**Nursery information**

Below is some information about the unit, routines and what your child will need when they join Nursery. Hopefully, this, along with the handbook will give you all the information you need.

**General/Routines/Things you will need to bring**

* + In the morning, parents line up and drop their child off at the nursery side door at 9:00am. A member of staff will be present by the big black gates to direct you.
  + If your child is upset about leaving you, it may be best to wait until the end of the line, so adults have a little more time to support them with coming in and it is a bit calmer for them in the cloakroom. If they are upset when you leave, we will give you a ring to let you know when they have settled so you don’t have to go through your day worrying.
  + It is useful if children can have their book bags, water bottles etc in their hands ready when they are lining up to come in as if each parent needs to pass over their belongings, this can hold up the line. It is also a good way of promoting independence, as they will be expected to put their coat on their peg and their water bottle and book bags away in the right places. We will, of course, support them with this as needed.
* Please send your child in with a named bag with spare clothes (also named) in to use in-case of accidents. These do not need to be uniform. This will be left in school and if any clothes are used, we will send the bag home with your child so you can replace the clothes.
* Nursery children do not need a PE kit or trainers.
* Please bring a pair of wellies that can be left at school (named). We will put these on our welly rack so children can access these independently.
* Uniform – Please label EVERYTHING! Including shoes, hats, scarves, gloves etc. Velcro shoes please or shoes that allow independence (no laces please). If your child walks to school in wellies, please make sure they have some shoes to change into.
* In warm weather, please apply sun cream before school.
* No toys/teddies to come into school please so these do not get lost or broken, but if you have a book that fits with the topic, we would love to see it.

* Nursery children bring a packed lunch if staying all day. Please make sure all grapes are cut length ways to prevent being a choking hazard. Please make sure all cutlery is provided in lunch boxes as needed. We are a nut free school due to allergies.
* Snack – Range of fruit/veg offered including satsumas, pears, apples, carrots, raisins, bananas. Milk supplied free for under 5’s.
  + If your child is unable to have dairy, you are very welcome to bring in an alternative.
  + Please make sure any allergies/medical needs/dietary requirements are put on the data sheets from office.
  + Please send a filled water bottle (named) with them each day, with water - no squash please. They will have access to this throughout the day.
* If your child has had an accident and received medical attention, you will receive a carbon copy of an accident form in your child’s book bag so please make sure you have a look in book bags each day. If they have a major head bump/accident, we will give you a ring to let you know.
* At home-time, parents line up at the nursery side door at 3.00pm
  + FSU adults call children from the classroom as we see you to prevent any chance of them leaving without an adult.
  + We may ask for photos to identify grandparents etc. that are picking up.
  + If someone else needs to pick up your child, please let us know in advance or we won’t be able to release your child to them.
  + If you would like to speak to a member of staff at the end of the day, please wait to the side until all children have been safely released.

**Communication**

* **Tapestry** – Online journal with pictures and videos of what your child has been doing at school. Look for an email from ‘tapestry’ (sometimes goes to junk folder) to access. Please upload pictures/videos/evidence from home as we love to see what your children have been doing or learning. An app on mobile phones is also available. Most class updates/topic info/news will be on here so please check regularly. Don’t use for urgent messages as these may not be seen immediately.
* Texting service ‘Teachers2Parents’ used for reminders (e.g. school closing early at end of term)

**Tick list of things your child needs to bring on their first day**

Book bag (every day)

Named drinking bottle filled with water (every day)

Packed lunch (if staying all day)

Bag with spare clothes in case of accidents (will stay in school unless need replenishing)

Named wellies (will stay in school)

Sun hat/Coat etc (weather dependent)**.**

**Before they start**

* Before starting Nursery, it would be great if you could encourage your child to be as independent as possible as appropriate for their age, for example, putting their shoes and coat on and going to the toilet and washing their hands independently. Please let us know in advance if your child is still in nappies and send a bag to stay at school with a good supply of pull ups (rather than nappies, to allow for joining in with toilet routines), wipes and bags.
* Over the holidays, you can talk to your child about what happens at Nursery and look through the photos on the handbook together. Why not try learning some of the staff names before they start so they can feel confident to ask someone for help if they need it.

We look forward to getting to know you and your child soon and hope they enjoy their time in Nursery.

**Thanks**

**Beth Healy (Nursery class teacher)**