

### Attendance

By applying to our Nursery, you are agreeing to our school attendance policy.

At Lillington Nursery and Primary School our expectation is children attend as close to 100% as possible. Of course, illness happens. However, if your child's attendance falls below 97% (our school target) you will be invited in for a chat with the class teacher. If attendance does not improve after this, you will need to meet with the Early Years Lead. If your child's attendance still does not improve, they may be at risk of losing their Nursery place.

Please let the school office know if your child is not going to be in for any reason.

Again, we aim to work with parents in all areas, including attendance, although we strongly believe if children begin their schooling with good attendance it puts them into a good pattern for the rest of their school career.

# Lillington Nursery and Primary School



## Nursery welcome booklet

2-3 year olds



# WELCOME!

We are delighted you have chosen our Nursery provision for your child.

Starting nursery education should be a happy time for you and your child, but it can also take some getting used to - for parents/carers and the children!

At Lillington we will work with you to ensure your child's transition into nursery is as smooth as possible, working together along the way to give the best start to their school life!

If you have any additional questions or queries, please email Miss Cook at **[J.Cook@lillingtonprimary.com](mailto:J.Cook@lillingtonprimary.com)**

## ***Being two involves getting messy and exploring!***

To support this, we ask that your child comes to nursery dressed in comfortable clothing and appropriate shoes.

Children in our 2 year old nursery are **not** asked to wear uniform. When your child starts our 3-4 nursery, uniform will be required.

### **What to bring:**

- \* Spare clothes, just in case!
- \* Nappies and baby wipes, if appropriate
- \* A pair of named wellies that can be kept in school
  - \* A weather appropriate coat





## Snack

A selection of healthy snacks are provided for your child each day.

In our 2-3 year old room, children are encouraged to sit as a group during snack- this is a great opportunity to build on children's self help skills, communication and language development!

Milk and water is on offer throughout the session.

# Meet the team!



Miss Cook  
Nursery Teacher



Mrs Baines  
Early Years Educator



Mrs McSweeney  
Early Years Educator



Miss Rakkar  
Early Years Educator



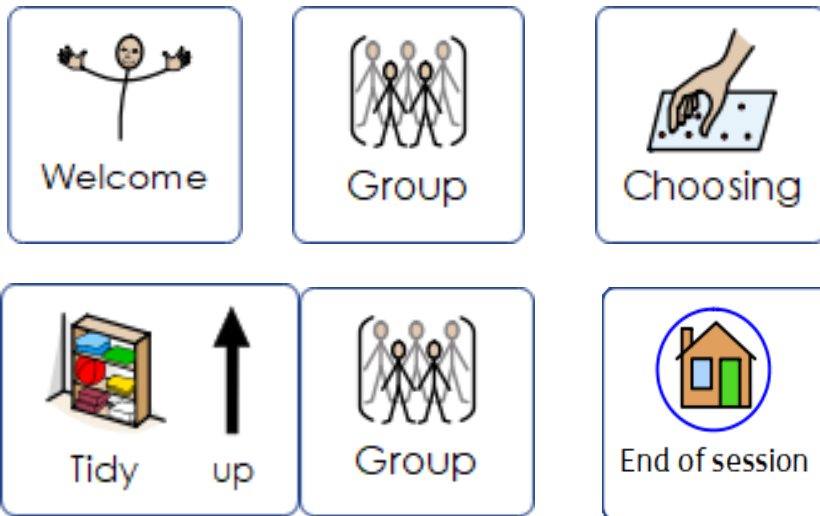
Miss Dalton  
Early Years Educator

## Our day

**Afternoon** sessions start at 12:30pm  
until 3:30pm.

The first half hour of each session begins with settling in activities to ensure your child is ready for an afternoon of busy learning!

The timetable for each session follows the same structure:



We ensure your child receives at least an hour of outside learning each session. We share a garden with the 3-4 year old nursery!

## First days

We fully appreciate that the first few days or even weeks of your child starting their school education can be just as worrying for parents as for the children - if not more so!

We strive to make sure this transition is as smooth and stress free as it can be.

We understand that if your child is upset when you go to leave, it can be incredibly hard. But please let us assure you, this is totally normal and we will call you if needed. We will also call to let you know how well they are doing once settled!

We do not underestimate how difficult it can feel but from experience we know that children settle very quickly when they know there is a routine and their visit to Nursery will be each weekday.

Put your feet up and leave it to us - for a few hours at least!

## Your role

As well as daily chats, you will be invited to a parents meeting each term. This is a great chance to look through your child's learning journal and discuss their attainment and progress so far.

There is also an opportunity for you to add to your child's learning journal.

In each cloakroom area there are 'Notes from home' slips for you to let us know what your child has been up to outside of nursery.

Each half term you will be invited to a Nursery event where your child will take you around their Nursery, showing off their learning and getting you involved!



## Our day

### Group Time!

We have two group times in each session. Our first group time allows us to:

- Sign ourselves in
- Welcome our friends
- Wake up with music and movement activities!
- Focus on learning key skills that support our development.

We meet again for a story at the end of the session.

During our choosing time, each area of the environment is set up with the children's interests in mind and aims to develop the children's knowledge and key skills.





## Our Nursery Rules

1. We use kind hands and feet.
2. We always use kind words with our friends and teachers.
3. Inside we use walking feet and quiet voices.
4. When we have finished with something we put it away.

## Preparing your child for Nursery

### **COMFORT**

Your child needs to know you are going but will be back. A clear kiss and cuddle goodbye and a big welcome when you return is so important.

During the first few days/weeks your child may need a comfort from home to stay in Nursery with them. This is completely fine. We will liaise with you when it is felt this is no longer needed.

The comfort should be something your child uses at home for this purpose e.g. soft toy or blanket.

Keep all other toys safe at home, we wouldn't want them to get lost or end up broken.

## Preparing your child for Nursery

### **WALK!**

Walk the Nursery route a few times - talking about their exciting new adventure and all the friends they will make.

### **WALK! Again...**

When we say walk, we mean walk. Building up physical resilience and developing your child's gross motor skills is vital at this early age. As much as possible (if not all the time) leave the pushchair, scooters, bikes at home and walk to and from Nursery together.

### **TALK!**

We all know talking to and with your child is vital to their development. Even if they haven't got the language yet, listening to you they soon will. Speech can be incredibly hindered by a dummy. By the age of 2, a dummy is not needed for comfort. Let the Dummy Fairies whisk them away!

## Turning 3!

Turning 3 is super exciting, even more so if you choose to join our 3-4 year old nursery!

If so, please email or speak to Miss Cook regarding sessions, full time options, settling in days and any other questions.

We aim to make this transition as smooth as possible!

## Voluntary donation

We ask for a voluntary donation of £2 per half term to support children in their learning by allowing us to purchase resources to support the children's interests.



