



Batley Parish
Early Years Foundation Stage
Nursery
Welcome Pack 2022

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Together, we are one!

"We are far more united and have far more
in common than that which divides us"

Jo Cox



Batley Parish is a caring family which enables every individual to flourish in our inclusive community. We learn to love and love to learn in a trusting environment. We respect, forgive and love one another. Working together, Batley Parish enables us to have hope for a brighter tomorrow.



We would like to give you and your child a warm welcome to Batley Parish Junior, Infant and Nursery School. We are very much looking forward to sharing your child's learning journey and delighting in their achievements and successes with you. We hope that this information answers many of your questions. Please feel free to speak to a member of staff at any time if you have any queries or questions.

Information about the Nursery

Your child is entitled to fifteen hours of free childcare entitlement the term after they are three years old. We offer the fifteen hours in different options to make it convenient for you and your child.

Option One

Your child can have a three hour morning place at the Nursery 9:00 am-12:00am or afternoon place at the Nursery 12:00pm-3:00pm

Option Two

Your child can have a flexible place. This usually consists of two days and a half day session. E.g.

Monday, Tuesday all day, Wednesday – half day

A full day is 9:00am - 3:00pm (six hours). Children will bring a packed lunch or can order a school dinner currently at a cost of £2.35 per day. Children are supervised by a lunchtime dinner lady and will eat their dinner in nursery.

To support your child with a flexible place we would highly recommend doing the 2.5 days in a block.

Once a place has been secured, we ask for a half a terms notice if you would like to change your child's hours.

Option Three

We also offer the option to take 30 hours entitlement over the week/ between settings. (Please speak to main reception for more information). Please note you must be eligible for 30 hours and have an active code. This place could be taken 9:00-3:00 Monday to Friday.

The Early Years Foundation Stage

Your child is in the **Early Years Foundation stage** of their education. It is the stage that they are in from birth until they are five years old. We teach your child in accordance with the statutory framework of the Early Years Foundation Stage.

At Batley Parish School, our Foundation Stage consists of a thirty place reception class and a sixty five place Nursery which is based on two sites. We are very fortunate that both the Reception class and the Nursery have fantastic indoor and outdoor spaces where children can learn and develop. We have a highly skilled team of staff who ensure that your child receives the best quality of education.

To ensure that all of our staff have a deep knowledge and understanding of how young children in the foundation stage learn and develop, we ensure that members of staff spend time within the Reception and the Nursery classes.

There are seven areas within the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. These consist of three prime areas and four specific areas.

Prime Areas of Learning

These are fundamental and essential for children to move forward in the Specific areas of Learning.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development – Self-Regulation, Managing Self and Building Relationships

Communication and Language – Listening and Attention and Speaking

Physical Development – Gross Motor Skills and Fine Motor Skills

Specific areas of Learning

These areas teach essential skills children will need in life.

Literacy- Comprehension, Word Reading and Writing

Mathematics – Number and Numerical Patterns

Understanding of the World - Past and Present, People, Culture and Communities and The Natural World

Art and Design - Creating with Materials and Being Imaginative and Expressive

At Batley Parish Junior, Infant and Nursery School we very much believe that children learn through play that is carefully planned and tailored to their needs. Once the

children are settled they will have a daily phonics session, daily song and story session and literacy and maths teaching each week once they are settled.

Some of the areas consist of;

- Sand play
- Water play
- Investigation areas
- Mark making/Writing area
- Mathematics games and activities
- Small/Large Construction
- Role play e.g. Home corner, Vets, Shops, Doctors
- Paint and Art area
- Malleable area e.g. Play dough or Clay
- ICT area- computers, SMARTboard, iPads, remote control toys
- Book and Phonics area
- Collage Area
- Snack/ Café area-
- Design and Technology work shop
- Physical play e.g. climbing areas, tricycles, bikes, bats and balls

Areas of provision are then enhanced on a regular basis dependent upon your child's needs or interests. For example if the children are learning about growing and change we may plan to enhance the home corner to a baby clinic. If children show an interest in dinosaurs, we will enhance the sand tray with dinosaurs and plants,

Children can move freely between the indoor and the outdoor area and can access all of these areas of provision. Some children naturally prefer to learn in the outdoors and therefore we ensure that children have opportunities both indoors and outdoors

Children are encouraged to learn through playing and learning, active learning and creating and thinking critically. These are called the **Characteristics of Effective Teaching and Learning**. Children are then supported by adults who interact and observe their play.

Can I track and contribute to my child's learning journey?

Yes you can. We welcome a positive relationship with all parents and carers. We send out monthly newsletters to inform you of the learning as well as a home learning grid with ideas for home. You are then able to see what your child enjoys in Nursery by following our Twitter page and accessing your child's Tapestry account. Tapestry is an online learning journey that helps us to track your child's learning and development.

Early Years Practitioners have their own iPad and carry out spontaneous observations of your child. These consist of written, photographic and video evidence. Home learning ideas will also be added to Tapestry for you to consolidate your child's learning at home.

What should my child wear to Nursery?

In Nursery children participate in a range of messy activities. We are happy for children to wear a school uniform or their own choice of clothes. If you would like further information on the Batley Parish School uniform you can find this on our school website.

