



ASHBOURNE PRIMARY SCHOOL NURSERY PROVISION



INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

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WELCOME TO OUR NURSERY

We are excited that you have chosen our nursery provision and we are looking forward to getting to know you and your child in the coming months. Starting a new nursery can be a rather daunting experience and we hope that the information provided in this prospectus will help make your entry into Ashbourne Primary School Nursery as smooth as possible.

At Ashbourne Primary School Nursery we strongly believe in creating a positive partnership with our families. Please ask us about any worries you or your child may have, however small they may seem. You can let us know if you have any queries or questions at any time. In this booklet we have included some important information about starting in Nursery which you might like to keep for reference.

We are an inclusive nursery where every child matters. We meet the individual needs of both children and parents, enabling all children to reach their full potential. Children in Nursery and Reception spend lots of time learning together, especially in our outdoor area, with differentiated activities for the children. This way of working makes the transition into school for our Nursery children seamless.

The children at Ashbourne Primary School Nursery have free-flow access to both indoor and outdoor areas, which provide learning and social opportunities for all children to learn in a happy, safe, calm and secure environment. We provide high quality and enjoyable learning experiences for our children, which create strong and lasting foundations for their future.

We look forward to working with you and your child to make the time spent in at Ashbourne Primary School Nursery both happy and rewarding.

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OUR VISION AT ASHBOURNE PRIMARY

Nurturing Aspiration through happy, creative learning Our
school aims are centred on the word PRAISE

Perseverance - keep on going when the going gets tough
Respect one another, your school and your own education
Attention - manage your distractions, keep focused
Independence - encouraged to have a go and try for ourselves
Self-motivated - work hard, not a second wasted
Explain your learning and show your progress.

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NURSERY UNIFORM

The wearing of a uniform is compulsory at Ashbourne Primary School Nursery. We work indoors and outdoors all day long, in all weather, so suitable footwear and coats are also essential. Small children often take items of clothing off and leave them on the floor! Please make sure all of your child's clothing is clearly labelled with their name.

Uniform	Navy jumpers and cardigans with black or dark grey skirts, trousers or shorts. Shirts and polo shirts in white should be worn. Dresses in navy and white check may be worn in summer. Our uniform can be purchased from Needles Embroidery in Ashbourne.
Bags	Your child may produce lots of pictures and creations and requires a bag to bring them home safely! Please use a book bag rather than a rucksack. Large bags and rucksacks cannot be accommodated in school. Bookbags can be purchased from Needles Embroidery.
Jewellery	One stud in each ear for pierced ears. These must be removed for PE. Hair accessories should be navy or gold in line with the school colours. No other accessories can be worn including nail varnish
PE Kit	Navy blue shorts with school logo and navy blue t shirt with school logo. Pumps for indoor PE. A small drawstring PE bag (no large bags please due to storage) Shorts, t shirts and PE bags can be purchased from Needles Embroidery. (Please discuss with the Nursery teacher if your child will be attending on a PE day and will require a PE kit.)
Hair Styles	We like to see our children with professional hairstyles, therefore children should not have 'tramlines' or dyed hair.
Outdoor Learning	As part of our curriculum, the children take part in outdoor learning activities each week. Please provide a pair of Wellington Boots to stay in school.

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EARLY YEARS CURRICULUM

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum is play-orientated and based on the premise that children learn from the first-hand experience. It is a foundation for the child's future learning and development.

At Ashbourne Primary School Nursery, we provide a curriculum that is enriching, broad and balanced to prepare children for their future school life and beyond. We plan a range of play experiences in response to the children's interests to help children to progress in each of these areas of learning. Our Nursery provision is carefully planned to ensure that your child has access to a wide range of experiences to support their development. Our Nursery curriculum is balanced and structured and ensures that all children whatever their culture, religion, gender or ability, have equal access to all areas of learning, through every day play activities and child initiated learning. There are opportunities to create pictures, make marks, be arty, play games, complete jigsaws, build train tracks, look at books, role-play, create small world play, to construct, to explore, to climb, to ride, to play and complete activities with adults and many more opportunities, too many to list! The planning of daily activities is partly adult led and partly child led to provide a balance to cover the whole Early Years curriculum. We offer a free flow system whereby the children can choose to play inside or outside. Outdoor learning is as important as indoor learning and the children are allowed free access to our outside area for much of the session times- whatever the weather! The outdoor area is carefully planned to promote learning in all areas, particularly physical development.

