

EYFS FAQs

Is there a breakfast club and after school club?

Yes, we run both a breakfast club and after school club separate to the main school. Our Early Years breakfast and after school clubs are specifically for children aged two to five. We also run an older breakfast club and after school club for children in year 1 and above. Early Years breakfast club starts at 7.45am and after school club finishes at 6pm.



How old does my child need to be to attend?

Our Pre-School welcomes children the term after their second birthday (funded hours) or alternatively for a paying place, the day after their second birthday. Applications can be made directly to the school.

Our Nursery welcomes children the September after their third birthday. Applications for Nursery must be completed through the Borough of Enfield (see admissions information).

Our Reception welcomes children the September after their fourth birthday. Applications for Reception must be completed through the Borough of Enfield (see admissions information).



What outdoor space do you have?

At De Bohun we have a fantastic amount of outdoor space for the children to explore. Our provisions have their own outdoor learning environments (take our virtual tour). In addition, we also have a woodland play area, a field and a playground.

What will my child have for lunch?

Children staying all day in Pre-School or Nursery will be asked to bring a healthy packed lunch.

Reception children have the option to bring a packed lunch or have a free school meal served in the dining hall. The children have a range of hot meal options to choose from including a salad bar and a pudding!

How do you teach the children to read?

Children begin learning to read right from the start. In Pre-School the children learn nursery rhymes and play listening games. In Nursery, the children begin phase 1 letters and sounds and also learn a 'sound of the week'. In Reception, the children begin phase 2 letters and sounds and begin to put letters together to read words. To find out more about reading at De Bohun please [click here](#).



What time will be child start/finish school?

Pre-School and Nursery sessions run from 8.30-11.30am and 12.30-3.30pm. All day sessions run from 8.30-3.30pm.

Reception start school at 8.50am and finish at 3.15pm.

Will my child receive homework?

Yes! In Pre-School your child will bring home a book from the reading area each week to read with their parent/carers or older siblings.

In Nursery the children will also bring home a story and an additional talking or practical activity linked to the week's learning.

In Reception the children bring home a story of their choosing, they will also bring home a book they can read to you with some flashcards and a phonics pack to practise their reading. Children in Reception will be given a small

literacy and maths task each week (these may be talking, practical or written activities).



How will I know how to support my child at home?

Workshops are held throughout the year for parents to attend. A member of our Early Years team will show you how to support reading, writing and maths for the different stages/year groups.

Observations (photos and a comment) are sent home weekly via our observation tool Target Tracker Link. You will have access to your child's account to look at photos of what they have got up to each week. You can then talk with your child about their day/week.

Will I be able to talk to the teacher?

We have an open door policy at the start and end of the day where the teacher or your child's key person will be available to talk. The staff are always more than happy to have a quick chat or book an appointment for a longer discussion if needed.

Pre-School parents will meet their child's key person for a settling in meeting shortly after they have started and we hold parent consultations in the Autumn and Spring term for all children.



How will my child use the toilet/be changed?

Toilets are located in the Pre-School and Nursery building so that children have close access to them. Reception's toilets are located at the end of the same corridor.

There are changing facilities in Pre-School and Nursery for any children using nappies, we also have steps and smaller toilets for the younger children.

What is a key person?

The Key Person may be your child's teacher or an Early Years Practitioner in his/her class. The Key Person records focused observations, supports children's learning and development, monitors behaviour and social and emotional needs, works cooperatively with parents and works alongside class teachers to set and review targets.



Does your school have any specialist teachers?

Yes, we have our own computing teacher, music teacher and PE teacher. From Year 1 onwards children also have French lessons with our French teacher.

