



Welcome to Waterville Nursery

Parents Information
2023





Waterville Nursery



Starting nursery is a really big step for you and your child and for many it's the first time that your child has had any time away from their family. At Waterville we will do all that we can to make this transition as smooth as possible. Our highly skilled and experienced nursery team are here to support your child and will introduce them to lots of new and fun experiences.



This booklet will help you prepare your child for their new adventure!





Meet the Nursery Staff



Mrs Tierney
Teacher



Mrs Milne
Teacher



Miss Green
Teaching Asst.



Mrs Twaddle
Teaching Asst.



Mrs Coates
Teaching Asst.



Miss Harrison



Mrs Parker

Lunchtime Supervisors for 30 hours
children





Session Times

Our morning nursery session runs from 8.15am until 11.25 for those children who attend our free breakfast club or from 8.55am until 11.25am.

Our afternoon nursery session times are

12.45 – 3.15

Our 30 hours provision runs from 8.15 or 8.55 until 3.15pm.





30 Hours Provision

We are now able to offer 30 hours provision at Waterville.

Please enquire at the school office if you are interested and would like to book a place. You can check if you are eligible for a free funded place here: <https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare>. If you are not eligible, you can still pay for individual sessions at £10 per session. Children bring their own packed lunches if staying all day.

Free entitlement to 30 hours starts the term after your child is 3 and you must submit your code before the deadline.

All 30 hours sessions must be booked and paid for by the THURSDAY of the previous week.





How you can help your child to settle

- ❖ Talk positively about nursery and all the things that your child can do there. Please look at the information and photos on seesaw together. It's going to be so exciting!
- ❖ Stress all the good things they can do at nursery, make new friends, play with new toys, get messy... whilst you are doing the housework!
- ❖ Please prepare your child for nursery and saying goodbye, particularly if this is the first time they have been away from you.
- ❖ Please don't linger near the gate in view after drop off as this can upset some children. We will send you photos on seesaw during the session to update you, particularly if your child finds it difficult saying goodbye. Likewise when collecting, please come on time and not before as seeing a parent/carer before home time can also unsettle children.





How you can help your child to settle



❖ Talk about your child's worries/anxieties if they have any, acknowledge them and reassure them that staff will look after them and help them.

❖ PLEASE let us know what your child likes to do and what we can do to help them to settle. Tell us if they are anxious about anything.



❖ It can sometimes help a child to have a plan, talk about what your child may want to do e.g. do a painting for Grandma...(Don't forget to let us know your child's plan.)

❖ Give your child a special toy or family photo if they need one for comfort.





How you can help your child to settle

- ❖ Please be punctual. We will shut the gate promptly at 9.00am, 11.30 and 3.20. It can be very upsetting for your child to arrive late or be collected late.
- ❖ Look at seesaw regularly and talk to your child about what they have done and what they have enjoyed.
- ❖ Post your own photos on seesaw so that we can see them at school and show them to their friends.
- ❖ Talk to us – if you have any questions, worries or concerns, please let us know.





First Days at Waterville Nursery

 group	 choose	 wash hands	 tidy
 outside	 milk	 fruit	 songs
 story	 home	 PE	 Library

A routine is important for young children so we will introduce our daily routine symbols to help the children understand what is happening and what will happen next.





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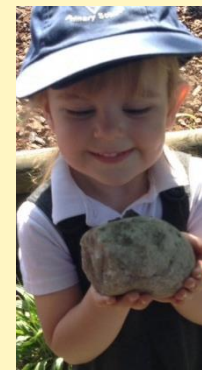
- ❖ The first few weeks will be spent settling your child into Nursery. We all need time to get to know each other and to learn the rules and routines.
- ❖ Staff will feed back to you how they have been and what they have been doing.
- ❖ You will receive photos and videos of your child on Seesaw.
- ❖ Everyday the children will play outside and inside.
- ❖ Your child will have their own symbol for their coat peg, water bottle and to put on any drawings, models or paintings they do.





What do I need to bring to Nursery?

