

Welcome to Nursery 2021

Welcome to Nursery at Ducklington C.E Primary School! We are the Cygnet class and the nursery building is located next to the car park entrance. The **Cygnet** class teacher is **Mrs Hannah Allen** and the teaching assistants are **Mrs Maureen Rhodes, Mrs Anna Davies, Mrs Cheryl Alcock** and **Mrs Emma Pratley**. If you have any admin queries about booking sessions, funding or parent pay, please contact **Mrs. Pratley** on the nursery email address.

Arriving and Picking Up

The main gate will open at **8:30am**. Unfortunately we are unable to permit parents into the building to settle their children and therefore children will need to be dropped off at the nursery building door. We want to reassure you that staff will be on hand to welcome your child and comfort them to support them with coming into the classroom. If your child is struggling to separate from you, a quick goodbye is best and you can request a follow up phone call to reassure you. Children staying for just the **morning session** will need to be collected at **11:30am**. If you are using **30 hours funding** then you will need to collect at **3:00 pm**.

The gate closes by **8:50am**. If you arrive after this time, ring the bell on the gate keypad and a member of staff will come to collect your child. Arriving on time is really important so that your child has time to settle into class.

Learning Journals

We record your child's learning using ipad software called '**Tapestry**'. The software allows us to take a photo or short video of your child during an adult focused activity, make notes and link it to the 'Development Matters' learning goals. Your child's record is printed off and kept in a folder which you are invited to look at during parent meetings. We will also share certain observations with you each week, to enable us to do this please **accept the invitation link** (being sent in the first week of term) sent to the email address provided on your application form.

Reward system

Ducklington C.E Primary School is a values based school, where we encourage the children to 'dare, discover and do' and our core values are respect, perseverance and friendship. Alongside these value we use the 'Proud cloud' chart. Children move up leaves on a beanstalk for making good choices, to eventually reach the 'Proud cloud' at the top where they receive a special sticker and round of applause to recognise their efforts.

Snack

All children are offered a piece of fruit or vegetable and a drink in the morning and afternoon. You do not have to send any other snacks in with your child. We ask that children have a named water

bottle in school which is taken home and washed everyday. Milk is available free to all children under 5.

Clothes and Outdoor Clothing

Nursery children are not required to wear the school uniform, however you may do so if you prefer. Please ensure your child comes in in suitable clothing and footwear. **Please ensure all clothes and shoes are named.**

Please could you send a named change of clothing to have available in a bag on your child's peg. Accidents do happen and it is good for your child to put on clothes which they recognise when this happens.

Your children spend a lot of time outdoors and we would recommend all children have their own named pair of wellington boots. Nursery has waterproof coats and dungarees which is allocated to each child.

Forest School

Nursery takes part in forest school every Friday morning, led by **Ms. Mortimer** (TA in Ducklings class) and supported by Nursery staff. Please ensure your child has layers of clothing and named hat and gloves in colder weather.

Our Curriculum

Copies of the class creative curriculum map can be found on the web site. If you have any questions about our curriculum, please do not hesitate to ask.

Cooking

We occasionally have cooking activities planned, please let your teacher know if your child has any specific allergies.

Lunch club

If your child is using 30 hours funding and is therefore staying all day they will need lunch. Parents are required to book and pay for the hour's lunch session on parent pay. School dinners are also available for a small fee on parent pay. Alternatively you can provide your child with a packed lunch.