

# Welcome to Whinney Banks Primary School 2-Year Old Nursery



## **Nursery Staff:**

- Mrs Colegate - Nursery Lead
- Mrs King - Foundation Stage Practitioner
- Miss Iredale - Foundation Stage Practitioner

**Nursery Session times are:**

- **Morning** – 8.45am -11.45am

The green Nursery door will be open from:

8.45am – 9.00am to drop off your child  
11.30am – 11.45am to collect your child

- **Afternoon** - 12.30pm - 3.30 pm

The green Nursery door will be open from:

12.30pm – 12.40pm to drop off your child  
3.10pm – 3.30pm to collect your child

If the green Nursery door is closed when you arrive please take your child to the main office (under the clock tower) to sign them in.

If you need to collect your child early from their session, please inform a member of the nursery staff at the beginning of their session and then collect them from the main office where you will, be asked to sign them out.

**PLEASE ENSURE YOU COLLECT YOUR CHILD PROMPTLY FROM  
THEIR NURSERY SESSION.**

**If there are any problems please ring the school office on  
(01642) 817713.**

**2-Year Old Nursery Provision**

On entry into our 2-year old Nursery provision your child will begin their journey through the Foundation Stage. They will remain within the Foundation Stage until they leave Reception after they are 5 years of age.

Your child will be starting their journey towards the Early Learning Goals by following the following curriculum:

The Prime Areas:

- Communication and Language.
- Physical development.
- Personal, Social and Emotional development.

The Specific Areas:

- Literacy.
- Mathematics.
- Understanding the world.
- Expressive Arts and Design.

Within your child's Nursery education there is great emphasis on the importance of play and how this develops your child's learning and skills.

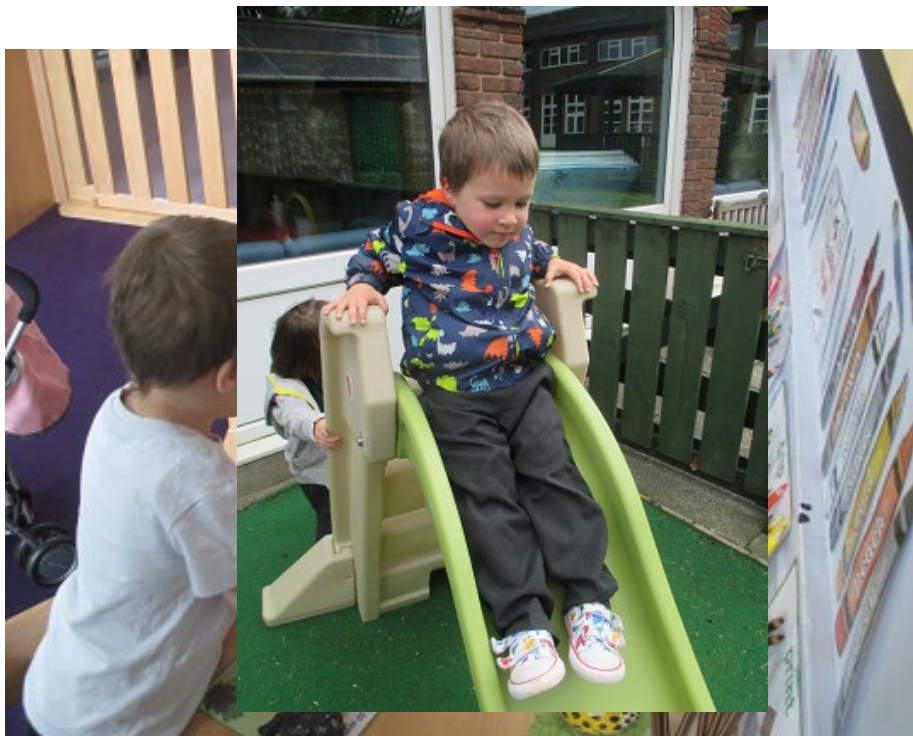


The children

access both the inside and outdoor Nursery where they can explore, play, socialise and develop their skills while learning.



The children have a structured routine throughout their nursery session, which includes free flow inside and outside, whole group time, small group time, stories, gross motor activities, fine motor activities, speaking and listening, exploring the world around them and creative activities.



If you would like to know more about the learning your child will be involved in please do not hesitate to ask Mrs Colegate, Mrs King or Miss Iredale.





### **Breakfast Club**

Each day, at the start of the nursery session, our children are offered a selection of breakfast snacks, such as Rice Krispies, Cornflakes or a Bagel, as part of our breakfast club. These are provided free of charge. It is very important to inform Nursery staff if your child has any food allergies.

### **Snack Time**

Our children have their own identifiable water bottle available to them each day. At snack time, the children are offered a drink of milk and a piece of fruit. Again, these are provided free of charge.



There may be some occasions where we have a different snack, such as toast or we may taste the cooking we have made that day.

It is very important to inform Nursery staff if your child has any food allergies.

### **Weekly donation...**

We ask parents for a small weekly donation of 50p per week which goes towards buying extra play equipment, creative resources or ingredients for the children.

### **Development**

In nursery, we support the children to develop their sense of right and wrong as well as supporting their social, emotional and personal development. We appreciate that at the age of 2 years, children are beginning to develop their own personalities and that they are learning how the world works. As part of this development, we have some rules and the children learn to work within our boundaries.



