



**Heathfield Nursery & Infant School**  
**Cobbett Road, Twickenham, TW2 6EN**



**Nursery 2016/2017**



# **Welcome to Heathfield Nursery**

## **About the Nursery**

Our morning nursery session is from 8:45am until 11:45am. The afternoon session is from 12:45pm until 3:45pm.

All activities on offer both inside and outside the Nursery are carefully planned to ensure 'challenging, playful opportunities' to enhance all aspects of your child's development. Learning through play is essential as it fosters the characteristics of effective early learning:

- ~ playing and exploring
- ~ active learning
- ~ creative and thinking critically

## **Is your child ready for Nursery?**

Are they used to leaving you?

Can they use the toilet by themselves?

Are they learning to put on their jumpers, coats and shoes?

Are they excited about coming to Nursery?

If you have any concerns, you may:

- Contact your Health Visitor
- Speak to the Children's Centre
- Speak to one of the nursery team

If you have questions about specific educational needs, please contact the school office and ask to speak to the SENCO.

## **What your child needs when they start Nursery**

~ A school uniform – a school purple sweatshirt/cardigan, white or purple polo shirt, grey or black trousers/skirt, black school shoes (preferably with Velcro fasteners and with closed toes), all labelled with your child's name.

- ~ A named water bottle
- ~ A named school book bag
- ~ A named coat
- ~ A smiley, happy face

## **School Uniform**

This can be purchased from

Online <http://www.yourschooluniform.com>

'Schooldays' - 94 High Street, Whitton, TW2 7LN. Tel: 0208 898 4881

'Sanco' - 60 Bell Road, Hounslow, TW3 3PB. Tel: 020 8570 9990

Tesco online <http://www.clothingattesco.com/icat/embschoolwear/>

## **Early Years Foundation Stage**

This stage of development is 'crucial for igniting children's curiosity, enthusiasm for learning and for building capacity to learn, form relationships and thrive'. Statutory Framework 2013.

There are seven areas of learning and development.

- Three of these areas are prime areas which 'are fundamental, work together and move through to support development in all other areas:
  - ~ Personal, Social and Emotional Development
  - ~ Communication and Language
  - ~ Physical Development'
- Four of these areas are specific areas 'which include essential skills and knowledge for children to participate successfully in society'
  - ~ Literacy
  - ~ Mathematics
  - ~ Understanding the World
  - ~ Expressive Arts and Design'(Extract from Development Matters).

### **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

Tapping into your child's curiosity, they will develop confidence in trying new things and taking an interest in the activities on offer. They will learn how to express their own needs and to respect others. They will understand that there is a code of behaviour and to play co-operatively, learning to share and take turns.



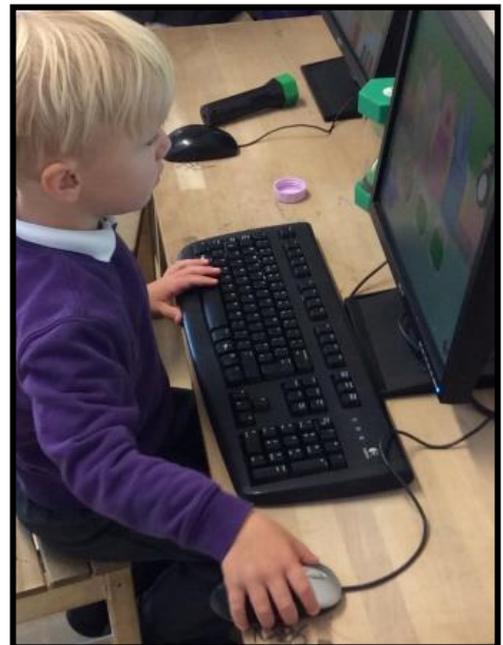
## Communication and Language

Your child will learn to listen attentively in a range of situations and learn to follow instructions. They will learn to speak confidently to others, talking about their experiences and likes and dislikes. They will learn new words and how to ask relevant questions.



## Physical Development

Your child will learn to move confidently, controlling their body and handling equipment using both small and large resources. They will learn how to express their personal needs and develop self-help skills e.g. putting on their coat, doing up their shoes and organising their belongings.



## Literacy

Your child will listen to a wide variety of stories, developing a love and understanding of books, stories and information. They will learn to handle books with care and talk about stories and recall information. They will learn lots of rhymes and songs and be able to join in with rhymes and hear sounds in the environment and in words. They will learn how to use different tools to write and talk about what their marks and writing mean.



## Mathematics

Your child will develop an understanding of maths through stories, songs, games and imaginative play. They will become comfortable with numbers and with ideas such as 'heavier than' and 'bigger than'. They will be aware of shape and space and explore these through their play.



## Understanding the World

Your child will explore and find out about the world around them and ask questions about it. They will build with different materials, know about everyday technology and learn what it is used for. They will find out about past events in their lives and in their families' lives. They will also find out about different communities, traditions and beliefs.



## Expressive Arts and Design

Your child will explore colours, paints, textures and shapes, experiment with dance, create and invent wonderful things, tell stories and make music.



## **Session times**

For the morning children, nursery starts at 8.45am and finishes at 11.45am.

For the afternoon children, nursery starts at 12.45pm and finishes at 3.45pm.

By accepting a place for your child at the nursery, you are accepting the school's policy that all children must attend school every day in term time regardless of their age unless they are unwell. Children who miss the start of the day can feel unsure about what is happening for the rest of the day.

If your child is absent please

- **telephone the school on the first day of the absence before 9.30am for morning nursery and 1.15pm for afternoon nursery. Tel no 02088944074**
- or
- **email the school [parents@heathfield-inf.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:parents@heathfield-inf.richmond.sch.uk)**

All absence and lateness is recorded and any unauthorised absence will be investigated.

If the reason for absences is an infectious or contagious disease, medical clearance must be obtained before the child returns to school.

Arriving at the nursery on time is important as it means your child is ready to learn. They could become upset if they arrive late and have to walk into nursery on their own when the session has already started.

It is just as important to collect your child on time as it is very upsetting for them to be left waiting when all the other children have gone home. If you arrive five minutes late to drop off your child or you are five minutes late collecting your child you will be asked to sign the late register. If you are ten minutes late you will need to collect your child from the main school office.

A known adult must drop off and pick up your child. You will have been given a form to complete to list everyone including parents who are allowed to collect your child. If someone different is collecting, please let one of the nursery team know when you drop off or telephone the school office. We will not be able to let your child go with someone if we have not been notified.

Our priorities are to ensure that all our children are safe, happy and keen to learn. It is really important that we have current contact details at all times, if you change your telephone number or move home please let us know straight away.

## **How we keep you informed**

- Information about our topics and themes will be provided each half term.
- Weekly information newsletter- every Friday.

## **Any concerns?**

Please see a member of the nursery team to talk over any worries or concerns you have about your child. If you still have concerns, please come to the main school office and ask to see Mrs Turner, the Assistant Headteacher who oversees Early Year Foundation Stage.

We are looking forward to meeting you.



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