



Osmaston Primary School Foundation Stage 1 Booklet



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OSMASTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

“Believe and Achieve”

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Name of pupil.....

Starting Date.....

Welcome to Osmaston Nursery,

We hope you and

will enjoy your time here.

We aim to provide a happy, caring, stimulating and safe environment in which children are encouraged to reach their full potential.

Starting dates are staggered so that only two or three children start each day. This enables us to spend more time settling your child in, thus making it a happier and easier experience for newcomers. Please bring your child to Nursery on the date and time specified.

Background Information

Early year's education is called the Foundation Stage. Nursery is Foundation Stage 1 (FS1) and Reception is Foundation Stage 2 (FS2). The Early Years Foundation Stage provides a starting point for the whole of your child's future development. The Foundation Stage Team's aim is to encourage children to experience the enjoyment of play and social interaction and an awareness of the world around them.

All the children in our Nursery are valued as individuals and are supported by staff according to their individual needs and abilities.

We use the Development Matters in the Early Years Foundation Stage document to guide our planning. There are three prime areas and four specific areas of development and these are:

Prime Areas

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

Specific Areas

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

The Nursery unit is set up daily with a range of activities to allow children to choose what they want to take part in. Children also spend a short time daily in adult led activities for the whole class and for small groups.

Admissions

We operate as a 52 place unit, offering morning and afternoon sessions to the children the term after their 3rd birthdays.

The children are admitted to the unit for 5 sessions per week (mornings or afternoons). Your child will stay in the Foundation Stage 1 until transfer to Foundation Stage 2. This will take place in the September of the school year of your child's 5th birthday. In addition we also offer a flexible hours option for those parents who may be interested. You will be asked to register your interest in this on an additional form before your child starts Nursery. Please note that interest does not automatically guarantee a place for your child. For further information please speak to your child's class teacher.

Nursery Times

Morning 8.45 am - 11.45 am

Afternoon 12.15 pm to 3.15 pm

The morning sessions begins at 8:45 am. The afternoon session begin at 12:15pm. The main school gate will be locked at 9:05/12:35 am and reopened at 11:30/3pm. If you are late bringing your child to nursery you will need to drop your child off at main reception as the nursery doors will be locked for security. On entry to nursery it is important that you help your child find their name card from the register board and help them to practice writing it daily. This will support your child in their literacy development. All children will have a coat peg with their picture on it.

Absence and Illness

If children are ill, particularly with sickness and diarrhea, high temperature, coughs and colds, please keep them at home until they are fully recovered. The best place for an unwell child is at home. We do not have the facilities to look after sick children in the unit. They must remain at home for 48 hours after the last bout of the illness before returning to nursery. If your child is absent for two weeks or more, without a given reason, the nursery teacher will contact you as this could result in the loss of a place for the child.

Medicine

Medicines are not allowed in the unit - the only exception being inhalers for asthma. If your child is asthmatic please speak to a member of staff so the appropriate paperwork can be completed.

What to Wear

We provide aprons for the children's activities, but busy children do get dirty, whilst enjoying themselves. Please dress your child in suitable washable clothes. We want children to become independent within the unit, please dress them in clothes which are easy to put on and take off.

We have a limited supply of clothes in the unit for accidents, so if your child does borrow replacement clothes, please wash and return them as soon as possible. If you know your child is prone to wetting when engrossed in an activity, it would help if you are able to provide a spare set of clothes in a named bag.

Outdoor Curriculum

The outdoor equipment is set up at the start of the day. Each day the children will be able to go outside where a series of activities will be set up to reinforce the 7 areas of learning. Please ensure that you send them to the unit with appropriate clothing and footwear. It helps if everything is named.

Baking

All of the children in the unit will get the opportunity to bake on a regular basis. They will bake biscuits, gingerbread men, cakes, etc. and will either eat them in school or take them home.



Snack

Children should not bring crisps, sweets, or other food items to school. We provide a piece of fruit each day as part of the government's scheme to promote healthy eating. The children also receive a free drink of milk daily.

Behaviour

We encourage the children to follow the class rules. If your child upsets another child or adult, they will be expected to sit on the thinking mat. This will be for one minute giving them time to think about their actions and to apologise to the appropriate person. The parent will also be informed if this sanction has been issued.

Our school motto
"Believe and Achieve"

Our school rules
Be nice
Word hard

We have a very positive attitude to our behavior management in school and we acknowledge good behaviour with rewards such as stickers, stamps, Marvelous Me and positive notes sent home.

Partnership with Parents

Parents are valuable members of our Nursery team. You know your child better than anyone; please tell us about their likes and dislikes, how they cope with difficulties and about their skills and abilities. By sharing this information with us we can build on and develop your child's existing knowledge and progress.

We hold open sessions daily in nursery from 8.45 to 9.00 for morning children and 12.15 to 12.30 for afternoon children. You will have the opportunity to become involved in your child's class-based learning. Please feel free to join your child at their self-chosen activities during these times. Please read the Parents' notice board regularly. It is used to inform you of news and special events within the unit and the whole school.

Health and Safety

Parents are requested to ensure that children do not bring their own toys to school in case they are mislaid or damaged when children are at play. Smoking is not permitted anywhere on school premises or in the school grounds. Please do not bring dogs or other animals into the school grounds.

Key Worker

Every child has a key worker. Children are placed in small groups for story and circle time to develop a group identity and are given individualized attention from their key worker

during this time. You will be informed of your child's keyworker as soon as he/she has settled in. please note that the keyworker may change depending on the needs of the child. Please do not hesitate to discuss any issues or concerns relating to your child with the class teacher.

Reports

There will be a termly parents' evening giving you an opportunity to discuss your child's progress and answer any questions you may have. Parents will receive a written report in the summer term before their child leaves the nursery. A copy of this report is also given to their reception teacher.

Collecting your Child

Children must be collected by an adult. We cannot send them home with anyone under the age of 16 years. It is essential that you collect your child by the stated time. Morning 11.45 am and afternoon 3:15 pm.

Nursery Staff

Mrs R Badhan.....	Nursery Teacher
Mrs Ruston.....	Teaching Assistant (full-time)
Mrs L Cliff.....	Teaching Assistant (part-time job share)
Mrs S Kaloya.....	Teaching Assistant (part time job share)
Mrs D Garbett.....	Lunchtime Play worker

In addition to the permanent staff other persons may be present: Parent helpers, students, speech therapists, advisory teachers etc.

Conclusion

You and your child are about to enter a partnership with the school based on trust, understanding and support. This will continue throughout your child's school career. We ask you to work with us to provide first class educational opportunities for your child.

Wendy Baxter
Headteacher, Osmaston Primary School