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At the heart of our school, all individuals have opportunities to thrive in their own unique ways. By igniting passion and embracing difference, we can unlock limitless potential for all in our community. Through nurturing and trust, we can open the door to exciting new adventures, challenges and experiences to spark dreams for every child.

# Nursery



# Booklet

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Dear Parent and Carers,

Welcome and thank you for choosing to send your child to Hazlewood Nursery.  
This booklet provides you with information about our Nursery. If you have any queries or concerns, then please come and see a member of staff.  
We look forward to having you and your child with us at Hazlewood Nursery.

Our Nursery offers 5 sessions a week, either mornings or afternoons.

Morning session 8.30am-8.40am - 11.20am-11.30am

Afternoon session 12.30pm-12.40pm - 3.15pm-3.30pm

Full day session 8.30am – 2.30pm or 3.15pm-3.30pm

### Our Aims

Our main aim is to provide a happy, secure and stimulating environment for your child whilst in our care.

Within our Foundation Stage we also aim to promote

- Personal, social and emotional well-being to develop self-esteem, therefore giving children a greater possibility to learn.
- Positive attitudes and dispositions towards learning and increased independence.
- Social skills, upon providing the children with opportunities to learn how to co-operate and work together.
- Knowledge, skills and understanding, with opportunities for first hand experiences.

“All children should be given the opportunity to experience the very best possible start to their education.”

(Hodge, 2000:2)

## Staff

### Nursery Staff:



Mrs C. Walker



Mrs P. McEvoy



Mrs A. Smith

### Wrap Around Care:



Mrs C. Wood



Mrs L. Shahead

### **30 hour Childcare Provision**

An additional 15 hours of free childcare is available for families where both parents are working, or the sole parent is working in a lone-parent family. Each parent must earn the equivalent of 16 hours a week at the national minimum or living wage and earn less than £100,000 a year. Visit the children's choices website to check your eligibility.

We will be offering the 15 additional hours as 8.30-2.30pm. If you would like your child to stay at Nursery until 3.30pm, we may need to ask you to pay £2 per day for the extra hours. We also accept Government childcare tax free vouchers, paid directly into school bank.

Children will need to bring a packed lunch on the days they are accessing full days. Please can you ensure your child has a healthy packed lunch with no sweets and fizzy pop. Our nursery and school is a nut free school due to allergies so no nuts in packed lunches.

If you are entitled to 30-hour free childcare, please contact Rachel Taylor at the school office on **(0191) 9178545**.

### **Starting Nursery**

All children are different and whilst many children settle easily, others may need more time. Our aim at Hazlewood Nursery is to meet individual needs; there is no hard and fast ruling. Your child will be offered a stay and play session and then two visits before they commence Nursery so that they can become familiar with the Nursery staff and setting. The visits also ensure that the first days of Nursery are as free from stress as possible for both you and your child.

### **Your Child's Safety**

Important:

The safety and welfare of your child is our priority, so please inform us if someone other than whom we are expecting is collecting your child. Please note that this person must know a password, which we will set up with you.

It also helps if we can be introduced to grandparents, etc., before they begin to collect children.

### **Our Curriculum**

The Foundation Stage is the period from birth to five years of age, in school it is from the beginning of Nursery to the end of Reception. It is a distinct stage with its own objectives which cover seven main Areas of Learning and Development:

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

Each Area of Learning and Development is implemented through planned, purposeful play and through a mix of adult-led and child- initiated activities. We work closely with your child following their interests and teaching them skills within the seven areas of learning and development. Our intention is to promote an independence and self confidence within them to be proactive learners. We interact, engage, and observe children in their play to assess their understanding of what they have been taught and use this to plan the children's next steps. Their progress is recorded 3 times a year using the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage. Throughout the year there will be opportunities for parents to come to a 'stay and play' session where you will be able to engage in 'informal' conversations with the teacher around your child's progress.

Every term you will receive a Topic Web of information and activities that your child will be engaged in to support and consolidate learning.

### Outdoor Learning

We love the outdoors; whatever the weather and we believe outdoor learning has equal value to indoor learning. We provide meaningful, engaging experiences that support children's development in all areas of the curriculum and enable children to create explore and reflect.

**Could you please provide your child with a pair of wellington boots (named), which can stay at Nursery.**

### Forest School

In Nursery we believe in the benefits of forest school and access our outdoor forest area as often as we can. It is proven to increase self-esteem and self-confidence, help with the development of language and communication skills and helps to improve physical and motor skills as well as being fantastic fun!

### Nursery Learning Journal - Seesaw

Seesaw is an online journal, where we will send you photographs and videos of your child's learning at Nursery. It is very secure, and we only allow parents, carers and family members to access the site.

### Parental Involvement

Over the year we invite parents and carers to join us in Nursery for stay and play sessions and for nursery rhyme week. You may also become a secret reader!

We ask parents and carers to support children on school trips and whole school events.

In Nursery we are very interested in any new learning your child does at home. If your child has jumped in the swimming pool for the first time, put on their coat by themselves, done anything new or said something special we would love to know. Please send us a photo and a little write up on Seesaw.

### Parent Mail

Communicating with parents is an important part of what we do, making sure you get the correct information about activities, events and things that really matter is something we really care about. Parent mail is an online service that allows you to complete forms, give consent/permissions and feedback instantly. We also use this service to book parent's evenings. Once your child is settled into school the office will set up your parent mail account.

### Clothing

We ask that parents follow our uniform policy and dress children attending Nursery in a red jumper (either with school logo or plain red). Jumpers can be ordered via our school website. For the bottom half we ask children to wear clothing that is easy to get on and off for toileting. We also ask that all children have a spare set of clothes and underwear in a **drawstring** sandshoe bag, just in case they have a 'little accident' or have had a fun time in water and messy play. These bags are to be left on their coat pegs in the cloakroom. We do not have the space to accommodate rucksacks or school reading bags and they are unnecessary.

For outdoor play we wear our wellies.

**Please can you put your child's name in all items of clothing and foot wear.**

### Snack Time

Please could your child bring to Nursery a **named** water bottle filled with water or sugar free juice. Your child will bring their bottle home after each session.

Nursery children are also supplied with fruit and milk, each session. For your child to receive free milk please can you register your child on the cool milk website, which you will find in your information pack.

### Library

The children will be visiting our school library once a week, to choose a book to share with you. We cannot stress the importance of reading with your child. Early experiences with books and stories are critically linked to a child's success in learning to read.

### Toileting

There is an expectation that children starting Nursery are toilet trained. If there is a medical reason why your child is not yet toilet trained, please contact us so we can discuss arrangements. Please still put spare clothes in your child's bag in case of 'little accidents'.

### Poorly Children

If your child has been absent through sickness and diarrhoea they should not return to Nursery until they have been clear of the symptoms for **48 hours**.

If your child cannot attend Nursery for whatever reason, please leave a message on the first day of absence with the office staff. **Tel:(0191) 9178545**

### Wrap Around

For those parents who are not eligible for the 30hours free childcare we would like to inform you about our wrap around service that we offer. This means that a morning child can attend Nursery in the afternoon, making a full day's attendance and equally so an afternoon child is able to attend Nursery in the morning. Wrap around costs £12 per day and a packed lunch will need to be provided. However, if our nursery is running at full capacity this provision will not be available. Please come and see us for further details.

The Early Years staff are here to support the children and yourself to ensure time in Nursery is a fun and positive experience. We look forward to building your child's education and relationships with you and your family. If you have any concerns or queries, please come and see us and never feel that some things are too small to mention.

Mrs C. Walker  
Nursery Teacher