

De Bohun Primary School

Welcome to Pre-School



The Early Years Curriculum

Our Pre-School class follows the guidelines of the 'Early Years Foundation Stage Framework'. The children learn through playing together in a happy, friendly and secure environment. We understand that children need plenty of free play and this will be encouraged with the introduction of group and independent activities, some of which are adult led. Children will be allowed to express themselves through a wide range of media and activities exploring different themes.

Research has shown that young children learn through their play and "hands on" experience. Therefore, the Pre-School class is arranged in such a way that the children can take part in all these practical activities in an independent manner.

All the activities are carefully planned, arranged and supervised in order that the children are motivated to gain experience in all aspects of the curriculum.

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. Pre-School 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 Pre-School on the same day, but are invited to start in small groups. This enables the staff and the other children to have time to get to know each other.

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. It is very important that a parent or carer stays with their child for the first session to help them settle into the environment.

If you have any concerns about how your child is settling in, please do talk to your child's key person.

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.

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 school.

Two-Year Old Checks

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) requires that parents and carers must be supplied with a short, written summary of their child's development in the three prime learning and development areas of the EYFS: Personal, Social and Emotional Development; Physical Development; and Communication and Language. This should be completed between their second and third birthday. At De Bohun, this will be completed for all children that are between the ages of 24 and 30 months when they join our Pre-School.

The Pre-School staff will complete this assessment check and will then ask to meet with you to hear your views on your child's development and discuss your child's next steps.



Pre-School 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.

What do I need to bring on my first day?

- Change of clothes to be kept at school and replaced every time it is used.
- Nappies and wipes
- A named water bottle that should be refreshed and returned every day.
- A coat and hat for cold days (the children play outside everyday)
- Sun cream and a sun hat on warmer days

All clothes MUST be named as they will go missing very easily if they do not have the child's name in.

Toilet Training

At De Bohun, we promote independence and encourage children to have a go at managing their own self-help skills.

Each child will be at their own stage when it comes to toilet training, all children develop at different rates. Please discuss with the Pre-School staff where your child is on their 'toilet training journey'. We will be sure to support you and your child whatever stage they are at.

If your child is wearing nappies, you will need to supply nappies, wipes (and cream if needed).



Snacks

The children will sit together for snack about half way through the morning. This is a social time for children to sit together and enjoy the same food as each other. During this time the children listen to stories and conversations with the adults and children in the class. We believe it is important for all children to have a healthy diet, we talk to children about the importance of this and share healthy foods during our snack sessions.

If your child has any allergies please make sure that the office has up to date information.



Water

Please provide a named water bottle for your child which must be refreshed and returned every day.

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.

School Uniform

The uniform at De Bohun Pre-School is;

- A white polo top
- A royal blue cardigan/jumper
- Black/grey/ royal blue 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
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Preparing your child for Pre-School

- Talk about going to Pre-School
- Come to visit for a stay and play session

- Begin toilet training when your child is ready
- Encourage your child to put on their jacket and shoes (with help)
- Teach your child to wash their hands after visiting the toilet/having their nappy changed or before eating
- Teach your child key words to communicate with their teacher. Words such as 'drink', 'toilet' or 'Can you help me?'
- Be positive; ensure your child that they are going to have lots of fun and make many new friends

