

## FEATHERSTONE ACADEMY - NURSERY

<p><u>Fruit &amp; Milk</u></p> <p>Each day, we share milk, fruit and snacks together. We ask for a weekly £1 donation towards this.</p> <p>This is an important part of Nursery, as it gives children the opportunity to learn good manners and engage in social interactions with their friends.</p>	<p><u>Come rain or shine!</u></p> <p>Children are naturally drawn to playing outside and there are numerous benefits of outdoor exploratory play, which have a real positive impact on children's lives. There are endless opportunities for creativity and imagination not to mention improved fitness, developed muscle strength and coordination.</p> <p>We do not let the weather stop us! Please send your child with a suitable coat everyday so they can spend time outdoors. In addition, we ask you leave a pair of wellies at Nursery.</p>	<p><u>Our Learning</u></p> <p>Your child should learn through structured play and some more formal short learning sessions. Children have many opportunities to work and explore independently as well as working in groups with their teachers and with peers. Your child will have chance to learn both indoors and outdoors each day.</p>
<p><u>Supporting my child when in Nursery</u></p> <p>There are lots of ways you can support your child's learning and development. There are lots of ideas on the <u>nursery page</u> of our website. Reading to and <b>sharing books</b> with your child, and giving them time to respond, feeds their brain, helps them learn new words and grows their vocabulary. Talking and listening to young <b>children</b> develops their social and literacy skills and reading aloud is a good way of encouraging two-way communication.</p>		<p><u>Helping my child to be 'nursery ready'</u></p> <p>Talk to your child about starting nursery or school. What do they think it will be like? What are they looking forward to? Is there anything they're worried about?</p> <p>Find photos of you and other family members at school, and chat about happy times you spent at school.</p> <p>Practise the school morning routine, including getting dressed and eating breakfast in time to leave.</p>
<p><u>Who will be working with my child?</u></p> <p>We have members of staff working in the nursery. They work closely together and your child will get to know all the children and staff.</p>	<p><u>Home school partnership</u></p> <p>Staff will talk regularly to you during your child's time at nursery. We will share the brilliant things they do and talk to you if your child needs extra support.</p> <p>Parents' Evenings will be held throughout the year and you will receive an end of year report updating you on their achievements.</p>	<p>If children have had the chance to do some learning and practical skills at home this helps when they go to nursery or school and they are less likely to find the experience stressful.</p> <p>Playing games, doing role-play or dress up, and reading at home can help a lot to get them ready for school and build their confidence and skills.</p>

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<p><u>Uniform</u></p> <p>Nursery children wear a royal blue sweatshirt/jumper or cardigan with a yellow polo shirt. Children can wear grey trousers, skirts or a dress. Black school shoes are required. Please provide a spare change of socks and underwear in your child's PE bag in case of an accident.</p> <p><b>PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS ARE CLEARLY NAMED!!</b></p>	<p><u>Daily Essentials</u></p> <p>Your child will need to bring a water bottle (clearly labelled with their name). If your child wears glasses, these would also need to come in to school each day with a case.</p> <p>Please leave toys and comfort items at home, as they can be lost or damaged.</p>	<p><u>Session Times</u></p> <p><b>Morning Nursery</b> Pupils arrive 8:45am Pupils must be collected at 11:45am</p> <p><b>Afternoon Nursery</b> Pupils must arrive at 11:45am Pupils must be collected at 2:45pm If you are entitled to 30 hours funded provision these hours are 8:45am to 2:45am everyday</p>
<p><u>What to do if you are running late or your child is poorly</u></p> <p>If you arrive at school after 8:55am and the school gates are locked, please go to the school office to sign your child in.</p> <p>If your child is too unwell to attend nursery, please call the school office on 01902 734167 before 9:30am if possible.</p> <p>If we do not hear from you, someone from the school office will make contact with you.</p>		<p><u>Helping my child to be 'nursery ready'</u></p> <p><u>PE</u></p> <p>Please send your child into nursery with a PE kit. This consists of royal blue shorts, white t-shirt and plimsolls (which your child is able to put on and take off themselves).</p>
<p><u>If you need to talk to an adult in school</u></p> <p>Staff are more than happy to help. Please speak to the member of staff on the gate each morning or at the end of the session. If it is a general query, the school office may well be able to answer your question. You can also email <a href="mailto:information@featherstone.uwm.ac.uk">information@featherstone.uwm.ac.uk</a>.</p>	<p><u>Afternoon Nursery &amp; 30 hour Lunch Provision</u></p> <p>If your child is attending afternoon sessions or at nursery all day, they can bring a packed lunch from home in a named lunchbox or pay for a school dinner. The menu is available on the website. Payments must be made through the school payment system (My Child at School or MCAS), details of which will be given.</p>	<p><u>Medication and Allergies</u></p> <p>If your child requires medication or has a medical need, please inform staff using the forms provided. All children with asthma will need names inhalers and a spacer in school. A care plan will be created with you by a member of staff.</p>