

WELCOME TO ST BEDE'S NURSERY



Parent Guide
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St Bede's Nursery

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Nursery Hours

8.50am – 12.00pm



Please ensure that your child **arrives at nursery between 8.50am – 9.00am when the doors are open**. The **nursery door closes promptly at 9.00am** so that staff can attend to the children who have arrived on time and so that teaching can begin. If you arrive after 9.00am, you are late and must enter the building via the school office door.

At home time, **the nursery door will open at 11.55am**. The school gates will open at this time and will automatically lock again at 12.05pm. Please ensure that your **child is collected from nursery promptly by 12pm by an adult**, as staff have very limited time for their lunch and must begin to set up for afternoon sessions with other classes.

First of all, Mrs McLaren and Miss Wood would like to wish you and your child a big...
“Welcome to St Bede’s Nursery!”



New Starters

On your child's first day, they may feel upset or anxious. If this is the case, it is our policy that children are collected after one hour. Staff will call parents/guardians if we feel it is necessary. Don't worry, this is very normal! The length of time your child spends in nursery will gradually increase until the child, parent and teacher agree that the child feels happy and confident about attending a full three hour session. If your child settles straight away, they can be collected at the normal time of 12pm.

School Uniform

Although it is **not** essential for nursery children to wear school uniform, some parents do prefer it. School sweatshirts, polo shirts, fleeces, hats and caps embroidered with our school logo can be purchased online, direct from My Clothing www.myclothing.com also from JK Clothing (North East) Ltd, Ellison Street, Jarrow.

For safety reasons, no jewellery is allowed during nursery sessions, including ear rings/studs.

Name Tags

Could we please ask that you **ensure your child's name is written on every item of clothing** that they wear to school, including footwear? Parts of the school uniform can easily be misplaced or accidentally taken home by another child if we do not know who the clothing belongs to and such clothing can be expensive for you to replace.

Spare Clothes

We like messy play in nursery and we play outside a lot; therefore, clothes worn to school may get dirty. Could you please provide your child with a **spare set of old clothes in a carrier bag (with your child's name on)**? Pants, a t-shirt, socks and underwear would be useful for example. This clothing will also be useful if your child has any toilet accidents at any time.

Snack Time

Milk, water and healthy snacks are available for your child during the nursery session and is provided free of charge. The children are encouraged to use a floating snack area independently throughout the morning.



Sweets

We do not allow children to bring sweets from home. On special occasions i.e. birthdays, children can bring in sweets or cake to share with the class, but this must first be agreed with the nursery teacher.

Letter Boxes

In order to avoid important letters being mixed up with children's work at home time, we have made individual letter boxes for each family. Any important letters that need to go directly to you will be placed in your child's box. Boxes will be kept in the cloakroom, above where your child sits. Boxes must stay in school, but please feel free to **regularly check if there is anything for you in the box when bringing your child to school.**

Clothing

The children spend a lot of their time in the outside area. Please make sure that your child is **always dressed appropriately for all weather conditions.** Most of the children choose to play outside (even in the rain), so waterproof coats are helpful, as well as hats and gloves in the colder weather. **All children are provided with a pair of school wellies** for outdoor and wet play.



Please make it easier for your child to use the toilet by avoiding belts, braces, buckles, etc.

Attendance and Punctuality

If your child is absent, please telephone the school office before 9.30am on the first day of absence.

We understand that being late once in a while for school is completely unavoidable. However, when pupils arrive late, they miss out on essential instructions given at the beginning of the session. This can significantly reduce achievement, regardless of academic ability. A lot of children also feel unsettled arriving to the classroom when everyone else is settled. Furthermore, when one pupil arrives late, it disrupts the entire class and the teacher – everyone's education is compromised. Please **ensure that your child arrives at nursery on time.**

Medical Conditions

Please let us know immediately if your child has any medical conditions or allergies.

Toys

We ask that children **do not bring any toys into nursery from home.** Our classroom is filled with items to keep us busy and lost or broken toys result in very sad feelings. Special items may be brought in to share, but they are kept in a safe place until the end of the day.

Junk Modelling

We have a very popular Creative Area in our classroom where the children love to make models. We would also appreciate any **donations of small cardboard boxes throughout the year** that the children can use. Please note: toilet roll tubes are no longer allowed for hygiene reasons.

Road Safety

When dropping off and collecting your child from nursery, please **avoid parking or dropping off passengers on the yellow zigzag lines** outside the school gates and please **refrain from parking in the disabled bay** directly across from the school.

If your child rides a bike or scooter to nursery, please use the designated area of the nursery door to store your property. Whilst riding, please ensure that your child is wearing an appropriate safety helmet.



Bogey Station

We get a lot of runny noses in the nursery and encourage the children to be independent in cleaning themselves up at our “Bogey Station”. We would be very grateful if parents could **donate tissues and baby wipes** for our popular area.



Encouraging Independence at Home

The Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum encourages children to be independent. In nursery, the children will practice:

- taking off and putting back on their own socks and shoes
- taking off and putting back on their own coats
- zipping up their own coat (once it is fastened at the bottom by an adult)
- attending to their own toileting needs
- washing and drying their own hands after using the toilet
- pouring their own drink
- preparing their own snack
- cleaning up any spillages
- tidying up our classroom
- brushing their own teeth

We ask that you **encourage your child to do the same at home** (with your guidance), in order for them to be confident and make good progress in nursery. Please ensure that your child’s **shoes DO NOT have laces**. **Velcro** is a much better alternative.

WOW!

We love to hear when your child has achieved something fantastic at home, no matter how big or small it may seem. Please feel free to fill out a **WOW! card**, which can be found on the **“Parent Information” board** and hand it in to Mrs McLaren or Miss Wood upon completion. Wow! Cards will also be sent home from time to time.



Days to Remember

Home / School Diaries, Home Challenges and reading books will be placed in a folder and given out every Friday. This will be for you to work on at home over the weekend with your child. Please **return the folder and its contents every Tuesday at the latest.**

School Website

Please visit the **“Nursery” class page on our school website** or our **school Facebook page**, for updates on what the nursery children have been getting up to.

Parental Involvement

As parents / carers, **you are your child’s first educators.** Therefore, we recognise how important your influence is throughout your child’s time in nursery. We would like to work closely with you, to ensure that your child has the best possible start in school.

You will regularly be invited to come in and read with your child, to attend “Stay and Play” sessions, to attend “Family Learning” sessions and parent workshops.



The Early Years Foundation Stage

Our nursery and reception classes form the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) where there is emphasis on learning through play in both the indoors and outdoors.

The prime areas of learning are:

Communication and language
Physical development
Personal, social and emotional development

The specific areas of learning are:

Literacy
Mathematics
Understanding the world
Expressive arts and design

The nursery room will be arranged in such a way as to motivate and interest the children. The picture and word labelling of equipment encourages them to make more independent use of a wide variety of resources.

The children are encouraged to take some responsibility for using and tidying away the equipment and to make choices about what they plan to do that day. The day is structured to offer a wide variety of experiences and tasks from Art to Music, Language work to Science.

We have excellent links with our reception class and all of our pre-school children have an opportunity to visit the class prior to starting school.

We aim to make your child's time in nursery a happy, enjoyable experience giving them the confidence to progress with ease into reception class and consequently, providing the valuable foundation for future school life.

If you have any questions or concerns about anything, please do not hesitate to come and speak to our friendly staff or Mrs Rooney.

Please appreciate that if you wish to speak privately or at length, you will need to make an appointment.