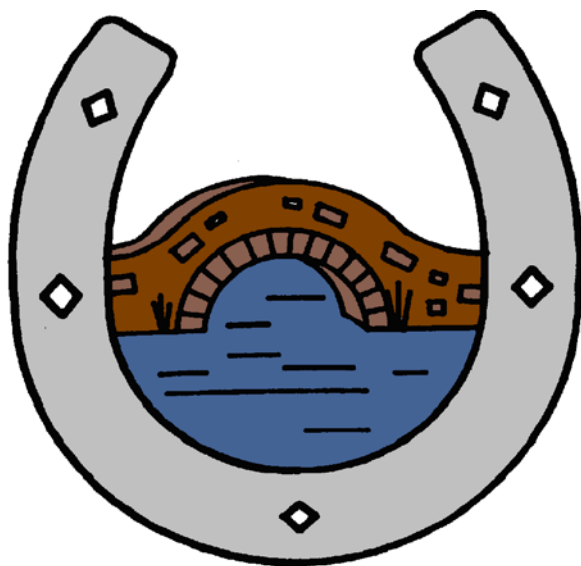


Smithy Bridge Primary School

Nursery Booklet



**Frequently
asked questions
and answers**

Nursery Information Brochure

We hope the following information may answer some of your queries but please feel free to discuss any questions or concerns with the nursery staff directly.

Where do I bring my child for nursery?

- Nursery children arrive and leave from the Nursery yard which is situated within the large playground behind the school.
- Access can be gained in the morning from the steps and path near Reception and at lunchtime and home time from the gate near the field, further down Bridgenorth Drive.
- Morning sessions begin at 9.00am (the rest of school start at 8.50am) and finish at 12.00pm
- Afternoon sessions begin at 12.30pm and finish at 3.30pm.

What if my child is not fully toilet trained?

- Please do come and talk to us if you are concerned about your child not being toilet trained.

How can I prepare my child for Nursery?

- Try to encourage your child to be as independent as possible when going to the toilet.
- Show them how to put their own coat on and if they can do this, show them how to fasten it.
- Let them get involved in dressing themselves, even if it is just to put their socks and shoes on.
- Encourage them to tidy up their toys at home.
- Talk about nursery, read stories about going to nursery and come and visit on Taster Day.

What do I do if I want someone else to collect my child?

- Please tell us, either when you drop your child off, by telephone or note if someone different is collecting your child.

What do I do if I need to collect my child during a nursery session?

- The usual gates are locked during nursery sessions so you will need to go directly to the School Office if you are collecting your child before the end of a nursery session. The office staff will bring your child to you through the main school.

Do I need to inform nursery if my child is not going to be in?

- Yes, please contact the school office.

What do I need to make sure my child has for nursery?

- Your child will have access to the Outdoor Classroom, whatever the weather so please ensure they have a waterproof coat and sensible shoes.
- Please send wellies so that they can still play on the grass in the wet weather.
- We do lots of tactile play outside as well as inside so please ensure their coat is not too expensive as it might get messy!
- Please send a spare change of clothes in a small pump-type bag.

Does my child need to wear uniform?

- Wearing uniform is preferable. Nursery play can be messy and your child will feel very grown up in their uniform.

What do I need to provide for snack time?

- You only need to send a water bottle (available from the school office) if your child does not like milk.
- You do not need to send a snack for your child as we provide a healthy fruit snack at nursery. We hold a 'Golden Grin' award for healthy eating at nursery so if you have any concerns about what your child will have to eat please come and talk to the staff.
- You will receive forms regarding fruit and milk within your Nursery Pack.
- If your child has any allergies, please write a note of them and discuss it directly with the nursery staff.

Do I need to tell you about my child's medical needs?

- Yes, please give details of medical needs and allergies on the Contact Form, which is in the Nursery Pack.

What happens on Taster Day?

- You will be informed of the date for Taster Day nearer the time.
- It is a 45 minute session which gives you a chance to explore nursery with your child so that it is more familiar to them when they start in September.
- During the session, the staff will be available to meet your child and talk to you, giving you the opportunity to tell us of any concerns or questions you might have.
- At the end of the session we will give your child a goody bag to take home. This will have a song book, colouring sheets and pencils, scissors and a name tag, so that your child can practise recognising their name with your help.
- You will be able to sign up for a session for Taster Day during the Nursery New Parents Evening.

We look forward to meeting you and your child!