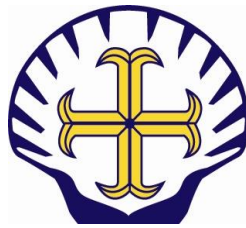


Emmaus C.E. & Catholic Primary School



"Travelling together with Jesus"



Nursery Parents/Carers Information Leaflet 2023

Welcome

Welcome to Emmaus Nursery. We look forward to working with you and your child during the coming year and hope you will find the information in our booklet useful.

We have an open door policy, so if you have any problems or worries about your child, however small, please do not hesitate to speak to us.



Early Years Foundation Stage- Learning Through Play



Early childhood is a crucial stage of life in terms of children's physical, intellectual, emotional and social development. A significantly high proportion of learning takes place from birth to age six. It is a time when children particularly need high quality care and learning experiences.

Play is an essential part of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum through which vital skills can be acquired. Structured play enables children to take an active role in their own learning and develop their understanding of the world around them.

The Early Years Foundation Stage begins in the Nursery and continues until the end of Reception year, from where they transfer to Key Stage 1. The EYFS curriculum is based on the following seven areas of learning; the three prime areas of Personal, Social & Emotional Development; Communication & Language and Physical Development together with the four specific areas of learning: Literacy; Mathematics; Understanding of the World and Expressive Arts and Design.

During the year, as part of the learning and teaching process, staff assess each child's development in relation to the age related expectations and early learning goals in each of the specific and prime areas of learning.

Assessments are made through observations of the children engaged in child-initiated and adult-directed tasks, as well as a shared dialogue between teachers and parents/carers.

By the end of the Nursery year, each child will leave with their strengths celebrated and their learning needs clearly identified.



1. Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Children develop confidence and independence. They learn to work, play and socialise with each other and gain respect for others, their cultures, values and beliefs.



2. Communication & Language



Children develop speaking and listening skills. They extend their vocabulary and their expressive language, becoming confident conversing in a variety of contexts.

3. Physical Development

Children develop their fine and gross motor skills, increase their understanding of how their bodies work, what they need to be healthy and safe and learn to work co-operatively as a member of a team.



4. Literacy



Children use mark making and emergent writing for a variety of purposes and in many ways in the Nursery indoor and outdoor environments. They begin to discriminate between letter sounds in spoken words and link some sounds with symbols.

Children are encouraged to use books appropriately and to develop simple writing skills. Phonic sounds are introduced through a variety of play-based methods, as individual children become ready.



5. Mathematics



Children develop their understanding of number, measurement, pattern, shape and space through exploration in a broad range of contexts. Children experience opportunities to enjoy, learn, practise, discuss and solve practical problems.

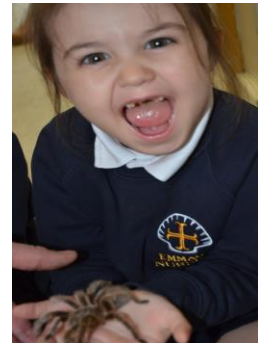


6. Understanding of the World

Children experience opportunities to make decision, experiment, predict, plan, question and observe in a varied range of contexts.



They learn about their environment and the natural world, as well as developing practical skills both indoors and outdoors.



7. Expressive Arts & Design

Children explore a wide range of materials and techniques. They learn to share their thoughts, ideas and feelings through art, design, technology, music, dance and imaginative and role-play situations.





Parent/Carer Partnership

Parents/Carers have a unique knowledge of their child's development, which is central to the learning process. An essential part of parental involvement is an ongoing dialogue between home and school. This helps to provide your child with security and confidence. Together we can achieve this in the following ways:-

- Talking about and recording information about your child's progress and achievement
- Carrying out activities at home to reinforce learning at school
- Letting each other know of any changes, events, worries or concerns which may affect your child's learning experience.

Parental/Carer involvement is welcomed in the Nursery - as well as providing valuable help during the session, it enables parents, grandparents and friends to work alongside the children and to experience the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum. In turn, this helps to support your child's learning at home.

