

Nursery Information Pack

Welcome to our Nursery

Newport Infant School and Nursery offers nursery places for children ages from 2 years until the term before they start school. The Nursery children make up part of our Early Years offer here at Newport Infants, offering Early Years from 2 until the end of Reception.

In the Early Years we aim to:

- Provide learning experiences that cater for the needs and interests of each child
- To foster good relationships with the children, giving them our care and ensuring they feel safe and secure
- To develop positive partnerships with parents and carers that will enable a child's growth and development
- Provide a fun, engaging and awe provoking learning experience, that enthuses each child to learn
- To ensure develop inquisitive and independent learners,
- To ensure help each child reach their potential
- To develop an environment where children can rehearse and consolidate new knowledge and skills
- Help the children be the best that they can be

As children begin their journey at our Nursery, we ensure that their development and skills in personal, social and emotional development, communication and language and physical development is secure, providing rich and well-planned opportunities in these areas. These three areas are called the Prime areas and are the foundations needed to ensure successful learning in all other areas.

The curriculum in Newport Infant and Nursery School is developed with *our* children in mind, with a focus upon *our* children and our community.

Staff at Newport Infant Nursery

Miss Emily Russell leads the Early Years team at Newport Infant and Nursery School and is the Deputy Headteacher of school. Supporting her in the leadership of Nursery is Mrs Stacie Magnier, the deputy manager, who is an experienced Early Years practitioner. The qualified teacher in the Nursery is Mrs Lizzie Howard

The staff in our Nursery offer a range of expertise and experience; Senior Nursery practitioners who support in leading the groups within our Nursery with the assistance of our Nursery practitioners who are integral to the quality of education we provide. Nursery staff offer high quality interactions with children, they promote language acquisition, and they are good role-models. Each child is allocated a Key Worker.

A Typical Day at Nursery

The children are active from the moment they arrive at our nursery. They have a variety of well-planned and purposeful play activities that develop a range of skills and areas of learning. The children take part in a range of adult-led teaching activities where specific skills are developed and taught, and child-led activities where these skills can be fostered, scaffolded, and explored with the support of adults playing alongside them. We offer learning opportunities indoors and outdoors every day.

The children take part in a Forest School session once a week which is led by a qualified Forest School Lead. This is a fantastic session where children get to develop their independence, risk taking, self-esteem and confidence in a safe outdoors environment. It is a holistic approach in a hands-on natural environment.

Through our routines we develop independence skills, children are encouraged to self-register, hang-up and collect their belongings at the beginning and end of the day, and help with tidying and snack time too. Independence skills are part of the development of children's learning behaviours, at Newport Infant and Nursery School we call this being a good Ready Eddie learner! Ready Eddie is our school's learning mascot.

During the year we do plan trips and other outings to support our curriculum and your child's learning experience.

Our opening times are Monday to Friday, 7:45-5:45pm term time only.

Session Times

We aim to provide flexibility, to enable our parents to work or study and offer both full-time and part-time sessions.

Part Time sessions

Morning Nursery: 8:45-11:45 a.m. (With a flexi-start of 8:45-9:00a.m.)
Afternoon Nursery: 12:30-3:30 p.m

Full Time Session

9am - 3pm (with a flexi arrival of 8:45-9:00am)
The flexi arrivals and collections allow you to bring or collect your child to Nursery between these times.

If your child is absent, you must inform the school office on the day. Although Nursery is non-statutory, under safeguarding requirements we have a duty of care to follow up absences and we will need to know on the day why your child is absent.

Please ensure your child is at Nursery on time and is collected on time. Late collections may incur a charge

We offer both 15 hour and 30 hour funded places. You can also use this funding to access our wrap around care, the High Five Club.

High Five

Breakfast Club: 7:45-8:45am

After School Club: 3:30-5:00pm

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What does your child need for Nursery?

