

Welcome to Stokes Wood Nursery



STOKES WOOD
PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Opening Doors to a Brighter Tomorrow



Our aim is to make the transition from home to school smooth and successful. We are sensitive to the needs of your child and you as their parent. At Stokes Wood we strive to establish and maintain good relationships with all the children and their parents.



This prospectus will help you to prepare you and your child for Nursery. It will help you to understand what your child will be doing at Nursery, and we hope it will answer any questions you may have. If you have any other questions, please feel free to ask.

Who you will meet at Nursery



Mrs Park

Mrs Park will be your teacher. She can't wait to work with you. Here is an interesting fact about her:

"I have been up in a hot air balloon in Australia and got to see the Australian landscape!"

Mrs Walker

Mrs Walker is a teaching assistant. She can't wait to work with you. Here is an interesting fact about her:

"I love being creative and I have a dog called Hughie, I also love going on holiday."



Mrs Furborough

Mrs Furborough is a teaching assistant. She can't wait to work with you. Here is an interesting fact about her:

"I love spending time in the garden and cooking delicious foods."

Mrs Musa

Mrs Musa is a teaching assistant. She can't wait to work with you. Here is an interesting fact about her:

"I love going for a walk in the park and looking at the birds."



What will my child learn?

Every day of the week is different in Early Years and your child will be able to take part in a wide variety of activities. Play is a natural way for young children to learn and forms the basis for these activities. Our learning is divided into 7 areas:

Prime areas

1. Communication and language
2. Personal, social and emotional development
3. Physical development

Specific areas

4. Literacy
5. Mathematics
6. Understanding the world
7. Expressive arts and design



Children in the Nursery learn to develop social skills, including sharing toys and co-operating as part of a group. Children will make friends and learn self-confidence as valued members of our class and of our school. We teach tolerance towards others, as well as respect for attitudes and beliefs, which may be different from our own.

How can I support my child's learning?

Children's learning begins at home. We recognise that the relationship between home and school is a partnership and there are steps we can take together to give your child a consistent and successful start to their school journey.

To teach phonics, we use a pre-phonics programme called the 'Learning Lady'. We concentrate on teaching children concepts of print such as which way round to hold a book, where the title is, that we read the left page before the right page etc. Once these aspects are embedded and the children have completed phase 1 phonics, we move on to learning the letter sounds.



When your child wants to count, let them count real objects e.g. How many people are at the bus stop? How many plates on the table?

Get them to make marks when they count too.



Sharing stories, singing rhymes and songs, listening and talking will all help to develop your child's confidence and communication skills.



Encourage your child to help you e.g. baking, tidying a room and helping with the shopping. These can all give children a sense of responsibility and sharing.





School Uniform

We expect all children in our Nursery to wear our School Uniform. School shoes with Velcro or trainers with Velcro are preferable. We spend a good proportion of the day using our outside area as an active learning area – PLEASE make sure your child wears suitable clothes each day, especially school shoes or trainers that they can climb and run around in.



All children need a P.E. kit; a t-shirt is provided which is linked to their house colour. The children will need black or grey shorts/leggings/joggers (school logo PE bags are available to purchase from the school office). Children will need a pair of plimsolls for PE, which will be stored in their PE bag too.

We also ask for a full spare set of clothes in case of accidents (this does not need to be uniform). We provide outdoor coats during the outdoor sessions as they are likely to get messy. We also provide sunhats in the warmer months.

Please ensure all clothing is labelled with your child's name.

Timings of the day



Morning Session

Start: 8:45am

End: 11:45am



Afternoon Session

Start: 12:15pm

End: 15:15pm



Full day

Start: 8:45am

End: 15:15pm

A pack lunch will need to be provided or your child can have a school dinner at the cost of £2.50 each day.

Milk and Fruit

In Nursery, milk and fruit is free for all pupils. If your child has milk other than semi-skimmed milk provided by Cool Milk, you are welcome to bring your own in for them. Children are also encouraged to bring in their own water bottle each day. We only encourage water to drink in the classroom. Fruit and water is provided throughout the session for each pupil.

