



St. Herbert's RC Primary School

Nursery Information Booklet



INTRODUCTION



Dear Parents,

Welcome to St. Herbert's RC Primary School. You and your child are starting a new world, which is very exciting, though sometimes a little worrying. In St. Herbert's Nursery we aim to ensure that all children enjoy learning in a warm and friendly environment where they feel safe, valued, happy and confident. Our nursery provides a very good learning and socialising experience for the children. The children learn continuously through structured play and enjoy different topics throughout the year. We know that your child will develop and be well prepared to start in the Reception class after a year with us.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs S. Milligan, Headteacher



General Information

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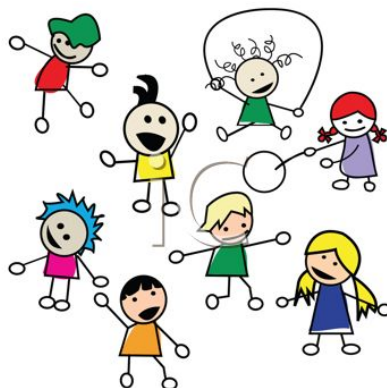
Deputy Headteacher: Mr. J. Russell

Nursery Teacher: Miss. A. Ellor BA (Hons)

Business Manager: Mrs. B. Edwards

Nursery Times

Full Time: 8:50am - 3:00pm
Morning Session 8:50am - 11:50am
Afternoon Session 12:00pm - 3:00pm



Settling In



We have a staggered entry for new nursery children. This means that the children start in small groups and we have more time to welcome and get to know each child.

If your child is distressed, please do not worry. You are welcome to stay for part of the session, although it is advisable to reduce the time you stay over the first few days.

From experience, we have found that children usually settle in very quickly. However, if you are worried please do not hesitate to telephone the school for reassurance that your child is settled and happy.

How Can I Help?



Please ensure that you bring and pick up your child at the correct time as he/she will settle more quickly when there is a familiar routine.

If, for any reason, you are delayed in picking up your child please inform the school.

Please inform the nursery staff if someone else will be collecting your child.

Please ensure that we have the correct contact details in the case of an emergency.

Encourage your child to dress and undress themselves.

Talk to your child about his/her day.

Encourage an interest in books and share reading with your child every day.

Encourage your child's independence in as many ways as possible!

Toilet Training

There is an expectation that your child is toilet trained before coming to the nursery. If there is a problem, please let us know. We understand that accidents happen and so a change of clothes can be left in school, on your child's peg, should they need them.

Dummies

Now that your child is attending an educational Nursery setting - we would like that children cease to use dummies as this has an impact on the formation of their teeth and in turn will affect their speech development and ability to pronounce sounds correctly.

Medication

Regular medications can only be administered by staff with an accompanying health care plan from your doctor. This does not include inhalers. Please discuss any concerns with a member of staff, and they will be happy to help.

Toys from Home

Please do not let your child bring toys or valuables from home, unless requested by the teacher for a specific purpose.

Absences

If your child is absent from school, please telephone to inform us of the reason.

Snack Time



During the day, the children will receive a drink of milk or water and a healthy snack of either fruits or vegetables. Please do not send your child in to nursery with snacks from home and inform nursery staff of any food allergies.

Birthdays



We love to celebrate each child's birthday, but as part of our 'Healthy School' status we ask that you do not send in sweets or confectionary to share with the children. When it is a child's birthday, parents often buy a book for the class to celebrate the occasion. This is very much appreciated. Children may wear their own clothes on their birthday.

Clothing

Many of the activities in the nursery involve messy materials such as glue, paint, clay etc. Aprons are provided but accidents do happen. Please appreciate that your child may get messy.

The nursery uniform is in line with the whole school approach and consists of a brown school jumper, white polo shirt, plain white shirt (with school tie), grey trousers, shorts, skirts or pinafore. Girls may wear a green and white gingham summer dress. All uniform is available from 'Top Form' in Oldham. Black sensible shoes must be worn, no trainers please. Velcro or buckles are easier for children to manage.



Your child will have access to outdoor provision on a daily basis. Please ensure that they have waterproof clothes and wellies in school at all times. In hot, sunny weather, it is essential that your child has a sun hat. Please make sure that sun cream is applied before your child comes in to nursery. We do have 'Boots' own brand suncream in school if further applications are necessary. You will be given a consent form to sign before staff can apply sun cream to your child.

Please label **ALL** of your child's belongings.



In Closing

Your child will be given many new experiences during their Nursery Year. Some of these may be challenging and cause a small amount of upheaval, as your child adjusts to meet the challenges. We want to assure you that this is only natural and that, eventually, given time and a sense of security from yourselves and the nursery staff, you will be amazed to see how much your child develops.