



Fairway School Nursery Class Information

When can my child start Nursery?

Your child is eligible for a free place in the Nursery Class the school term after their 3rd Birthday.

Nursery Funded Education is 15 hours a week access to the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum, which is designed for children from birth to 5 years old. Your child can either have morning sessions, over 5 days (8.30am to 11:30am), or afternoon sessions, over 5 days (12:15pm to 3.15pm). These 15 hours are **free** but if you require additional hours this can be arranged with our Children's Centre. Our Childcare hours are between 8am and 6pm, 48 weeks a year. If you do want additional Childcare hours please enquire at our front desk or call our Children's Centre on 020 8359 3730.

What can I expect from the Nursery Class?

When your child comes to Nursery Class you can expect:

- Friendly, approachable, qualified and experienced staff, including a full-time teacher.
- A key worker for your child.
- A safe and stimulating place for your child to learn.
- A play based curriculum, as required by EYFS.
- Continuous access to both indoor and outdoor learning environments – whatever the weather.
- Termly meetings to discuss your child's progress and see their profile books with the Nursery team.
- Opportunities to come to Nursery for 'Stay and Play' sessions and 'Family Time'.
- A wide range of stimulating and engaging learning experiences, which are based on observations of your child.

What's on offer in the Nursery Class?

Focused activities
The staff plan activities to promote children's development. These may be for individuals, small groups or whole class and are inspired by the children's interests and needs.
Free flow access
Children have the choice to play either inside or outside during the session.
Circle time
Every day the children come together as a group for circle time where they sing songs, listen to and join in with stories and share their thoughts and experiences.
Snack bar
Healthy fruit snacks, water and milk are available throughout the session for children to help themselves.
Planning
Weekly planning is on display in the classroom based on the areas of learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage. These activities are based on children's interests from both home and school. Once a term your child will be a 'target child' for a week and observed closely by staff. You will be asked to complete a home/school diary logging what your child enjoys doing at home which will then feed into our planning.
Profiles
Each child has a profile book containing photos, observations and samples of your child's work. Children have regular access to them and have to say about what to put in them, they are very much their personal books. They build up a picture of how they are developing and their interests and needs and help us assess their development and learning. We welcome your contributions to their profiles, as we believe close relationships with parent/carers are essential. You are welcome to come in and share the book with them. You will be given the profile books to keep at a future date depending on which Primary School they attend.

What can I do?

- Send your child to Nursery every day as poor attendance does affect progress.
- Provide a spare set of clothes, including underwear in a named bag to be left in Nursery in case your child needs to be changed.
- Send your child to Nursery dressed appropriately for the weather and to enable them to play without worrying about getting mucky – tracksuits really are the best clothing for Nursery!
- Suitable shoes for children to get on and off easily.
- Give us any information on your child's individual needs including any dietary requirements, allergies or other medical information.
- We are currently working towards a no nappy policy in Nursery – unless your child has medical reasons or SEN.
- Allow time to meet with your child's key worker to discuss their development.



Daily Routine

Morning Children		Afternoon Children	
8:30	Registration	12.15	Registration
8.35	Phonics session	12:20	Phonics session
8.50	Focused activities and free flow access to indoor and outdoor provision	12.35	Focused activities and free flow access to indoor and outdoor provision
	Fruit is served (milk and water are available throughout the session)		Fruit is served (milk and water are available throughout the session)
11:05	Tidy up time	2.50	Tidy up time
11:15	Circle time	3:00	Circle time
11:30	Home time	3:15	Home time