

Queen Edith Primary School



Nursery Staff:

Nursery Teachers: Mrs Newman and Mrs Cumiskey

Level 3 Early Educators: Mrs Dama and Miss Mack

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Krystyna

Welcome to Queen Edith Nursery

We aim to make your child's first experience of formal education as happy and settled as possible. This leaflet provides useful information and advice on how you can help in the learning process.

Nursery timings

We try to cater for each family's needs. The nursery day runs from 8.45am until 3.30pm. All children are offered 15 hours free provision. This may be taken in a variety of ways eg every morning, every afternoon or 2.5 days of your choice. Your child may be entitled to 30 hours free nursery provision or you may also pay for additional hours. Please speak to the School office for details.

Little Dragons

At Queen Edith we offer an early years after school club catering for children from Nursery to Year one. This runs from 3.30pm at the end of the nursery day until either 4.30pm or 6pm. Please speak to the School office for information regarding available spaces and prices.

Holiday Club

In partnership with Queen Emma primary school we offer a holiday club for children from Nursery to Year one. Leaflets and booking forms are sent out prior to each school holiday.

Partnership with Parents and Carers

We recognise the importance of establishing firm partnerships with all our parents and carers, encouraging a flow of knowledge and support in both directions. Please look out for Tapestry, your child's online learning journey. We will discuss this with you during your visit. We have consultations where we will discuss your child's progress together. These will be held during the first term. We value the opportunity to work alongside parents and will greatly appreciate your comments

and feedback about your child's learning at home through Tapestry.

In Nursery we operate a keyworker system whereby each child has a named keyworker who will have a special interest in their wellbeing and development.

Clothing

In order to promote personal independence it is helpful if children can wear clothes and shoes which they can manage themselves. Please name all items of clothing. Your child will be experiencing and experimenting with messy materials e.g. paint, glue, sand, water and mud so please don't dress them in 'best' clothes. We provide aprons but clothes should have sleeves that can be easily pushed up. In cold or wet weather, suitable shoes and clothes are needed for outdoor play. We try to go out in most weathers. We ask if your child could have a pair of named wellies to remain in Nursery.

Toilets

Children are encouraged to use the toilet and wash their hands independently, but we understand that on occasion they may need help. We ask parents to accept that only one member of staff will be present with your child if they need help with the toilet, changing clothes etc. We will provide a spare clothes bag for your child which is kept on their peg. Please bring a set of clothes in a plastic or cloth bag to leave at nursery in case your child needs it.

Refreshments

We have fruit time during each Nursery session. Children should bring their own bottle of water (not juice, please) and they are provided with one portion of fruit or vegetables at each session. This is provided free of charge. Please talk to Nursery staff at your visit about any food allergies, intolerances or special diets.

Lunches

If your child stays for lunch you may choose to buy a school meal or bring a packed lunch from home. We suggest you provide a simple lunch of a savoury item, yoghurt/biscuit (nut free) and fruit. Water is provided. As we are a health promoting school we ask that children do not bring fizzy drinks, chocolate bars or sweets. Children eat in the Nursery with nursery lunch supervisors. Once they have eaten, children can choose to play with toys inside or play in the Nursery garden. Please note that there is a supervision charge for the lunch time session and an additional charge for the school lunch.

Nursery Curriculum

Our activities are led by both the children's interests and popular pre-school stories. We follow the statutory Nursery curriculum known as the Early Years Foundation Stage. This stage covers birth to five. The stage is divided into seven areas of learning. These are:-

Personal, Social and Emotional	Communication and Language
Physical Development	Mathematics
Understanding the World	Expressive arts and design
Literacy	

This curriculum establishes expectations for most children to reach by the end of the stage, laying secure foundations for future learning.

Learning through play

Your child will have gained knowledge and acquired many skills in the security of your home and immediate environment. We hope that you will look upon our nursery as an extension of your home, where all aspects of your child's learning will be encouraged through active involvement in a variety of play situations. We use Learning Animals to help the children become effective learners. Your child may become a "responsible rhino" or a "concentrating crocodile", for example!

Pre-reading skills

Children will be given daily opportunities to look at books independently and to share stories and information books with adults.

It is important at this early stage that children enjoy books. You can help by making the reading experience a happy and comfortable one by reading stories with them and talking about the pictures. Please borrow books and story sacks from our home learning trolley outside nursery.

Pre-writing skills

Before children can write, they need to have good hand control. You can help at home with fun activities like cutting and sticking, drawing in flour, colouring, painting, play dough and threading. As the year progresses, some children will attempt their own mark making; please encourage any efforts.

Number skills

To help your child with these skills you could count anything at home e.g. going up the stairs, filling various sized pots in the bath, pointing out numbers, shapes and patterns when you go out e.g. on doors and buses.

Important

Please tell us if someone else is collecting your child. If you will be unavoidably delayed or someone else is unexpectedly collecting your child, please telephone the school office (01223 712200). They will pass on a message to us. Please collect your child on time. Children can become anxious or upset if they are the only one left waiting.

If your child is unwell, please do not send them to school. In the case of sickness or diarrhoea, 48 hours must elapse after the occurrence before the child can return to school. Please let the office know if your child will not be attending Nursery as we must account for absences. Thank you.