



Welcome to Hamstel Nursery

Starting Nursery at Hamstel



Welcome to Hamstel Nursery. The information in this booklet will help prepare your child for their time in Nursery. Our aim is to work together in partnership to make the transition to Nursery a smooth, pleasant and happy experience for both you and your child.

Any queries please call 01702 468461.

With thanks,

The Nursery Team.



amounts of indoor and outdoor free flow play.

Parents – we want our parents to work in partnership with us and that they are supportive, engaged, polite, caring and happy!

Planning – our planning reflects on the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum. Our indoor and outdoor activities are carefully planned to meet the needs of the children.

Home/Nursery Partnership - At Hamstel we are proud of our commitment of working with parents in order to maximise the opportunities we offer the children. Our School and Nursery motto is **“We care”** and our golden rule is, **“Be Safe and show you care”**

A summary outlining the learning which the children will experience each half term is available on our website at www.hamstelinfants.co.uk.

You can also catch up on what your child has been learning through your Tapestry account.

The Nursery Team are very welcoming and are always available at the door in the morning and the end of the day. We also provide opportunities for you to have parent meetings throughout the year.

Our Vision

Children – we want our children to be happy, engaged, active, independent, chatty confident explorers!

Adults – our adults are organised, happy, calm, playful, talkative, confident, friendly and observant!

Interactions – we aim for all of our interactions to involve creativity, concentration, energy, persistence, interest and enjoyment!

Environment – our environment is safe, engaging, exciting, child friendly, uncluttered, accessible and provides opportunities for a variety of learning styles.

Timetable – we have a daily timetable that is shared, flexible, relevant, age appropriate and includes large



Settling into Nursery

All children respond differently to starting Nursery. As the practitioners working with your children, we endeavour to make their experience of school fun, familiar and secure. As a parent/carer you can help us by reassuring your child, being positive about Nursery and being careful that your own anxieties do not influence your child. Remember some children will tell you every detail of their Nursery day. Other, children tell you nothing! If you or your child has a particular worry or concern, just have a chat with the keyworker (sometimes out of earshot of your child may be appropriate). The best time to do this is at the end of the Nursery day once the keyworker has safely handed over all the children to their parents/carers. Remember your child is only three or four years old and may have 'misread' situations. Set your mind at rest and chat to the practitioners. On the other hand you'll be surprised how independent your child can be when allowed.

Learning through play

Play helps young children to learn and develop their physical, social, emotional and intellectual skills through doing and talking, which research has shown to be the means by which young children learn to think. It is also how they learn to socialise, as children engage in learning experiences with other children and adults.

The Early Years Foundation Stage is a play based framework that childcare providers use as a tool to ensure that children from birth to five are developing and learning to their full potential. Play helps young children to learn and develop their physical, social, emotional and intellectual skills through doing and talking, which research has shown to be the means by which young

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Providers plan and provide a range of play activities, which help children to make progress in each of the following areas of learning and development.

Prime Areas

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Physical Development
- Communication and Language Development

Specific areas

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

We will observe your child to assess how they are learning and developing using photos, videos and work samples. You will be able to have access to their online learning journey through Tapestry. We will update you on their progress through formal discussions when you collect your child. We will work together with you on how we can move your child to the next stage of progress.

We welcome any contributions to your child's in school learning journey.

The Nursery Team.

Parent responsibilities

When you arrive at Nursery please let your child and class teacher know -

- Who is meeting them
- Please inform the school office of any changes to who will be picking up your child at the end of the day.

Please help your child by not being late, if you are late for the morning or afternoon session then please take your child to the Poynings gate and ring the Nursery.

If your child is ill, please telephone and leave a message with the school office on the first morning of illness.

Lunch options

If your child spends a full day with us then they can either bring a packed lunch or order a school meal. There is a menu available on the website or from the office so you can check that your child likes what is on offer.

There is always a vegetarian option.

You can also provide your child with a packed lunch. We support healthy eating. Please make sure this is a healthy lunch with some fruit and vegetables and no drinks, sweets or chocolate.

Water will be provided.

To ensure the safety of children in the school with nut allergies, please do not include any food that may contain nuts in packed lunches.



Things to bring to Nursery

- A named plastic bag with spare clothes (including footwear)
- Wellies to be left in Nursery
- Lunchbox (if required).



Early Years School Uniform

Uniform is not compulsory in Nursery, however if you choose for your child to wear it;

Girls' Uniform

Grey pinafore, grey skirt or jogging bottoms; white blouse or white polo shirt; yellow sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan; pink/white check dress (summer term).

Boys' Uniform

Grey short or jogging bottoms, white shirt or polo shirt; yellow sweatshirt or jumper.

Parents may purchase yellow sweatshirts, cardigans, and white polo shirts embroidered with the school's name and logo from 'Pauls Discount Clothing' on Southchurch Road or 'Crawlers' on Hamstel Road.

If you choose not to put your child in uniform, please ensure they wear sensible shoes and clothing.

Please label all items of clothing with your child's name.



Breakfast Club

We are able to offer Breakfast Club to Nursery children. This will be held in the school hall.

For more details please look on the school website, www.hamstelinfants.co.uk

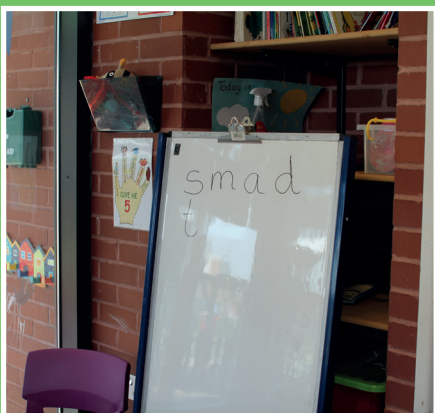
After School Club

Our After School Club is held within the Nursery. For more information please look on the school website, where you will be able to download a registration form.





There are toilets within the Nursery.



These photos above are of the Nursery areas



We have a lovely outdoor area with climbing frames, bikes and a stage area. Below are photos of our dining hall where we have lunch.



This is our cloakroom where you will hang your coat and bag and there is a snack table for the children to enjoy a selection of snacks.





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