



Kington Primary School

Nursery Brochure



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This booklet has been produced to give you relevant information about the Nursery, how it is organised and the aims of the Early Years department at Kington Primary School.

We hope that this will be the beginning of a successful partnership between you, your child and the school, and that we can work together to ensure that your child's time in Nursery is happy, enjoyable and rewarding.

Kington Primary School EYFS

The 'Early Years Foundation Stage' at Kington Primary School comprises our Nursery and Reception Classes. We work closely together to ensure continuity and consistency of high-quality provision throughout your child's time in the EYFS.

Our aims in the EYFS are:

- To provide a safe, interesting, and happy environment where children can learn through a wide variety of activities.
- To develop children's confidence and independence- encouraging children to join in discussions and planning.
- To encourage children to develop friendships – showing kindness, tolerance, and respectfulness to others.
- To work with parents/ carers so that children can fulfil their potential in all aspects of their development

EYFS Curriculum

Throughout the EYFS, we follow the statutory Early Years Curriculum which is divided into Areas of Learning (subjects).

There are 3 Prime Areas of Learning which form the basis of all other learning during the Early Years and so are our priorities in Nursery. These are:

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

There are also 4 Specific areas of Learning and these are:

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

Children learn through a mixture of planned, adult-led activities and their own child-initiated play.

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

The school has a comprehensive Special Needs Policy and Nursery staff are very experienced at working with children with additional needs. If you think that your child may have additional needs please discuss this with Nursery staff when you apply for a place, so that we can ensure that we have all the necessary support in place for you and your child.

If we consider that a child in our Nursery may have special needs then we would discuss this with you and talk about next steps to ensure that your child reaches their full potential.




Equal Opportunities

In Nursery, we truly believe that 'All Are Welcome Here'. We follow the school's policy for Equal Opportunities. In Early Years classes we treat all children equally and we actively encourage children to be tolerant, kind and to respect each other's views and feelings.

Behaviour

We promote the school's behaviour policy. The rules for behaviour in Nursery are discussed with the children and displayed clearly within the class. Our rules are firmly based on children taking responsibility, sharing, helping and working together.

Our Nursery Rules:

-  We use kind, gentle hands and feet
-  We use quiet voices and kind words
-  We use walking feet inside

Any behavioural problems will be discussed with you and we feel that it is really important that parents and staff work together to support children if they are having difficulties following the behavioural expectations in Nursery.

Parents can read all our school policies by visiting the school website:

<https://www.kingtonprimary.co.uk/policies/>

Staffing

As a maintained Nursery class, our provision is led by a qualified teacher. Well-qualified and experienced staff support the teacher.

In Nursery, we adhere to the adult:child staffing ratios set out by the Department for Education in their Statutory Guidance for the EYFS. These ratios are currently:

- 2-year-olds – one adult to every five children
- 3-and-4-year-olds – one adult to every thirteen children

Our Nursery Environment

We are extremely fortunate at Kington Primary Nursery to have a lovely, light and airy Nursery classroom and a large secure outdoors area to play in.

We are completely self-contained in Nursery and have our own kitchen area, quiet room for small group activities and cloakroom with nursery-child sized toilets, sinks and potties.

Our setting is organised into different areas so that play supports learning across the curriculum. We have a huge number of lovely resources to play with which are rotated on a daily or weekly basis to encourage children to play with new things, develop different skills and explore and discover their own interests.





Our Nursery Classes

The Nursery at Kington Primary school is a Local Authority maintained Nursery class. This means that it is led by a qualified primary teacher and is a full part of the school.

We cater for children from 2 to 4 years old and our Nursery provision is divided into two separate classes.

Afternoon Nursery Class

- Our Afternoon Nursery class is for our 2-year-olds and younger 3-year-olds.
- This class runs from 12.30pm to 3.30pm.
- In order to comply with statutory guidance on adult:child ratios in Nursery settings, our Afternoon Class is able to accommodate five 2-year-olds and up to thirteen 3-year-olds in any one session with two adults supervising them.
- Parents may choose how many sessions a week their child attends (dependent on availability of spaces), but we strongly recommend that children are booked into at least two sessions each week to enable them to settle well in the Nursery environment and begin to form good relationships with adults and other children in Nursery.
- Some 2-year-olds may be eligible for funded hours. There are two types of 2-year-old funding. Parents can view eligibility criteria and apply for this funding at:
<https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/family-support/free-early-education-childcare/2>
or
<https://www.gov.uk/check-eligible-free-childcare-if-youre-working>