If your child has done something special at the weekend or in the holidays, photos, drawings, tickets, maps etc can be put in their "Special Book". Photos can also be e-mailed to share with the class on the cleverboard. The Nursery e-mail address is nursery@emmaus.liverpool.sch.uk

If you would like to volunteer in the Nursery as a helper, please contact the School Business Manager for a Volunteer Application form. All volunteers are DBS police checked.

Photos and updates of Nursery activities are regularly uploaded to the Nursery webpage. Go to the Emmaus CE & RC Primary School website, click on 'Children', 'Class Pages', then click 'Nursery'. Links are also added to the EYFS Twitter account and updates put on Instagram. You can follow us on Twitter @EmmausEYFS or Instagram @emmaus_eyfs

Organisation

The Nursery is divided into two, three hour sessions. Each session is supervised by the Nursery Teacher and Nursery Nurse.

The Nursery opening times are as follows:

Morning session 8.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.

Afternoon session 12.30 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.

Staff

Nursery Teacher
Mrs. Caulfield

Nursery Nurse
Mrs. Armstrong

Drop off and Collection of Children

Morning Nursery

Drop off - Both gates will be open.

Collection - Please use the junior gate opposite the school office. This is an electronic gate and will open at 11.20am and close at 11.35am (please wait for the gate to open, do not buzz for entrance before this as the gates open automatically). Please ensure that your child is picked up by 11.30 a.m.

Afternoon Nursery

Drop off - Please use the junior gate opposite the school office. This is an electronic gate and will open at 12.25pm and close at 12.40pm (please wait for the gate to open, do not buzz for entrance before this as the gates open automatically).

Collection - Both gates will be open.

Please be patient as your child learns the routine of checking their drawer for pictures to take home and collecting their own coat, milk and fruit. Umbrellas and bags will be left outside the Nursery door.

Please inform staff if someone different will be collecting your child other than the authorised adults and ensure that they know your child's password. Once your child has been collected, you and your child will not be allowed to re-enter the Nursery for safety reasons.

Toilets

If your child wishes to use the toilet on arrival to Nursery, please inform a member of staff as parents without a DBS check are not allowed in the toilet area. Thank you for your consideration.

Toys

The staff are happy for your child to show their special treasures before entering the Nursery, but please take them home with you as toys can easily be lost or broken. The exception is on your child's birthday when they can bring one special toy to show.

Occasionally the children will be asked to bring an item from home for display purposes. If so, please label clearly.

Snack Time

'Snack time' is an important part of the Nursery routine, encouraging the children to develop independence, hygiene awareness and social skills. A variety of healthy snacks are available including snacks prepared by the children themselves or related to specific multi-cultural festivals.



Our school has received a 'Healthy Schools Award', which allows each child to have a piece of fruit every day and free milk and water is provided daily. Children are encouraged to drink milk or water; juice is only provided at parties.

A contribution of £2.00 per week is required to cover the cost - this is paid half-termly. We request parents to sign up to the School Gateway App which enables payments to be made online. If for any reason payment cannot be made this way, you must make your payment, in person, at the school office. An instruction sheet on how to get set up on the system is enclosed.

Snack money also contributes towards the cost of play dough ingredients, Christmas, Easter and Summer parties, towards costs of trips and visitors to the Nursery e.g. for Chinese New Year, visiting artists, puppets and children's party entertainers.

Please notify us if your child has any food allergies/intolerances or special dietary requirements.

P.E. & Dance



P.E. and dance take place in the hall during the spring term once the children have settled into the Nursery routine. The children do not require a P.E. kit for this, but they do remove their shoes and socks.

It would be very helpful if your child arrives in velcro fastening trainers or shoes which he/she can remove and put on with minimal help. Please encourage your child to put on their own shoes and socks each day at home in order to encourage independence and co-ordination skills.