- a water bottle containing **plain water**
- a warm/waterproof/lightweight coat depending on the weather
- a bookbag (preferably a blue Newport Infant bag, but any will do - it makes handing out letters much easier)
- a change of clothes, including pants and socks
- nappies and wipes if needed
- Wellies that are kept at Nursery in a bag for Forest School and messy play activities.

All items of clothing and belongings need to be labelled with your child's name. This not only helps us make sure that lost items go to their rightful owner but helps the children's independence skills too.

Uniform

We have a smart but simple unform which we expect all our children to wear. The school colours are royal blue, white and grey.

Winter Uniform

- Royal blue sweatshirts, fleeces or cardigans (all these garments are available, with our school logo embroidered on the front, please see order form in your packs)
- Grey joggers/leggings/trousers/skirts/pinafore dress
- White polo shirts

Summer Uniform

- Grey shorts/joggers/leggings/trousers
- Blue and white check or candy stripe dresses
- Sun hats

We offer a range of messy play activities as well as outdoor learning. Be prepared for your child to come home messy from time to time. Dirt and Mess in the EYFS is a sign of fun and learning.

Food and Drink

We offer a snack time in the morning and in the afternoon. This is a piece of fruit and a healthy snack item. We offer milk and water to drink.

School dinners are provided by our school kitchen. Please see the price list for information. Alternatively, you can provide a lunchbox

for your child. This needs to be a healthy lunchbox, please see the healthy lunchbox information guide.

Healthy Teeth and Gums

We want your children to have the best possible start in life. Part of this is being healthy, including having healthy teeth and gums. Register your child with a dentist (they are entitled to free NHS dental care) and ensure they have check-ups as soon as their teeth come through. Supervise them with brushing twice a day for two minutes

As part of our healthy teeth and gum policy in our Early Years we only allow water in the children's bottles. Milk is offered at snack time.

Dummies have shown to be detrimental to teeth and speech development when used for a long period of time. For this reason, we do not allow dummies into Nursery once you child becomes an Oak (3 year old). Whilst your child is in Acorns (2-year-olds) we will only use dummies to settle your child or at nap time if they are needed. If you need any help or advise on ways to encourage your child to give up their dummy, please ask. We are happy to help.

Toilet Training

We will help support you and your child on their toilet training journey. Please see the Toilet Training guide in your pack.

Communication

We use the ClassDojo app as part of our communication systems. The app is a fantastic was to communicate to parents and families what we have been learning about in Nursery and any information such as upcoming events.

Safeguarding

We take our responsibility to safeguard children very seriously at Newport Infant School and Nursery. We have three Designated Safeguarding Leads in Nursery who attend regular training and updates provided by the Local Authority to ensure that they are always up to date with best practice and work closely together to provide a joined-up offer. We subscribe to a secure online system called CPOMS which effectively records and stores all our information around safeguarding and concerns raised by staff,

parents, children and governors. We work closely with professionals in the local authority when appropriate.

Medicines

Children attending our Nursery with a medical condition will be fully supported at our setting. We pride ourselves on offering adapted provision to support pupils with medical needs and work closely with the family and health professionals to ensure the best offer for the child. There are trained staff in school who can administer long term medication to children. All staff are trained to administer an asthma inhaler and an Epipen Injector Pen.

Inhalers are managed in Nursery by one of the staff in line with best practice. They are stored centrally in Nursery in labelled boxes with the child's name, photo and class on. All inhaler use is reported to parents and monitored by Nursery. Auto Injector Pens for Anaphylaxis are stored in the child's room where they are readily accessible to the adults working with them. We expect this to be returned of the first day of the new term to ensure the continued safety of all our pupils.

Children who are taking short term medication such as anti-biotics are expected to attend Nursery if they are well enough. Where this medication needs to be administered more than 3 times a day, Nursery can give your child one of their doses if the medicine is prescribed by a doctor.

Policies and Procedures

All other policies and procedures can be found on our school website. This includes our Early Years Policy, Behaviour Policy, and Admissions.