Forest School Sessions

Children in Nursery have Forest School sessions once a week. These sessions take place outdoors in our Forest School area which is located on the school grounds at the bottom of the school field.

These sessions aim to increase children's personal, social and emotional skills, giving them an opportunity to take control of their own learning and manage risks in a controlled environment.

They will have the opportunity to explore the natural surroundings, use the mud kitchen and resources, den build, use tools and once the rules are embedded, attend a campfire and toast marshmallows!

We provide weather proof clothing and sun hats and ensure that children also wear suitable footwear





Attendance

We are committed to providing the best possible learning and development opportunities for all our children. Regular attendance plays a key role in helping children feel settled, build friendships, and fully benefit from all the experiences we offer.

Attendance below 80%

To ensure that Nursery spaces are used fairly and consistently, if a child's attendance falls below 80%, without a valid reason or prior agreement, we will no longer be able to guarantee their nursery place. We understand that illness and exceptional circumstances can arise, and we will always take individual situations into consideration. If you have any concerns about your child's attendance or foresee any difficulties, please speak to us as early as possible – we are here to support you.

Leave during Term Time

If you plan to take your child out of nursery for five or more consecutive days during term time, a retainer fee of £50 will be charged. This fee will secure your child's place during their absence and help cover our staffing and operational costs. If you intend to take extended leave, please complete a Leave of Absence Request Form, available from the school office.



Illness and Medication

Illness

Please keep poorly children at home, especially after sickness or diarrhoea. The recommended time for return is 24 hours after the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea.

'Long-term' Medication

Inhalers/epi-pens for all children in need of them will be held by the class teachers and kept in a cupboard within the classroom which will be clearly marked with a green and white first aid sticker. It would be best practice if a second medication is available at school for playtimes, lunchtimes and PE.

All medication must be clearly marked with the child's name, with clearly written instructions as to need, frequency, etc.

It is the parents' duty and responsibility to ensure that a child's medication is in date.

'Short-term' Medication

Children who require a short course of medication e.g. antibiotics, will, whilst ill, remain at home until the course is finished. If it is felt by a medical practitioner that the child is fit enough to return to school a school first aider will administer the medicine as long as there are fully written instructions and the medicine is in the original packaging.

All Medication

No medication can be allowed in school unless the appropriate form is completed and returned to school. Forms are available from the school office. These are updated on an annual basis and staff are issued with information concerning their pupils and/or pupils in the school with specific allergies.

Safeguarding

Stokes Wood is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for children, staff and visitors, where all feel confident about their own safety or well-being of others. All visitors to school must sign in at the main school office using an electronic sign in system. They will be provided with a lanyard which must be worn at all times.

Password System

In Nursery we implement a Password System Procedure so that, if you are unable to collect your child, you will be reassured that your children will only be collected by an authorised person. Details of the password and adults authorised by you to collect your child, for example a childminder or grandparent, must be provided to your class teacher and the school office, when your child starts school. We ask that you inform us of any changes to this information immediately.

Safeguarding Leads at Stokes Wood



Liz Christensen
Headteacher



Megan Williams
Assistant Headteacher



Liz Stone
Year 4 Lead Teacher



Ela Swakia
Learning and
Behaviour Mentor



Trish Haryman
Pastoral Support



Hazel Bramley
Office Manager



Your child's progress is documented throughout Nursery in a personalised Learning Journey showcasing their achievements.

Your Child's progress Through Nursery



We use an interactive app to track pupils' progress called 'Evidence me'. We take photographs of each child's 'Wow Moments', share these with parents and link them to the correct areas of learning.

Parental Responsibility

If you have parental responsibility for your child but live apart from each other, you are still entitled to information about their progress and participation in events at school. If you would like to receive a copy of their annual report, newsletters, copies of school photos or information on assemblies and exhibitions please email office@stokeswood.leicester.sch.uk for more information.

How to Prepare for Nursery?

There are several things that you can support your child with before they start Nursery:

- Be able to get themselves changed for PE (staff will help with buttons).
- Be able to use the toilet independently and wash their hands afterwards.
- Be able to use a tissue independently



We hope you and your child are looking forward to starting their school journey.

Should you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us.

We look forward to welcoming you to Stokes Wood Nursery.