- Parents of 2-year-olds who are not eligible for funding, may pay for a space in our Afternoon Class. Please enquire at the School Office to find out our current session costs.
- All 3-year-olds are eligible for funded hours from the term *after* their third birthday.
- Our Afternoon Class provides a happy, relaxed introduction to Nursery. We focus on: developing basic skills; building self-confidence and self-esteem; and learning to get on with other children.
- During the session, children will often do a short focussed 1:1 activity with one of the adults, share a story in a small group at snack time and take part in a music and movement session. However, most of our time is spent in free play, in both our indoor and outdoor areas, where children have the opportunity to: follow their own interests; explore the wide range of resources on offer; and where adults can support their play and scaffold their learning.

Morning Nursery Class

- Our Morning Nursery class is for children aged 3 and 4, during the year before they move up to the Reception Class to start their statutory schooling.
- This class runs from 9am to 12pm each day.
- In order to comply with statutory guidance on adult:child ratios in Nursery settings, our Morning Class is able to accommodate up to twenty-six 3-and 4-year-olds in any one session with two adults supervising them.
- We strongly encourage all our children in the Morning Nursery class to attend for 5 sessions a week, every day from Monday to Friday. This not only helps the children to settle and form friendships but also ensures that they get the most out of their Nursery experience, participate in all the planned activities and make the best progress possible. Some parents prefer to use their 15 hours entitlement over two and a half days, either at the beginning or end of the week and this is something that Nursery staff are happy to discuss with parents.
- All children in our Morning Class qualify for 15 hours Nursery Education Funding which covers the cost of the sessions. Parents will be asked to fill out a funding application form when their child starts Nursery.
- Some children, of working parents, may be entitled to an additional 15 hours of free nursery education (30 hours in total). Children who receive 30 hours funding are

able to attend Nursery for four long days a week (from 9am to 3.30pm) and one short day per week (from 9am to 1pm). Parents can check whether they qualify for 30 hours funding and apply online at:

<https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare>

Please note that 30 hours funding starts from the beginning of the term *after* an eligibility code is awarded and parents must *reapply* for a new eligibility code every 3 months in order to keep the funded place.

- Our Morning Class is slightly more structured than our Afternoon session, whilst still providing plenty of opportunity for free-play, indoors and out. We start our morning session with a short circle time, followed by an adult-led activity, singing time and story time. Our Morning Class also takes part in a weekly PE session led by a specialist teacher. The Morning Class also joins the rest of the school for certain whole-school activities.

School Uniform

School uniform is optional in Nursery, however, many parents do choose to send children in a school polo shirt and sweatshirt. We have a selection of good quality second-hand uniform for sale in school or new items can be purchased from Clubsport in Kington.

If you choose not to send your child in uniform then we ask that you please do not send them to Nursery in 'best clothes' as we take part in messy play every day, using paints, glue, mud and other sensory materials.

As we encourage children to be as independent as possible it is really important that children wear clothes which they can manage themselves - jogging bottoms or leggings and flat shoes with Velcro or elastic, **not laces**.

Please ensure that clothing that children may take off at Nursery, such as jumpers, coats and hats, are clearly named so that children and staff know to whom items belong and to try to ensure that nothing gets lost.

Children in Nursery will need spare clothes so that staff can change them if necessary. Please ensure that your child brings a full set of spare clothes (top, bottoms, pants and socks) with

them each day in their bag. If your child has just started toilet training, they may need extra pants, bottoms and socks.

Younger children who are still in nappies will need to bring a bag with them each day, containing nappies and wipes and also a full set of spare clothes. We ask that children please arrive at Nursery with a clean, dry nappy.

As we play outside whatever the weather, all Nursery children will need to come to school with appropriate outdoors clothing – coats, hats and gloves for rainy or cold days or sunhats and sun cream for sunny days.



Snack Time

Fruit

In Nursery, children have a daily snack of fruit or vegetables provided by the Government's 'School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme'. We would encourage all children and parents to take advantage of this scheme which offers a nice variety of different fruit and vegetables and encourages the children to try a range of foods.

Milk

Free milk is also available for all children under five, however, parents have to complete a simple and quick online form to register their child with the dairy. Information about our school milk scheme will be provided before your children starts Nursery.

Water or Squash

We ask that all children bring a named bottle of water or very diluted squash or juice with them to Nursery to drink. These bottles are available for children to drink from throughout the session if they feel thirsty. Children who are not signed up to the school milk scheme will also drink from their bottle of water or squash at snack time.

