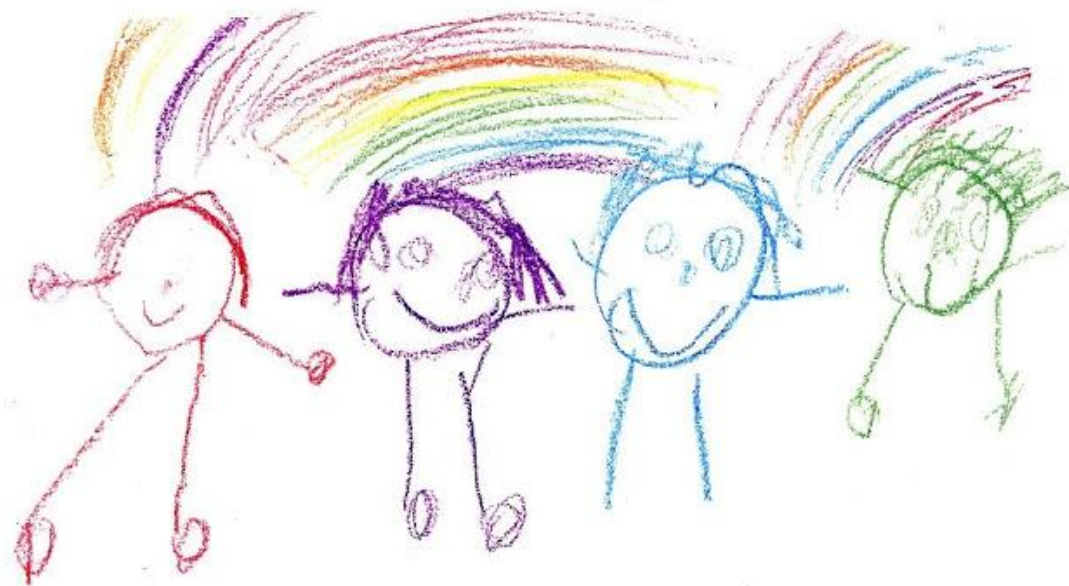




Welcome to Coldfall Primary School



Nursery 2020



Meet the Nursery Team

Starting School

- We will be helping the children settle by staggering their start dates and times. You will be informed via letter of your child's starting date and times. We ask that you bring in a family photo for us to keep as we intend to create a photo board of the children and their families.
- Drop off for full time children will be **9.15** and pick up time will be **3.15**.
- Drop off for morning children will be **9.15 am** and pick up time will be **12.15pm**.
- Drop off for afternoon children will be **12.45** and pick up time will be **3.45**.
- As we are operating under COVID 19 restrictions, we will be staggering the drop off and pick up times for the whole school. You will need to drop your child off at the **Nursery entrance** at the designated times. Please enter the school via **Everington Road vehicle gate**. Please be punctual. Children under 16 years old are not allowed to collect Nursery children.

A busy day...

- Children and Parents are asked to wait outside the Nursery entrance until a member of staff opens the door to welcome your child in.
- They will come straight into the classroom, on their own, a member of staff will help to hang up their coats and wash their hands for 20 seconds. Please watch this NHS handwashing video and teach your child how to wash their hands correctly <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9VjeIWLnEg>
- 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. We encourage them to make choices and grow in their independence.
- We believe children develop at their own pace and will be encouraged to gain confidence and take risks in a safe environment as children learn best when they are happy, safe and secure. The staff are here to guide and teach and will get to know you and your child well during your time in Nursery.

- The children will have access to the outdoor learning environment and will be allowed to explore and learn outside whatever the weather. The children will take part in Forest Schools sessions led by Ms Bunston.
- The children will be taught P.E by our specialist P.E teachers, Mrs Koupland and Mr Browning.
- Child initiated play – children are encouraged to become independent learners and will be provided with a variety of resources and activities to develop independence, creativity and imagination. Some resources such as soft furnishing have been removed from the classrooms.
- We encourage children to respect the learning environment and be responsible for keeping it tidy and looked after.
- Each session will 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://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2015/04/4Children_ParentsGuide_2015_FINALWEBv2.pdf

Key Person

- In line with the Early Years Curriculum, each child will be assigned their own Key Person. At the beginning of October we will let you know who your child's key person will be. This member of staff is your first port of call for information about your child, whether it is to inform them about important details or just to find out how their day has been. Your child's Key Person will be responsible for monitoring their development through observations, record keeping and their Tapestry account.

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 spare clothes which can be kept on your child's coat peg.
- P.E is on a Monday, please make sure your child is wearing clothing that they can run around and move easily in, this includes suitable footwear.
- Please dress your child appropriate for the because they will be going outside whatever the weather. They will need wellies for their Forest School session.



- 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.
- Parents will receive updates instantly; however, you do not need to respond to them. At the end of the school year, parents will have the opportunity to download their child's Tapestry account and have their own picture booklet to keep.

What Can You Do To Help

- Label EVERYTHING with your child's name.
- Practise name recognition over the summer.
- Encourage your child to be able to put their coat on, including zip and take it off independently.
- Teach your child to use a knife and fork.
- Make sure that your child knows what their coat and lunchbox look like.
- Read to 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 for 20 seconds.
- Support your child to be independent in all areas of toileting. Your child must be toilet trained before starting Nursery, children cannot wear nappies.