



WESTERN PRIMARY NURSERY

3-4 YEAR OLDS
PARENT INFORMATION

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Western
Primary School
CREATING SUCCESS STORIES





Welcome to Western Nursery

At Western we provide a secure, safe and happy environment in which children can make the most of their abilities and talents as they grow up. Our nursery is run by trained teachers and fully qualified staff.

The Nursery is situated in the Purple Room at the back of the playground and the Green Room at the back of the school. Each room has access to our own dedicated early years play area.

Purple Room



The social and emotional development of your child is of the utmost importance to us and so settling them into the nursery routine is our first priority.

Our dedicated and skilled nursery staff led by qualified teachers, work in close partnership with parents to provide a broad and



balanced education. Learning through discovery is the key focus of our provision.

Staff are available on a daily basis to talk with you about your child and parent consultations are arranged each term.

Age appropriate activities and experiences encourage the development and confidence of the youngest members of our school community. A safe and nurturing environment ensures each child reaches his/her full potential with learning opportunities taking place both indoors and outdoors.





A Typical Day

A typical day begins with 'meet and greet' with you and your child being welcomed by the staff team. Once settled, your child will enjoy a range of carefully planned learning opportunities and experiences. The emphasis is on learning through play and exploration both indoors and outdoors with support always on hand from caring and knowledgeable staff.

Activities are linked to a specific theme or topic chosen by the children to reflect their individual interests.

Daily activities include:

- sand, water and malleable materials,
- a creative activity,
- small world play,
- role play,
- book corner,
- jigsaws and problem-solving activities,
- games, singing, rhymes and stories.

All of these activities are mirrored in the outdoor learning environment which is available all year round.





Fresh fruit or vegetables are on offer for children to eat throughout the day and milk or water is offered every morning at around 10am.



We ask that children bring their own named water bottles so they can help themselves as they wish.



We sit for a teacher led input 'chat time' each morning. We begin by singing the days of the week song and we discuss the weather. This is then followed by some teaching input which reflects the children's interests.

After chat time, the children continue in the setting choosing activities both indoors and out.

Lunch is served in the dining room. Children can have a hot school lunch or bring a packed lunch from home.

After a busy morning and lunch, there is a quiet time when children can rest in a cosy area or access table-top activities.





The afternoon is another round of exciting learning opportunities. The day ends with stories and songs. As children are collected, staff are happy to discuss the events of the day with you.

If your child is sick



Please notify us if your child is ill and unable to attend Nursery.

If your child becomes ill during a session or has an accident (other than minor bumps or grazes etc.), we will contact you to come and collect him/her. It is important, therefore, that you keep us updated of any changes to contact numbers or personal circumstances.

When young children play together, small accidents sometimes occur. Minor bumps and bruises, cuts etc. are dealt with by members of staff and your child will be comforted and reassured. All our staff have completed extensive paediatric first aid training.

If your child develops an infection at home, your child should not attend Nursery until he/she is clear of the infection and in line with the school's policy.





Any medication your child requires must not be left in your child's bag or given to Nursery staff. You will be asked to visit the school office to sign a medication form with clear instructions of when the medication is to be administered.

What to bring to Nursery

Please try to help your child be as independent as possible with dressing. Send them in comfortable, practical clothing and Velcro fastening shoes where possible.

A change of clothes should be supplied for all children and nappies for those who require them. Outdoor clothing, including footwear, should be labelled clearly with your child's name as children often have the same items and this can cause problems if they get them mixed up; use a bag clearly marked with the child's name, a marker pen is quite suitable, you do not need to purchase special "school" labels.



Children should always bring a coat as the weather is so unpredictable. Named Wellington boots can be left in nursery in the labelled boxes.





During the summer please can children bring a named sun hat and sun cream.



Settling in

Our experienced staff work in partnership with parents and carers to ensure that each child settles into the nursery smoothly, and as gently as possible.

Our aim is to welcome the family into our caring and stimulating environment and to have a sense of belonging.

We recognise that this can also be a difficult time for parents and carers; our staff are there to support and reassure you too.

Children are individuals, and because of this, we have a flexible approach to 'settling in'! Prior to starting Western Nursery, we will arrange for members of our staff to carry out a home visit. You will be contacted by the school office with a selection of dates and times.





Two members of staff will visit you at home to meet you and your child. Following this, we will arrange a stay and play session so you can visit our school and classroom setting with your child. You will be invited to stay with your child to give you an opportunity to meet other parents and ask any questions you may have.



Mumbler Award Testimonials

“Western Primary school offers a superb nursery facility run by qualified teachers. Children enjoy attending Western and taking part in children’s activities which are topic led by the children and teacher led too. Western uses the surrounding area to its fullest, taking advantage of nearby Valley Gardens.”

“Amazing supportive staff, my grandchildren love it there.”

“Great teachers, happy children, always welcoming. Can’t fault it!”

“The staff are dedicated to the care of the children and have a wonderful team spirit.”

“The Early Years Team are a real inspiration and offer a really special introduction to school for the young children. Led by fully qualified





teachers, the transition to Reception seems seamless. My daughter skips into school every Wednesday.”

“Friendly staff and happy children; wonderful learning opportunities.”

“Great staff who prepare children for school.”

“An amazing facility for children aged from three to starting school age in an environment with structure and care.”

“Enthusiastic team. Very engaging with the children. A real home from home and relaxed atmosphere.”

“Lovely staff, great teacher, community feel, lovely!”



Toddler Group testimonials

Western also offer two Toddler Group activity sessions, which are held every Wednesday and Friday 9.30—10.45am.

Please check the Western website for updates of classes and activities offered to Parents and Tots.

These are a few comments from our attendees:

“Western Toddler Group is a fun facility utilised by parents in the area. It offers support to parents and a networking group for new





mums.”

“Western Toddler Group offers advice, coffee and a chat plus activities for children to meet others and have some fun. A great class.”

“Excellent organisation, great staff - Clare is amazing!!!”

“Friendly, nice activities.”

“Welcoming, good sense of community, friendly.”

“Fun, friendly and supportive.”

“Friendly, informal, supportive of me when I was new to the area.”

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Please contact the school office should you require any further information.

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