Children will be actively encouraged to learn indoors and outdoors and will need appropriate clothing at different times of year. Please can you provide the following?

- A pair of wellington boots – to keep in Nursery
- A warm, waterproof coat each day
- Sun hats on warmer days
- A bag with some spare clothes each day

Children are taught to be independent and therefore need to practice putting on their coat and boots at home. Please avoid sending your child in laces as this often makes it very difficult to remove their own shoes. Children are happier if their shoes have Velcro straps so that they can get changed by themselves.

Please make sure that your child's name is written clearly on the outside of their boots and please label all of your child's clothing. Please avoid writing in capital letters.

Jewellery

Children are not permitted to wear jewellery to Nursery.

Absence Procedure

Whilst we recognise that nursery education is not compulsory, we cannot stress the importance of your child coming to school daily. However, should your child not be able to attend please follow these procedures;

If your child is unwell please contact the school office each day of your child's absence. Contact 01924 326361

If your child has a dental appointment, then please provide a copy of their appointment card.

Finally, all holidays taken during term time need to be authorised and a holiday request form must be completed.

Home-time Procedure

We have a strict home time procedure that is designed to keep your child safe. We ask that if you are running late that you contact the Nursery so that we can reassure your child

If you cannot collect your child, you must inform a member of staff and inform us of who will be collecting your child instead. We also have a password system in place to support this. We will not let your child go home with a relative or friend if we have not met them before or if we haven't been informed. This can often cause a lot of distress to the relative or friend collecting and the child who is waiting to go home. Therefore we ask that you inform us when your child arrives so that we can allow your child to go home safely.

We will open the Nursery doors ten minutes before the end of the session. This time allows you to share your child's learning and to look at what they have been learning that session and speak to a member of staff. The doors will be supervised by a member of staff and will be locked during the sessions.

Does my child visit the main school building?

The Nursery is set apart from the main school building; however we ensure that your child feels a sense of belonging to our school. We often join in with some assemblies with the whole school. We also join the whole school in collective worship in Church.

Nursery Library

We actively encourage that you join Batley Library and encourage and foster children's interest in books. Listening to and joining in with stories is an essential part of developing children's listening and reading skills. Children can find out about the world around them through books.

We also have our own Nursery library with a selection of story books, information books, rhyming stories and stories with patterned and predictable endings. Your child will have their own special bag to take home their library books and the opportunity to change their book on a weekly basis.

Toilet training

We encourage you to begin potty training before your child begins Nursery. However, we are also aware, that some children take longer to become potty trained. We ask that you discuss your child's individual needs with a member of staff when we visit your child at home. We will support your child's toilet training and we can assist your child going to the toilet. We ask that you provide some spare clothes should they have an accident, pull ups/nappies and wipes. If your child is not toilet trained we will create an individual toilet management plan.

Can I stay with my child on their first day at Nursery?

We know that your child's first day at Nursery is exciting and a milestone in their young life. We know that it can be one of anxiety and worry as you wave goodbye to your little one. All children will have a home visit before starting. This is a perfect chance for you to ask any questions you may have and for us to get to know your child and family. We will also invite you and your child to come to Nursery for a meeting to show you our wonderful environment. This will be a chance for your child to explore and get to know the areas. During the home visits, children will have the opportunity to meet members of staff and it is here where our relationship often begins.

On your child's first day we ask that you help settle your child by dropping them off on the door and telling them what a great day they will have. Unfortunately our cloakroom is not big enough to welcome parents in. We would like to reassure you that should your child be at all unsettled we would give you a call.

For some children separating from parents and carers is very distressing. If your child is upset, we ask that you leave your child for even a short period of time so that they quickly realise that you will be coming back at home time.

Some children settle quicker than others and some children settle in the first few weeks and then become upset into their third week. We will support you and your child through this transition process.

Do I pay for milk and fruit?

The Government provides free milk and fruit for your child. Milk is provided in cartons with a straw. We also have a water cooler in Nursery and ask that your child brings a named water bottle with them each day. They can use the machine to fill their bottles as often as needed.

We ask for a voluntary contribution every Monday of £1 that helps us buy playdough,

baking and at times snack ingredients for if we are tasting foods to link to our topic or celebrating a special occasion – such as Chinese New Year.

Tips before my child starts Nursery

- Practice writing your child's name but please do not write their name in capitals e.g. Rizwan not RIZWAN
- Practice putting on and taking off their coat, shoes and boots as this helps them be independent in the setting
- Join the library and support their listening skills by sharing books with your child on a daily basis.
- Support your child going to the toilet by themselves
- Practice counting aloud up to ten
- If your child holds the pen/pencil using fist grip, support your child's fine motor skills by strengthening their gross motor skills e.g. using playdough, visits to the park and play gyms where children can climb and crawl, using squirty bottles to create lines and circles outdoors.
- If your child has English as an additional language, please help them learn key words that will help them communicate their needs e.g. toilet, milk, coat, Mummy.

We hope that his booklet provides you with all of the answers to your questions that will enable your child has a smooth and successful transition into our Nursery.

If you have any further questions that we have been unable to answer, please feel free to contact the school office (01924) 326361 or email

office.batleyparish@kirkleeseducation.uk