



# Welcome to Coldfall Primary School



Nursery 2025



# Starting School

- We are looking forward to welcoming your child and family to our Nursery class at Coldfall.
- We know that starting nursery is a huge step for your child and we work closely with you to encourage a smooth transition. We will help the children to settle by staggering their start dates and times. You will be informed via letter of your child's starting date and times. Your child's first session will be for 3 hours, in which time they will get to know the different parts of the nursery and will meet the members of staff. If the first session goes well and you are happy with how your child adjusted, they can then stay for their full hours from the following day, including Breakfast and After School club.
- We ask that you bring in a family photo for us to add to our 'Families' display on the Nursery wall.
- Full time sessions run from **9.00am - 3.00pm.**
- Morning only sessions run from **9.00 am -12 pm.**
- Afternoon only sessions run from **12.30pm -3.30pm.**
- Please come to the **Nursery entrances** at the designated times. Children under 16 years old are not allowed to collect Nursery children.
- The extended day for our Nursery runs from 8.00am-6.00pm, with Reception aged children also having access to this provision in the Nursery classroom.
- Breakfast club runs from 8am to 8.55am.
- Foundation After School Club runs from 3.00pm to 3.30pm and from 3.00 to 6pm. You must ring the Nursery buzzer on Everington Road and collect/drop off from the Nursery Canary class entrance.

# A busy day...

- Children and parents are asked to wait outside the Nursery entrances until a member of staff opens the door to welcome them in.
- We believe that children learn through play and they are encouraged to join in with the various activities on offer both inside and outside, incorporating the 7 areas of learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage. We encourage our children to make choices and grow in independence as the year progresses.
- We believe children develop at their own pace and your little one will be encouraged to gain confidence and take risks in a safe environment and in their own time. Children learn best when they are happy, safe and secure and this is our priority for the children at Coldfall. Our passionate and qualified staff will get to know you and your child well over the Nursery year, as they grow and progress across the 7 areas of the Early Years curriculum.
- The children will have access to the outdoor learning environment and will be encouraged to explore and play outside whatever the weather.



- The children will take part in Forest Schools sessions led by our specialist teacher, Ms Green.
- The children will also enjoy weekly P.E sessions with our specialist P.E teachers, Mr Browning and My Hylton.
- Nursery children are encouraged to become independent learners and will be provided with a variety of resources and activities to develop independence, creativity and imagination.
- We encourage children to respect the learning environment and be responsible for keeping it tidy and looked after.
- Each session will start and finish with a whole group carpet time sharing stories and songs.

## EYFS Curriculum

**The children's learning is based around 7 main areas:**

### **The Three Prime Areas:**

- Communication and language development
- Physical development
- Personal, social, and emotional development

### **The Four Specific Areas:**

- Literacy development
- Mathematics
- Understanding the world
- Expressive arts and design



For a detailed breakdown of the EYFS curriculum please read [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/974907/EYFS framework - March 2021.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/974907/EYFS_framework_-_March_2021.pdf)



## Key Person

When your child starts nursery with us, they will be allocated a Key Person. The Key Person is a special, extra adult for your child to connect with during their time in Nursery. They will work with your child and you over the year, to support and meet their individual needs.

## Clothing

- It is important that your child wears clothes that he/she is able to manage easily so that they can use the toilet as independently as possible. Please do not send them in their best clothes as there will be messy activities. Most

importantly, please provide a bag with named spare clothes, wellies and a light raincoat which can be kept on your child's coat peg.

- P.E sessions take place on a Monday afternoon for Duckling class and Thursday morning for Canary class. Please make sure your child is wearing clothing that they can run around and move easily in; this includes suitable footwear.
- We ask that all children have a pair of wellies for their Forest School sessions.



- We record children's learning on our online platform Tapestry.
- Tapestry is an online picture journal, which allows parents to see photos and videos of the learning experiences their child has been having at school. At times, their learning will have a direct link with the Early Learning Goals. At other times, it might just be a picture of your child showing a painting they are proud of or a video of a song they have sung.
- You will receive updates weekly; however, you do not need to respond to them. At the end of the school year, you will have the opportunity to download your child's Tapestry account as a Learning Journal.

# What Can You Do to Help

- **Label EVERYTHING** with your child's name.
- Practise name recognition over the summer.
- Encourage your child to put their coat on and take it off independently.
- Teach your child to use a knife and fork.
- Make sure that your child knows what their coat and snackbox look like.
- Share stories and rhymes with your child every day for at least 10 minutes.
- Encourage your child to come into the classroom independently so that they can learn to do things on their own.
- Teach your child how to wash their hands.
- Support your child to be independent in all areas of toileting.

