

Nursery

Key information for new parents

Early Years Foundation Stage

In the EYFS children learn through playing and exploring. Through play your child will be learning skills, acquiring new knowledge and demonstrating their understanding.

There are seven areas of learning:

Children should mostly develop the **three prime areas** first: These prime areas are the most essential for your child's healthy development and future learning.

As your child grows, the prime areas will help them to develop skills in **four specific areas**.

These seven areas are used to plan your child's teaching and learning. The professionals teaching and supporting your child will make sure that activities are suited to your child's needs. Learning is flexible and we are able to follow your child's interests inside and outside making it fun and engaging.

In the EYFS we are laying the foundations for learning and in Reception this means getting the children ready for Year One.

The 7 areas of learning are:

Prime areas of learning particularly important in the first 3 years

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Physical Development

Communication and Language

Specific areas of learning

Literacy

Mathematics

Understanding the World

Expressive Arts and Design

Home Visit

In September your child's teacher will come to visit you at home.

This will help us all to get to know each other and help your child settle in a school.

They will take place in September.



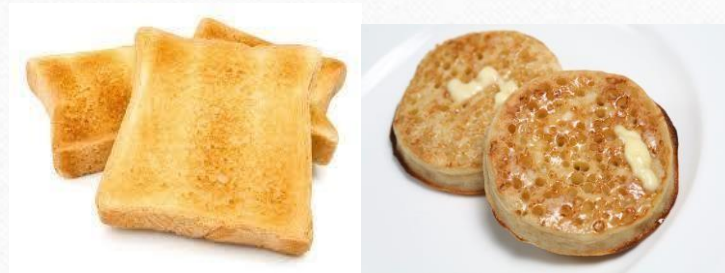
Settling In

Every child starting Nursery will have 2 weeks of part time hours. This is so that we can provide the best start for each child and ensure they all settle well into Nursery.

This will also help us all to get to know each other and help your child develop good relationships with their new teachers. We will be in touch to give you more information about these exact dates and times soon.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is available from 8:00 until 8:30am for £1 per day



After School Club

After school club is run by a team of school staff and runs from 3.15pm - 5.30pm Monday to Friday for £6.50 per day, £5.00 a day for siblings.

River View Outdoor Policy

All the children in River View Early Years Foundation Stage will be given the opportunity to play outside throughout most of the day, whatever the weather.

It is really important that you dress your child for school appropriately: warm clothes and waterproof coat when it is cold and wet; sun hat and sun cream when it is sunny.

Children will get wet, muddy and messy when they play outside. Think of them as little explorers making sense of the world around them. We will provide protective clothing for them to wear if it is needed, such as an all in one waterproof but please can you provide them with wellington boots to keep on their pegs so that they are always there when they need them.

We teach the children how to minimise how messy they get and they do get better at this as they get older, but it is part of their learning and development and they will naturally get messy when they play outside, especially in our fantastic mud kitchen (please see reverse for mud kitchen benefits). Generally the messier they are the more fun they have had and the more quality learning they have experienced!

Staff in our EYFS unit at River View do understand a parents desire to keep their child happy and healthy (we want this too!) but please understand that getting wet does not cause us to catch a cold. If the cold virus is around we will pick it up regardless of whether we are wet or dry, children and staff! Please don't hinder your child's learning and development. Join the team at River View EYFS in supporting your child to have enjoyable and valuable Outdoor Learning experiences. The children will definitely thank you for it!



Mud Kitchen

A mud kitchen is first and foremost fun to use but also covers a number of different areas of our EYFS curriculum, here are a few examples;

Communication and Language

- Talking, listening, describing and discussing what they are doing.
- Answering open questions about how they are making mud pies and what they are doing.
- Communicating with other children through role play games.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Developing self confidence by creating their own games and ideas for play.
- Developing relationships with other children through playing games and role play.

Physical Development

- Filling up, carrying and using watering cans and kitchen utensils.
- Health and self-care – discussing the importance of washing hands after playing outdoors



Maths

- Measuring water and other materials for mud pies.
- Identifying the sizes of different mud pies- big, medium, small, little, large.

Understanding the World

- Exploring the properties, colours and textures of mud and discovering how the ingredients affect properties e.g. water makes soil runny etc
- Experiencing and discussing nature.

Art and design

- Mud paintings and outdoor art.

Literacy

- Writing recipes for mud pies and writing on menus for a mud kitchen cafe.
- Letter writing in mud or sand with sticks.



What we need you to do.

Reading- Please read with your child and talk with them about the story book. We have a lending library which you can borrow books from. Later on in the year when your child is ready we will give them a reading book to read to you.



9:00 start. We want to help your child learn as much as possible. We need them to be at school to do this. We really do start learning and having fun at 9 o'clock.

PE- No kit is required because the children wear their uniforms. Please ensure they are wearing school shoes and uniform on **Thursdays**. Its difficult to do PE in wellies!



Lunch- Please register for free school meals if you qualify. Children may bring a healthy pack lunch if you wish but school dinners are currently free to all children in Reception.



Google Classroom- We will give you some log in details for this online tool and will use it to share photographs and videos of your child's learning. We would like you to to share pictures of your child's learning at home.



Name everything- We have 120 school jumpers and cardigans in EYFS. At some point your child will misplace theirs. If you write their name in it we have a good chance of finding it. If not it's almost impossible!



River View Nursery Essentials Tick List:

Water proof coat

Wellies

Woolly hat/sun hat

Scarf

Sun Cream

Seasonal Items: bring in when needed

Back pack with full set of spare clothes

-underwear

-socks/tights

-T-shirt

-Trousers/shorts/skirt

Book bag

Name ALL items to prevent them going missing

With permanent marker or a name label



What we need you to bring

What to concentrate on over the summer

Communication and Language- Can your child tell you if they see something exciting or how they hurt themselves? Do they use sentences to explain themselves?

Reading- Do you read a book with your child everyday? Do they have favourite book they like to 'read' back to you?

Rhymes- Does your child enjoy singing nursery rhymes? Do they know any number or counting rhymes?

Independence- Can they go to the toilet without any help?
Can they clean themselves afterwards?
Can they put their own coat? Take off their jumper/cardigan?
Can they wipe their own nose?
Are they still using a baby bottle or a dummy?

Look at the 'how can you help me with my learning' document if the answer was 'No' to any of these questions.



If you have any questions or concerns
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We look forward to you and your
child joining our school!

Have a lovely summer and see you in
September!