Following advice from the Health Visiting Team, we ask that children do not bring drinks in baby bottles with a teat (which should not be used beyond the age of 12 months) and instead bring bottles with flip tops or straws.

Packed Lunches

Children who receive 30 hours funding and stay for longer days, will eat their lunch in the Nursery classroom with a member of Nursery staff supervising them. Children will need to bring a packed lunch from home in a named lunch box.

We try to teach the children about the benefits of healthy eating, and we would encourage parents/ carers to try to provide a balanced and healthy packed lunch. Children may not bring fizzy drinks or sweets in their packed lunches. Also, as we have pupils and staff with nut allergies, we ask parents/ carers to be very careful not to send whole nuts or any nut products (such as peanut butter or cereal bars containing nuts) into school in their child's lunch box.

Reading

Reading together at home with your child is vital in developing their language skills and also their imagination.

In Nursery we have a daily story time where we read a wide range of high-quality children's books.

We would encourage parents to read as much as possible to their child at home. Kington Library has a wide range of lovely children's books that you can borrow to share with your child. It is free to sign up for a library card and there are no fines if you are a bit late returning a book. Further information can be found here:

<https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/libraries-1/library-services-children-young-people/3>



Children in our Morning Nursery class will need a book bag. We ask children to bring this book bag into school every **Friday** when they will have the opportunity to borrow books from school to bring home and read. School book bags can be purchased from Clubsport:

<https://www.clubsport.co.uk/product/kington-primary-royal-blue-bookbag/>



Observations, Assessments and Reporting to Parents

Observations and records are kept on children's development in the 7 areas of the curriculum. We have an online learning journal called 'Tapestry' which allows both staff and parents/ carers to upload photos and comments about the children. Parents/ carers are able to access photos and observations of their child on Tapestry at any time

Nursery staff will also use Tapestry to share information about weekly topics, home learning challenges and Nursery news so please do check it regularly.



Each child also has a paper based 'Learning Journey' which contains examples of children's work such as drawings and cutting, other adult-directed tasks, as well as photos and other observations. These books will come home once your child starts Reception.

Parents/carers usually have a meeting with Nursery staff during the first term to discuss how their child has settled at Nursery. Other meetings will be arranged throughout the year as needed in order for staff to discuss progress, next steps in your child's learning or the move up to Reception. Parents will also receive a progress report for their child during the Spring Term.

In addition to these Parents meetings, staff are available at the beginning or end of the sessions to discuss any queries or concerns – or to make an appointment to speak to you at another time if you require a longer discussion.

Attendance at Nursery

We encourage children to attend their allocated sessions on a regular basis so that they settle well and make good progress.

If your child is not going to be at Nursery for any reason - a family holiday, day out or appointment - please could you let Nursery staff or the school office know in advance if possible.

If your child is unwell or very tired, please do not send them to Nursery. Illnesses can spread very quickly in the Nursery environment, where children's immune systems are still developing. It is also no fun for a child being in a busy Nursery setting when they are feeling under the weather or sleepy. So, we ask that you please do not send your child to Nursery if they are poorly and that you keep them at home until they are feeling better.

In the case of sickness or a tummy bug, children must stay off Nursery and may only return 48 hours after their last bout of diarrhoea or vomiting.

Starting Nursery

Before starting Nursery, we will usually invite children to visit the setting for a look around and also to come to a stay-and-play session so that they are familiar with the room and the staff.

To ensure that children settle well, entry to Nursery in September may be staggered so that children and staff have time to get to know each other!

Children usually start our Nursery classes in September at the start of the academic year. However, they can join our Nursery at other points throughout the school year (usually the start of a new term or half term) if there are available spaces.

Moving up to Reception

Almost all the children who attend the Nursery Class at Kington Primary move on to our school Reception class, which they will join in the September after their fourth birthday.

However, entry to the Reception Class is not automatic for children who attend Nursery and parents of children in our Morning Class will still need to apply for a school place via the Herefordshire Council website. The school will inform all parents when Reception Class applications open.

There will also be an Open Evening during the Autumn Term, where parents are able to visit the Reception Class and also look around the rest of our school.

Finally

If you have any other questions about how our Nursery works, or would like to arrange a visit, please contact Mrs Price or Mrs Lewis in the school office:

Tel: 01544 230363

Email: admin@kington.hereford.sch.uk

Thank you for choosing our Nursery for your child! We hope that they will be happy in the Early Years Foundation Stage at Kington Primary School, have lots of fun and enjoy the benefits of learning with other children.