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EARLY YEARS CURRICULUM

The Early Years Curriculum consists of seven learning areas. They are split as follows:

Area of Learning and Development	Aspect
Prime Areas	
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	- Self Regulation - Managing Self - Building Relationships
Physical Development	- Gross Motor Skills - Fine Motor Skills
Communication and Language	- Listening, Attention and Understanding - Speaking
Specific Areas	
Literacy	- Comprehension - Word Reading - Writing
Mathematics	- Number - Numerical Pattern
Understanding of the World	- Past and Present - People, Culture and Communities - The Natural World
Expressive Art and Design	- Creating with Materials - Being Imaginative and Expressive

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PREPARING FOR NURSERY - HOW PARENTS CAN HELP

The home is the most important place of learning for young children so there is lots you can do to support their education and to prepare them for their time in nursery:

- Share stories, songs and nursery rhymes with your child.
- Spend lots of time talking to your child about the world around them.
- Talk to your child about what they are doing and listen carefully to what they tell you Encourage your child to ask and answer questions
- Count everyday objects as you go about your normal routines e.g. stairs, cups, fingers.
- Look for and name shapes inside and outside.
- Talk about and involve your child in everyday tasks such as washing up, shopping etc.
- Help your child to become more independent in going to the toilet themselves – unfortunately we do not have changing facilities available in our Nursery setting
- Show your child how to wash and dry their hands themselves
- Encourage independence by teaching your child to put on and off shoes, coats and jumpers themselves
- Avoid clothes and shoes with tricky fastenings. Velcro is best for Nursery.
- Encourage your child to drink from a cup and independently eat a snack

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DAILY ROUTINES: SESSION TIMES

We offer both morning and afternoon classes for 3 and 4 year olds. Children can start the term after they turn 3 years old.

Our session times are:

Morning session: 8:45 - 11:45 (3 hours)

Afternoon session: 12:15 - 3:15 (3 hours)

Full day 8:45 - 3:15 (6.5 hours)

We also offer wrap-around care:

Morning club: 7:30 - 8:45 - £5 including breakfast

After school club: 3:15 - 4:30pm £8

After school club: 3:15 - 5:45 - £10 including snack

All booked and paid for on Arbor

Additional costs are:

£6 per additional hour above any 15/30 hours funded sessions (full time places are 32.5 hours)

£14 per full session (3 hours)

School Lunch: £3 (you are also welcome to provide a packed lunch if you prefer)

We politely ask that your sessions and wraparound care are set for 1 term. If you wish to change, please speak to a member of staff.

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DAILY ROUTINES: FRUIT, SNACKS AND LUNCH

Children in Nursery have a snack in the morning and in the afternoon. Children are provided with one piece of fruit or vegetable every day as part of the National Fruit Scheme, to support healthy eating. If your child is staying all day, please send in an additional piece of fruit or vegetable for your child.

Nursery children will eat their lunch together. Nursery children can choose to bring a packed lunch or pay for a school dinner. We ask politely that children choose to be packed lunches or school dinners and do not swap between them throughout the week. Please give the school office a week's notice if you would like swap. Children are encouraged to eat as much as they can. If your child experiences problems at lunchtime, we will let you know.

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DAILY ROUTINES: PLAYTIMES

The children in our Nursery have a separate play area to the rest of the school as we want them to feel safe and secure. Many aspects of the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum are delivered outside and the children will spend time outside every day. Children are able to develop skills across all areas in both the indoor and outdoor environment.

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WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS/ CARERS

Working with parents/carers is a central aspect of all we do at Nursery. Parents/carers know their children, and when parents and practitioners work together in Early Years settings, the results have a positive impact on children's development and learning. At Ashbourne Primary School Nursery, we recognise that warm, trusting relationships, with knowledgeable adults, support children's learning more effectively than any number of resources. You are welcome to discuss your child's progress with Nursery staff at any time. In addition, we hold parent/teacher consultations for parents/carers in the Autumn and Spring Terms. This provides parents/carers with an opportunity to meet with their child's key worker.

Parents/carers will also receive a written end of year report of their child's progress.

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We place a strong emphasis on good attendance even though nursery is non-statutory. We believe it fosters good habits and routines and prepares them well for school. It is important that your child attends regularly to support their learning and development.

What should I do if my child is ill?

We would appreciate it if we could be informed of any illness or reason for non-attendance before 8.45am on the first day of absence. If your child needs to be given medicine at school, a parent or responsible adult must visit the school office and fill in a form. An adult must then bring and collect the medicine each day. Children are not allowed to bring their own medication. If your child becomes ill at school we will contact you by telephone. Please ensure that we always have up to date contact numbers.

Please let us know if your child is going to be absent for appointments or holidays.

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