

De Bohun Primary School

Welcome to Nursery



The Early Years Curriculum

The Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum states that:

"Each area of learning and development must be implemented through planned, purposeful play and through a mix of adult-led and child-initiated activity. Play is essential for children's development, building their confidence as they learn to explore, to think about problems, and relate to others. Children learn by leading their own play, and by taking part in play which is guided by adults."

At De Bohun, children have access to a balanced curriculum that encourages them to learn through play in addition to taking part in focused activities led by specialised and experienced Early Years teachers and support staff. Each day, children are exposed to an exciting and varied timetable, which has a careful balance between children exploring and learning independently through play, and focused activities planned and led by adults. It is important that children are supported in Nursery in order to be prepared for the transition into Reception later in the year.

The Early Years curriculum covers the following areas of Learning and Development:

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development Physical Development
- Communication and Language
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design



Outdoor Activities

A very important part of the Foundation Stage Curriculum is promoting children's physical development and learning about what keeps them fit and healthy. It is recognised that physical activity aids brain development and children are encouraged to play outside every day, whatever the weather.

Nursery Class have their own outdoor play area and this is used as much as possible for a variety of purposes. **Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing appropriate clothes, for example, hats, gloves, scarves for cold weather, rain coats and wellington boots when rainy and sunhats and sun cream when it is hot and sunny!**



Settling-in

The children do not all begin Nursery on the same day, but are invited to start in small groups during the Autumn term. This enables the staff and the other children to have time to get to know each other, and to make the settling in process less stressful for the children.

We are happy for you to stay with your child for the first session and will support children to be ready to stay on their own. Some children will find this process easier than others, and so we support every family on an individual basis. Some children are immediately happy to be left in the classroom, some children need their parent to stay for one session and some need to be left for an hour or so at a time until they are confident in their new environment.

Please ensure that you collect your child promptly at the agreed pick up time.

If you have any concerns about how your child is settling in, please do talk to your class teacher.

Key Person

Your child will be assigned to a named member of staff. This key person will support the development of your child and act as the key point of contact for you should you have any concerns or queries. Your child's key person will usually be assigned after the first few weeks of starting nursery.

Consultations

You will be offered parent/carer consultations throughout the year. This will usually follow your child's 'focus' where the key person has worked closely with your child to assess their level of development and determine your child's next steps. This will be shared with you during consultations and you will be asked if you would like to contribute information regarding your child's development.

Online Learning Journey

Link  powered by
Target Tracker

You will be given access to an online record-keeping system called Target Tracker Link. Each child will have their own learning journal where we will keep photos and observations of your child's progress. Only you will have access to your child's learning journal, where you can keep up to date with the progress they are making.

Preparing your child for Nursery

At De Bohun we promote independence and encourage children to have a go at managing their own self-help skills. Before starting nursery, please help teach your child to:

- Dress/undress themselves
- Put on their coat
- Use the toilet properly and wash hands with soap
- Use a tissue to wipe their nose
- To throw tissue into the bin
- Tidy up their own toys
- Develop speaking and listening skills e.g. reading stories together, talking together as a family.
- Teach your child to recognise their name
- If your child has limited language or is new to English teach them key words such as 'drink', 'toilet' 'help me' so that they may communicate with their teachers
- Be positive; ensure your child that they are going to have lots of fun and make many new friends



What do I need to bring on my first day?

- Although it is important to help your child learn to use the toilet before they start nursery, it is perfectly normal to have an accident sometimes. Please bring a spare change of clothes in a named bag that can be kept on your child's peg. All clothes must be named too.
- A named water bottle that should be refreshed and returned every day.

School Uniform



The uniform at De Bohun Nursery is;

- A white polo top
- A royal blue cardigan/jumper
- Black/grey joggers
- Black trainers or shoes



Where can you buy our uniform?

Smiths Schoolwear

25 Station Parade,
Cockfosters,
EN4 0DW
0203 8183 622

155-157 Lancaster Road,
EN2 0JN
0208 363 2424



Snacks at Nursery

You do not need to prepare a snack for your child to bring to nursery. Each day the children have access to milk, water, bagels/toast and fruit which is provided. We do however ask you to provide a named water bottle for your child which must be refreshed and returned every day.

Please do not bring any other snacks in for your child as there may be children with in the nursery with allergies.



Nursery sessions

<u>AM session</u> 8.30-11.30am	<u>PM session</u> 12.30-3.30pm
<u>All day sessions</u> 8.30-3.30pm	

Please Note

It is very important that you are on time for your nursery session. The Nursery entrance door will be closed at 8.45am and 12.45pm for security reasons. If you arrive late, please take your child to the school's main entrance where they can be signed in and a member of staff will take your child to the nursery.

Library books

Once per week your child will choose their own book from the Nursery to bring home. This is to develop a love for reading from the very first stage at school. Please read the book with your child looking at the pictures, talk about the story and share what ideas about what might happen next.

Breakfast and After-School Club

Children aged 2 to 5 can attend our Early Years Breakfast and After-School Club. Breakfast Club starts at 7.45am, After-School Club ends at 6pm. Both are based in our Nursery building. For more information, please visit the school website.