session.



- We record children's learning on our online platform Tapestry.
- Tapestry is an online picture journal, which allows parents to see photos and videos of the learning experiences their child has been having at school. At times, their learning will have a direct link with the Early Learning Goals. At other times, it might just be a picture of your child showing a painting they are proud of or a video of a song they have sung.
- Parents will receive updates weekly; however, you do not need to respond to them. At the end of the school year, parents will have the opportunity to download their child's Tapestry account and have their own picture booklet to keep.

What Can You Do to Help

- **Label EVERYTHING** with your child's name.
- Practise name recognition over the summer.
- Encourage your child to be able to put their coat on, including zip and take it off independently.
- Teach your child to use a knife and fork.
- Make sure that your child knows what their coat and snackbox look like.
- Read to your child every day for at least 10 minutes.
- Encourage your child to come into the classroom independently so that they can learn to do things on their own.
- Teach your child how to wash their hands for 20 seconds.
- Support your child to be independent in all areas of toileting. Your child must be toilet trained before starting Nursery, children cannot wear nappies.