- ❖ Please leave all toys at home and children are only allowed to bring a comfort toy if they need one to help them to settle.
- ❖ Bring your Waterville Book Bag to school on a Monday and we will return it to you with pictures, letters, books etc. on a Friday.
- ❖ Please dress according to the weather. We will be playing out each day whatever the weather!
- ❖ A bag of spare clothes to leave at school all week.
- ❖ Please leave plenty of spares if your child is prone to accidents, including footwear as these can get wet!





School Uniform

- ❖ Uniform is optional in Nursery.
- ❖ You can buy your own from a supermarket or order online from Emblematic.



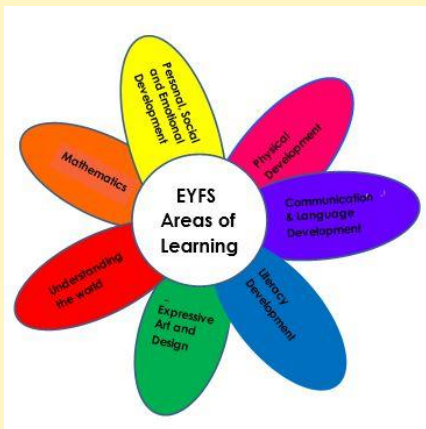
<https://studentuniform.co.uk/watps143>

- ❖ PLEASE NAME ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING INCLUDING COATS AND SHOES!
- ❖ As we deliver a creative curriculum, please ensure children are not in their best clothes for Nursery. Children do wear aprons for all messy play however, children are children and they will get dirty.





Planning for your child's needs



- ❖ The 7 areas of learning are used to plan your child's learning and activities.
- ❖ Our Early Years Practitioners will ensure that the activities are suited to your child's unique needs.
- ❖ This is similar to the curriculum in school but is suitable for young children.
- ❖ It is designed to be really flexible so that staff can follow your child's unique needs and interests.

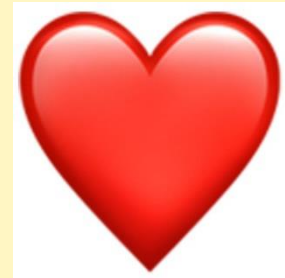




The Importance of Reading



At Waterville Nursery we want to encourage children to gain a love of reading.



Listening to stories and reading helps with children's ability to understand words, use their imaginations, develop their speech as well as being something that they enjoy.

The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.
- Dr Seuss





The Importance of Nursery Rhymes

Nursery Rhymes are like rocket fuel for a child's development.

- language and communication
- creative expression
- physical development
- numeracy skills
- confidence & independence
- knowledge & understanding

WORLD
Nursery Rhyme Week

NURSERY RHYMES

Old MacDonald had a farm
Old MacDonald had a farm 2
Humpty Dumpty
Hey Diddle Diddle
Pussycat Pussycat
Mary Mary Quite Contrary
Grand Old Duke of York
Little Boy Blue

Nursery Rhymes

Nursery Rhymes:
Reading nursery rhymes **daily** helps the student's brain segment words into syllables and hear similarities between words that rhyme or start with the same sound.

TEA Pre-K Guidelines:
B.6 Child can produce a word that rhymes with a given word.

Experts in literacy and child development have discovered that if children know eight nursery rhymes by heart by the time they're four years old, they're usually among the best readers by the time they're eight. - Mem Fox, Reading Magic.





- ❖ Seesaw is an online learning journey and communication system between nursery and home.
- ❖ Observations of children (videos and photos) will be shared with parents online via seesaw.
- ❖ Ideas on how to develop learning will be shared here.
- ❖ Photos shared from home help children to talk with confidence so please post your photos too!
- ❖ Please do not use it to pass on messages or report absences.



I'm going to marry Batman!





Finally.....

We understand that you may have many questions or anxieties about your child starting nursery. The team at Waterville are here to support you. If you need to speak to someone about any concerns you may have please email Mrs Tierney on

elizabeth.tierney@watervilleprimary.org.uk

Or post a comment on seesaw.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