Some examples of our rules are:

- I will learn to speak politely and kindly to others.
- I will learn to have kind hands and feet.
- I learn to share and take turns.
- I will develop my listening skills.
- I will help to look after our nursery.
- I learn to move around safely outside.
- I will learn to listen to my adult.
- I will develop my social skills.

These rules are an important part of the children's learning. In Nursery, we learn to make the 'right' choices and learn to understand that our actions have consequences.





**In our 2-Year**

**Old Nursery:**

- We work hard as a team to provide a safe, stimulating and happy learning environment for your child.
- We are very proud of the children's achievements within nursery. We celebrate their successes and support their learning in many different ways, including our sharing Wow Wall.



- The children have access to a variety of different experiences within the Nursery setting. These include both indoor and outdoor learning, which all help to contribute to their

development and learning.

- When your child joins our Nursery they will be given a coat peg where they can leave their bags and coats. They will also be given a tray where we will put any of their learning from the sessions and any letters we need to hand out to parents. At the end of each session a member of staff will share any information from the session with you.



- You will also find a Parent's notice board in the entrance to Nursery where any letters or important notices will be displayed for your convenience.
- If you have any questions with regard to your child's progress or how they are settling in, please speak to Mrs King, Miss Iredale or Mrs Colegate.
- The children have daily access to our Quiet Room where they can go if they need some quiet time. They also access this room for their shared story time at the end of each session.



## **Clothing**

Within our 2-year old Nursery provision, it is not compulsory for your child to wear school uniform.

However, please consider:

- That if you choose not to wear school uniform, you dress your child in comfortable clothes which they are able to move freely in.
- As part of their learning will involve messy play, please send your children in clothes that are easily washable.
- Your child should wear sensible flat shoes / trainers.
- Due to our daily use of the outdoor area, please ensure that your child comes to nursery with a coat and suitable footwear, such as wellington boots.
- In the summer months, it is also important that your child has sun cream applied before the start of their session.
- We have some school caps the children can wear in the sun but, if you would prefer, you can send in your own sun hat clearly labelled with your child's name.

It is very important that all of **your child's clothing is clearly labelled with their name.**

## **Information**

### **Jewellery**

For health and safety reasons **no** jewellery is allowed to be worn except for a small pair of stud earrings.

### **Toilet trained**

Within our 2-year old Nursery provision, we will have designated Nappy Changing Times (as well as necessary changes) within the session. We ask that parents bring in a bag of nappies, wipes and a change of clothes for your child each session.

We will work with you and your child in order to develop their independence with their toilet training. We have toilet seats and we will support your child to use the toilet. We will work with the children at their own pace when it comes to toilet training.

### **Dental Health**

Our nursery children take part in a daily dental hygiene scheme where they learn to brush their teeth for 2 minutes in each session.



### **Picking up children**

**If you have not informed us about a change to the adult collecting your child, they will not be able to leave nursery until we have spoken to you personally. It is very important to keep us informed of any such changes and you should inform Nursery staff at the beginning of your child's session. Any person collecting your child must be over 18 years of age.**

### **Use of mobile phones**

Please note that the use of mobile phones is **not** permitted anywhere within the nursery setting.

### **Accidents**

Your child is in a safe and nurturing environment where we allow them to develop their skills. If they have an accident at nursery this will be recorded in our Accident Book and the adult collecting your child will be informed and asked to sign the book. If we feel you need to be informed, then someone will call you to inform you of the accident.

### **Development Checks**

Within their first few weeks in the Nursery, the staff will complete the 2-year-old checks, which is a series of observations to let you know how they are doing with their development. This information is shared with you as parents. There is a section within the development check for parents to write comments on the information the staff have shared with them.

### **Attendance**

In Whinney Banks Nursery we pride ourselves on the range of experiences we offer the children, the fun the children have as well as having many different opportunities during their nursery sessions. The attendance of your child is very important for the development of their social and academic skills and we ask that you make every effort to bring them into nursery every day.

At the end of each week, the children who have full attendance will receive an attendance certificate.

At the end of each half term, the children are visited by Mr Grimes our Attendance Lead, and the children with full attendance will receive a certificate and a gift.

You must contact school (01642 817713) **each day** your child is absent from Nursery stating the reason for their absence and this will be recorded on your child's record. Failure to contact school or if your child's attendance falls to an unacceptable level could result in your child losing their nursery place.



### **Holidays**

The school no longer grants leave of absence to allow children to accompany their parents on holiday in term time and all such holidays will be treated as unauthorised absence. Parents must complete a Leave of Absence form, available from the school office, and return it to the Head Teacher at least 2 school weeks in advance of any absence. The Head Teacher may ask to speak to you in person.

### **Punctuality**

For the children to fully experience the different opportunities available to them it is important that they are punctual to nursery.

They will be accessing different activities from the moment they self-register, right up until the end of each session.

The Nursery green door will be open from 8.45-9.00am and 11.30-11.45am for drop off and collection from the morning session. It will also be open from 12.30-12.40pm and 3.10-3.30pm for drop off and collection from the afternoon session.

When the Nursery green door is closed, you should take your child to the main school office where you will need to sign them in stating the reason why they are late.

If you need to collect your child early from their session, you should go to the school office to sign them out and record the reason for taking them early.

If you are late collecting your child from their nursery session we will call you and your child will be taken to the school office, where you will need to collect them.

If you are running late for any reason it is important that you call the school office on 01642 817713 to let them know you are on your way.

We ask that you make every effort to drop your child off and collect your child on time.

