

# WELCOME TO ST BEDE'S NURSERY



Parent Guide  
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## Fact File

### St Bede's Nursery



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### Head Teacher

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### Nursery Teacher EYFS Co-ordinator

Mrs. A-M McQuillin

Mrs. K McLaren

### Nursery Assistant

Miss R Wood/ Mrs. L Brunnock

### 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.

First of all, Mrs. McQuillin, Miss Wood and Mrs. Brunnock 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](http://www.myclothing.com) and also from JK Clothing (North East) Ltd, Ellison Street, Jarrow.

**For safety reasons, no jewellery is allowed during nursery sessions, including earrings/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 nursery, including footwear? Clothing can easily be misplaced or accidentally taken home by another child if we do not know who the items belong to.

### Spare Clothes

We like messy play in nursery and we play outside a lot; therefore, clothes worn to nursery may get dirty and sometimes wet. Could you please provide your child with a **spare set of old clothes in a carrier bag (with your child's name on)**? This clothing will also be useful if your child has any toilet accidents.

### Outdoor 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**. Please ensure that your child's **shoes DO NOT have laces**. **Velcro** is a much better alternative. 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** and a puddle suit for outdoor, wet play on on-site Forest School sessions. Feel free to bring our own into nursery if you prefer.



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

### Snack Time

Milk, water and healthy snacks are available for your child during the nursery session and are 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.

### Messages home

More often than not, we are using See-Saw, the online communication tool, for sending individual messages, family or school announcements. We will also send photos and information about activities through See-Saw. You will receive information about setting up See-Saw once your child starts nursery. We also have individual letter boxes for each family for paper-copy letters and these are kept in the cloakroom above the pegs. Please regularly check if there is anything for you in the box when bringing your child to nursery and also keep reading updates on See-Saw.

### Learning Journals

As nursery practitioners, we are always observing your children and seeing how they are developing. Sometimes, we may record an observation with photographic evidence and your child's own words and place it in your child's learning journal. The journals are also kept in the cloakroom above the pegs and can be looked at when bringing your child into nursery.

### Attendance and Punctuality

**If your child is absent, please telephone the school office before 9.30am on the first day of absence. Please do not contact the class teacher through See-Saw.**

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 unless asked to do so** (e.g. Teddy Bear's Picnic). Our classroom is filled with items to keep us busy and lost or broken toys result in very sad feelings. If special items are asked to be brought in to share, 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 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 nor egg boxes due to allergies.

### 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 outside 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.

### WOW! Cards and Post Cards

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. McQuillin, Miss Wood or Mrs Brunnock upon completion. Spare Wow! cards will also be sent home from time to time.

We might let you know of your little one's achievements in nursery by sending home a postcard. Please share the postcard with your child and read out what their achievement is. Listen to what your child tells you about it and celebrate together.



### Home/School Diaries and Reading Books - Folders

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.**

### 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.

Once your child starts Nursery, they will be given access to online learning programs such as 'Ten Town' which practises children's number work and develops their mathematical understanding. Please encourage your child to use the programs to enhance their learning at Nursery.

Throughout the year, parents will be invited to come in and read with their child(ren), and to attend 'Stay and Play' sessions, '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.

Different Languages and Cultures



We love language-learning and learning about other cultures in Nursery and across the school as a whole. In Nursery, we often answer the register in another language or learn songs in a foreign language, for example French. If your family has a home language other than English, please let Mrs McQuillin know and she can incorporate your home language into some of our daily routines.

School Website

Please visit See-Saw, 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.

ParentPay

We are a cash-free school and use an online payment system called ParentPay. On starting Nursery, you will be given a username and password to allow you to activate your ParentPay account.

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.