Books to Share

On a Friday the children choose a short book to take home from Nursery. Please read the stories together with your child, talking about the title, pictures and their favourite part. This will help your child to develop his/her concentration and

observational skills, use of language and encourage a 'love of books'. Nursery library books are returned on a **Monday**.

Learning Journeys

During the year your child will have a folder in which photos, pictures, art, 'writing' etc. will be collated to make up your child's unique 'learning journey'.

You and your child can also share any special achievements, certificates, events, trips and experiences with us by bringing them in to be added to their learning journey folder.

Getting Ready for Nursery

Starting Nursery is a big step for many children and it is important to encourage them to develop independence. It would be helpful if your child could begin to:-

- dress and undress independently
- use the toilet
- begin to use pencils, scissors and crayons appropriately
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Educational Visits/Visitors

Educational visits take place termly. The children will have opportunities to extend their understanding of a topic by visiting relevant places of interest. Parents are informed of the dates of the trips during the Autumn and Spring terms. We welcome parents, carers and grandparents coming along to enjoy these educational and social days out. The Nursery staff are able to supervise a limited number of children so please speak to a member of staff if you are unable to accompany your child on a trip. We also ask for any payments and permissions for education trips be made on the School Gateway app or, as a last resort, in person at the school office.



We are very lucky to have close links with both Our Lady Queen of Martyrs and St Cuthbert's parishes, local community groups and the emergency services. Throughout the year, we invite these visitors to come into school to talk about their important roles in our community.



Behaviour

Good behaviour is encouraged through the use of praise, rewards and positive reinforcement. Cooperation, team work and thoughtful acts of kindness are always encouraged and praised.

School Uniform

Navy blue sweatshirt with Emmaus logo

Navy blue jogging bottoms (logo optional)

White polo shirt (logo optional)

Wellingtons

Waterproof All Weather Suit

) The wellingtons and all weather suit need to

) remain in Nursery, please do not request to take them home during the holidays or of a weekend.

Velcro fastening footwear is advisable for Nursery; please do not send your child with lace up footwear.



Suppliers: Brienda, Muirhead Avenue or online at Alphaschoolwear.com

In the Summer term, any navy blue shorts can be worn instead of navy jogging bottoms.

Please ensure all items of your child's uniform, coats, hats, gloves and scarves are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Induction Procedures

The children start Nursery during the months of September and October. Initially, they will attend for a reduced session in order to ease the transition from home to school. The youngest children will begin Nursery first.

Prior to your child entering Nursery, you and your child will be invited to play and meet the Nursery team. This will provide you and your child with the opportunity to look round the Nursery and ask any questions. During the open evening, a time will be arranged for a home visit in September and you will be given your child's Nursery starting date.

Home Visits

Home visits take place in September before any children start attending Nursery. Home visits provide the children with a valuable opportunity to meet the Nursery staff in their own environment. It is also a time where you, as a parent, can discuss any concerns or provide any relevant dietary, medical or personal information.

During the home visit, activities and books will be available for your child and the staff will encourage him/her to participate. To ensure that your child is not distracted during the home visit, please make sure that the television is off or turned to a very low volume. Thank you!

Parent/Carer Meetings

During the spring term, there will be an opportunity to discuss your child's progress. In July, full written reports are sent to parents prior to moving onto Reception. The reports describe your child's progress within the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum. Your child's report may then be discussed informally if you feel the need.

And finally...

We understand that starting Nursery is an exciting and sometimes overwhelming time for your child (and you!). We will endeavour to keep you updated of news and events via weekly school newsletters, school website (www.emmausschool.co.uk) and the School App which is free to download at the App Store on your mobile or personal device, simply download 'The School App' and login to Emmaus School.



Please feel free to speak to us about any worries or questions you may have. As well as chatting to us during the home visits and attending the parent meetings during the Spring term, please do not hesitate to contact us in person or by telephone at school (0151 233 1414) whenever you feel it is necessary. The Nursery team are always available at the beginning and end of each session and are happy to discuss any issues or concerns at any time.