

Welcome to Nursery

Bradford Academy Primary Handbook

Areas of Learning

The foundation stage curriculum is split into seven areas of learning...

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding of the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

You can read more about the early years curriculum online if you wish to:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/changes-to-the-early-years-foundation-stage-eyfs-framework>

What is Nursery?



Children work on independent activities that they choose to do.

The adults in Nursery will set up provision activities and some small group adult-led tasks to challenge children's learning and move them

forward.

The classroom is well planned and supports children learning through play. Importantly learning is fun and planned around what the children are interested in.

We work both indoors and outdoors every day.

Our job is to give children the rounded, basic skills they will need throughout their whole school journey.

Children will take part in circle times, singing, snack time and story times to gradually increase their ability to take part in enjoyable sessions led by an adult.



Nursery Timings

Nursery starts at 8.00am or 11.45am, it is important that children arrive on time so that you can come into Nursery with your child and help them settle. Children who are late enter through the Primary office and parents are not permitted to come into school this way.

Our doors close at 8.30am and 11.55am.

Children who have a 30-hour place attend all day Monday-Friday.

Monday – Thursday school finishes at 3:10pm. On Fridays we finish at 2:10pm.

Please let us know if someone other than yourself will be picking up your child – either at drop off or by telephone. You will be asked for a password.

We cannot let children leave with people under 16. Siblings in Year 11 will need to be issued with a pass from secondary before being allowed to collect.

The First Few Days

Children will start Nursery on a staggered entry with small groups at a time – your child's start date is in this pack. This enables us to get to know your child and you better.

Please stay with your child to ensure they are settled before you leave. We may ask you to stay longer, or to pick your child up after a short, independent session until they are ready to be left for their full session. Nursery staff will speak to you about this depending on how you and your child are feeling about settling in. If you are unable to stay, Nursery staff will settle your child. They may attend a shorter session if they become upset or anxious for a long period of time.

When the children are ready, we will start a small morning job; self-registration using pictures of the children. This routine really helps the children to settle at the beginning of their session.



Outdoor Play

Working outdoors is very important to us and we do go outside in all weathers.

Children always have access to outside during their session.

Please make sure children wear appropriate clothes and shoes.

Please send a coat **EVERY DAY!** The coat should be named.

A pair of wellies which can be left in school is really important. Please ensure these are also named.

Observation and Assessment

Children are 'assessed' continuously in Nursery. We do this by playing with the children, observing them playing independently and completing short, small group adult-led tasks.

We **DO NOT** test the children.

We love to use what you know about your child and the things you do at home.

Tapestry

We use Tapestry to record all our observations and keep a record of what age/stage children are working at.

Parents/carers will see all our observations; you can add comments to them and see how your child is doing.

You can also upload your own observations which we can share at school e.g. of a learning experience, a day out, a visit somewhere, a holiday etc.

We will give you all the information you need to set up your Tapestry account when your child starts Nursery.



Uniform

Please ensure that names are in **EVERYTHING**.

Black school shoes or fully black trainers only please, no patterned trainers or sandals please.

No jewellery except small studs please.

Could all children have spare clothes on their pegs in case of accidents or getting wet (it does not have to be uniform).

Clips/bobbles should be small and neat. No large bows.

Your child **does not** need pumps for Nursery.

Nursery children **do not** need a PE kit.

Please read your pack carefully to ensure you buy the correct uniform.



Our uniform supplier is Whittakers

www.whittakersschoolwear.co.uk



Toileting

It is not a requirement that children are toilet trained when they start Nursery. However, it is greatly appreciated by staff if your child is either fully toilet trained, or you have begun the process.

The more time staff are required to spend changing nappies or toilet training children, the less time they can spend supporting playing and learning.

We understand that young children often need support with some toileting routines such as unbuttoning their trousers or turning on the taps to wash their hands. We will of course accommodate and fully support your child in completing these tasks.

If your child is wearing nappies/pull ups please leave a bag on their peg for all sessions containing nappies, wipes and spare clothes so staff can change them.

If your child wears a nappy/pull up for the journey to school but underwear the rest of the time, please remove it before saying goodbye.



Other Matters

If your child has any allergies or special needs please email us at EYFS@bradfordacademy.co.uk as soon as possible so we can put a plan in place to support your child in September. If there is anything you feel we need to know before September please also use the email address above to contact us.

Asthma – if your child suffers from asthma, please let us know on your child's first day in September. Please bring a named inhaler into school in its original box with the label from the doctor. You will be required to complete an online information and consent form in September.

Children are given a free carton of milk and a piece of fruit for snack every day.

Stay and play sessions take place throughout the academic year.

Regular newsletters and information about school life will be sent home throughout the year.



Dinner Time

IF YOUR CHILD STAYS FOR DINNER AS PART OF THEIR SESSION:

Children can either stay for school dinner or bring a packed lunch.

A range of food is on offer, and children are encouraged to try new things alongside those which are more familiar.

Packed lunches must be healthy – no fizzy pop, sweets or chocolate bars please.

We are a nut free school, so please ensure anything you send in does not contain nuts.

We have the healthy table daily where children can add healthy items (bread, fruit, veg) to their meal.

Children with allergies wear an allergy tag whilst in the dining area. This ensures they are not given food they are allergic to as young children can find it difficult to manage this themselves.

School meals currently cost £2.10 per day for children in Nursery. This can be paid for via Arbor. Information about Arbor is included in this pack.

Attendance

It is important that children come to school on time for **EVERY SESSION**.

Whilst the children are so little, they are making huge progress at Nursery both academically and socially. Every year we find that children with poor attendance struggle to build friendships and settle into life at Nursery away from their grown-ups. Please help us to help your child by bringing them in for all their sessions.

If your child is ill, please contact school to let us know as soon as possible.

Poor attendance will be followed up by our attendance team through text messages, phone calls, letters home and home visits. **We monitor attendance very closely.**

Arbor

As a school we use the Arbor App as our communication tool.

This allows you to see letters and general information on your app rather than needing to send lots of paper letters.

You will be given information to download the Arbor App when your child starts Nursery. You will also use Arbor to pay for school dinners so please download the app.



Checklist Before September

NAMES: Please name everything: coats, **ALL** uniform, shoes, wellies. We cannot return lost uniform if it's unnamed!

TOILETING: Please work on toilet training and beginning to increase your child's independence.

DRESSING: Please help children to practise getting themselves dressed, to put on their own coat and put on their shoes. This will really help when the children all want to play out at the same time!

EQUIPMENT: Make a spares bag: underwear, socks, clothes, wellies.

FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHS: Please send any family pictures to Miss Newby's email.

And Finally...

If you have any worries or concerns, please email EYFS@bradfordacademy.co.uk

Please email us now if there is anything specific to your child that you think we need to know about.

We look forward to working with you and your child in September!