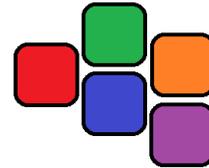


# Nursery School in a Nutshell

Your child will be a member of a key group:  
Green, Red, Blue, Purple or Orange.



Each child is given a drawstring bag in their key group colours. This is where we keep the spare clothes and nappies that you bring in. Please don't bring an additional bag for your child as we are unable to accommodate it.

We share regular observations (~1 every fortnight) and news via Tapestry. It helps us to get to know you and your child better if you respond to posts and upload your own news and photos.



Learning is a messy business. Please send your child to school in clothes that you don't mind getting marked or stained.

We ask that children don't bring in toys to nursery school because in such a large room they may get lost or broken. Much better to keep them safe at home.



Children in nursery school are too grown up for dummies. At this age they can affect speech, tooth position, tongue strength and even digestion.

Velcro fastening shoes are the best choice to help your child to develop self confidence and independence.



When your child has their birthday we will celebrate it in nursery school with their friends. We ask that you do not provide sweets or cake for their birthday. As part of the new EYFS we are required to promote good oral health and the size of our class means that we regularly celebrate birthdays more than once a week and sweets would be inappropriate.

If your child borrows any of our spare clothes we ask that they are returned as quickly as possible (including pants and socks!)



Please label all of your child's clothes with their name. A marker pen is sufficient. It helps to prevent them from getting lost. It is not uncommon for children to come to nursery school wearing the same coats and clothes as another child.

Please let us know as soon as you can if your child is not going to attend their session as a member of staff will be stood outside waiting for them.



All staff use Makaton signs with all children. This supports the development of verbal language and promotes an inclusive environment for our pre-verbal children.



When children join us from our toddler classroom, they are moving from our childcare provision into our school provision. In this new environment, the information we share is about what our children are learning and typically this is disseminated through our monthly newsletters and eLearning journal Tapestry. This is different to the handover at pick up that you may have come to expect from your childcare experience in either the toddler or babyroom classrooms. This is because of our significantly larger class size and we want to be equitable about the time we give to each child's parents and also because our focus is educational. Children in the Nursery School are learning to be independent and self care is a big part of this. Our handover also prepares children and families for the lack of handover at school. As ever, if there is anything a parent/guardian wants to talk about then do send a message or call and we will arrange an appointment to meet or call back. In the same way if there is anything that we feel we need to raise with you (such as children not eating, toileting issues etc) we will let you know.