

Welcome to Brackensdale ER Primary School Nursery



Welcome to our Nursery. You are just about to start on an amazing journey with your child. Starting school is a major event and before your child even begins school you have made the decision to enrol them in a nursery. Thank you for choosing OUR nursery, I hope that your child will be a happy member of our community.

How is the Nursery organised?

Our sessions run in the morning and then again in the afternoon. We have a few places for children which are spread over two and a half days. However, these places are limited. Most of our parents choose a morning or an afternoon place. I always try to accommodate requests but sometimes this is impossible. However, there may be a chance to change once the term is up and running.

The sessions run from 8.45am until 11.45am and then again from 12.15pm until 3.15pm. Both sessions offer the same activities and provision. Rest assured if your child does a full day with us their learning programme will be slightly different.



We offer a wide range of activities such as mark making, role play, imaginative play, number work, painting and creative activities. We have our own outdoor area so the children are able to go outside throughout their session with us.

Alongside that we arrange visits and visitors so that the children can really broaden their experiences.

In the nursery we have 3 Teaching Assistants. All of us have lots of experience working with children in Early Years. Although my role is Nursery Teacher, all of the staff here are happy to advise, help or assist you and your child however we can.

What happens in Nursery?

A typical session starts with welcoming in the children and mums, dads, grandparents or whoever has brought your child to Nursery. A member of staff will always be on door duty as the children come in. We know that being greeted by a smiling adult is really important and can help a child feel secure as they begin their session with us. Coats are hung up and any messages can be passed on then we begin with our self-registration activity. As your child comes into Nursery they will find their name card which will need to go into the basket. To help, each child has their photo on the back of the card. Once this is done there's plenty to explore!

You will notice that the Nursery is divided up into different areas. This is to make sure that our curriculum is balanced and your child is able to experience everything from number games to dressing up. We call these areas Learning Zones and if you want to find out what's happening in the Learning Zone simply look at the information provided in that area.

Once the children are in and settled we are able to activity engage and begin our teaching. We aim to use the children's interests so if they like playing with dinosaurs we will use those to count with. If they enjoy time in the sand we can develop fine motor skills during this kind of play.

During the session the children will go into small groups for special Group Time. This is an excellent way of preparing your child for experiences later in school and also provides an opportunity for discussions, turn taking, speaking and listening activities and getting to know each other. The sessions are led by your child's special key worker.

Each session includes snack time where your child will be offered a drink and a piece of fruit. They may choose from milk or water and our fruit selection includes pear, banana, satsumas and apples. Of course not all children may want a snack but we do encourage everyone to wash hands, sit down and join in at snack time.

Throughout the session we are on hand to help with toileting and can discuss how we can support your child to become more independent. As far as possible, the same adult will assist your child as they use the toilet so that they

feel more comfortable. The same applies if they have an accident and need to be changed. If your child is using nappies please provide them along with some suitable wipes. We have special reward charts to encourage children to use the toilet and increase their independence. We know that this can be a worrying time for some but we are always on hand to help!

Playing and Learning

The majority of our teaching and learning is delivered through high quality play experiences. We aim to provide our children with the resources and environment which enables them to make progress and learn by experiences. Of course we often learn the most through our mistakes! This is why we teach our children to have a go even if it doesn't quite work out as they intended. Being able to take on a challenge whether it's to build a rocket from boxes, walk along a narrow plank or design a den to picnic in is a crucial part of how we learn. In our Nursery the children have the ideas and the adults help to make them happen.



We take preparing for school seriously too so we spend time exploring the school and finding out what's beyond Nursery. When our children leave us we hope that they are able to take with them key skills such as recognising important numbers and counting, writing their name and knowing some letters and sounds. Throughout your child's time in Nursery we collect information about their attainment and how we intend to ensure their learning continues. We record information and keep special work in a Learning Journey and this stays with your child as they move into Reception. We often add photographs and they create a lovely personal record. I know parents and children really enjoy spending time looking through the Learning Journeys together.



After a busy year in Nursery, your child will leave with a report and summary of their experiences. Before we say goodbye each parent will be offered an informal transition meeting with myself. During this time I will be able to talk to you about your child starting school and hopefully answer any questions you may have.

I do hope that you feel this information has been helpful. You are most welcome to come and look around our Nursery where I'm sure you will find out for yourself exactly why are proud to be Brackensdale ER Primary School Nursery.

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Try more than once

Independent and interested

Gentle and kind

Enjoy being in nursery

Respect each other

Share with other children

Nursery times are:

5 mornings/afternoons – 8.45am-11.45am or 12.15pm-3.15pm.

2 ½ days start at 9.00am on the full days and finish at 3.00pm on the full days (your child will need a packed lunch).

The ½ day session will be 8.45am-11.45pm or 12.15pm-3.15pm depending on whether your half day session is a morning or an afternoon.

Nursery Admissions:

Children are admitted into Nursery the term after they are 3 years old providing there are places.

