

Watercliffe Meadow



A place for learning

Welcome to our Nursery



Watercliffe Meadow is a happy, caring place for learning.

Everyone has the chance to explore and develop their qualities, skills, gifts and talents.

We feel good about who we are.

Together, we can help to make the world a better place.



Meet the Team



Danielle Houghton



Lauren Gibson



Rebecca Moss



Lisa Howson



Jen Wilson



Danielle Page

Nursery Sessions

We are able to offer 15 hours each week to all children attending our Nursery.

We offer the following sessions:

5 morning sessions –
Monday to Friday 8:45am to 11:45am

5 afternoon sessions –
Monday to Friday 12:20pm to 3:20pm

2.5 days
Monday & Tuesday 9am to 3:10pm and
Wednesday morning 8:45am to 11:45am
or
Wednesday afternoon 12:20pm to 3:20pm and Thursday & Friday 9am to 3:10pm

We also offer a number of 30 hour places (Monday to Friday 9am to 3:10pm). 30 hour sessions are available to parents who are eligible. Please visit <https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk> for more information



Staff

Nursery Teachers: Danielle Houghton
Rebecca Moss
Lauren Gibson

Teaching Assistants: Lisa Howson, Toni Mortimer, Danielle Page & Jen Wilson

All the staff at Watercliffe Meadow are here to support you and your child. If there is anything you need, please let us know, or call into the school office and speak to the Admin Team.

Learning Mentors: Jayne Senior, Andy Campsill and Danielle Mullen

Our Learning Mentors are always on hand to provide support to you and your child. If you want to talk to them, please ask a member of staff, telephone school or call into their room upstairs by the fish tank.

Admissions

Children are admitted in to Nursery in age order, usually during the term after their third birthday. Children must be three years old or above and it is expected that children will be toilet trained.

Coming and Going

Please arrive at the Nursery door in time for your session. For your child's safety, the doors will be locked at 9:10am and 12:30pm each day, so please arrive on time.

When collecting your child please wait outside the Nursery until it is opened by a member of staff. Children will then be sent out to you one at a time. Please be patient during this time. Children who are not collected by an adult are kept in the Nursery.

Please make every effort to be on time at the beginning and end of sessions. Lateness is often disruptive and can be upsetting for the child.

IMPORTANT Please inform us if someone other than yourself is collecting your child. Anyone collecting your child must be over 14 years.

If your child is ill and won't be attending nursery please ring the school on 01142326603

Aims

Our aim in Nursery is to ensure that the five principles of **Every Child Matters** are embedded through all activities and experiences that children encounter.

These are:

- 1) Staying Safe
- 2) Being Healthy
- 3) Enjoying and Achieving
- 4) Making a positive contribution
- 5) Achieving Economic Wellbeing



We do this by:

Providing a safe , happy and stimulating environment in which each child can develop a positive attitude to learning, achieve self-confidence and feel good about who they are and what they can do.



Developing children's creative skills and the ability to communicate with confidence and spontaneity, and by providing opportunities for them to express themselves through art, music, dance, stories and imaginative play.

Developing children's understanding and knowledge of the world through discovery and exploration using technology to support their learning.

Developing children's literacy and numeracy skills in preparation for learning to read, write and understand numbers..

Preparing children for life in a multi-cultural and multi-ethnic society and to encourage children to explore their potential, irrespective of gender, race or ability.

Working in partnership with parents and carers and the wider community so that all children can be the best that they can be.

Providing opportunities for children to develop their physical co-ordination and manipulative skills.

School Meal Costs

The cost for a school meal for children in Nursery is £2.65, per child, per day.

Snacks

Every day in Nursery, we provide a variety of fruit for the children to eat with their milk. We also provide snack to compliment the fruit. This is often linked to the topic we are following and allows children the opportunity to experience foods that they may not be familiar with.

Please let us know if your child is allergic to any food or drinks so that we

can ensure their safety. We ask you to ensure that your child does not bring any other food or sweets into the Nursery.

Clothing

At Watercliffe Meadow School uniform is compulsory. You can order uniform from the school office.

We do lots of messy things in Nursery; Painting. Gluing, Water Play, Digging... and lots more!

This will not be a problem if your child is dressed in school uniform. It washes well and means the expensive clothes can still be smart for the weekends! Children also ride bikes, so old shoes or trainers will be better than any shiny new ones!



Uniform is:

- Sweatshirt, fleece or cardigan **with the school logo**
- Polo Shirt - can be either sky blue or royal blue and these can be worn with or without the school logo
- Plain black or grey trousers, tracksuit bottoms, shorts, pinafore or skirt (no denim)
- Blue gingham school dress
- Flat black shoes, or plain black or white trainers
- Children also need a pair of indoor shoes e.g. slippers or pumps

Please make sure you write your child's name in their uniform.

Jewellery

Watercliffe Meadow operates a no jewellery policy, with the exception of stud earrings. If your child wears stud earrings they must be removed for PE themselves. We accept no responsibility for loss of any earrings worn or brought into school.

If your child is not able to remove these themselves then they should not wear earrings to school.

Curriculum

The Early Years Foundation curriculum provides activities and experiences for the children appropriate to their individual needs.

The seven areas of learning we focus on are:

- 1) Personal, Social and Emotion Development
- 2) Communication and Language
- 3) Physical Development
- 4) Literacy
- 5) Mathematics
- 6) Understanding of the world
- 7) Expressive Arts and Design



Children are supported to become a motivated learner by playing and exploring, active learning and creating and thinking critically. These are the characteristics of effective learning.

Records and Reporting

When your child joins us in Nursery you will have the opportunity to provide any information you feel is important to begin your child's portfolio. We will have informal discussions concerning your child's progress all of the time and we welcome this.

Three times each year you will be invited in on a formal basis to discuss your child's progress and look in detail at their portfolio. You can of course request to see your child's portfolio at any time.

Any work your child does at home with you can also be included in the portfolio and the children love it when their parents/carers also make comments in it. The portfolio is a record of their learning, progress & achievements and your involvement is really important.

We want your child to be happy and to achieve and we want to work with you to make this happen. If you have any concerns about any aspect of your child's time in the Nursery please don't hesitate to talk to any of our staff.

Special Education Needs

During the time your child is attending Nursery they may at some point show signs of needing additional support to help them with their learning. Because this need and support is different for all children, we will work with you to prepare a timetable of activities that are suitable to support your child.

If we feel that your child needs some additional support, we will always discuss this fully with you as the child's parents/cares.

Corina Antcliff and Lauren Bennett are our Special Needs Co-Ordinators and will work with you and your child if they have any kind of Special Educational Need and need some additional support.

Premises

We have 52 children in the Nursery Unit.
The statutory ratio of staff to children is 1:13.

The Health & Safety Policy of the school covers the nursery and there is a annual Risk Assessment carried out by staff and Governors. Regular fire drills are also carried out and all equipment is regularly checked to ensure that it is safe.

Equal Opportunities

All staff at Watercliffe Meadow work hard to ensure that all children attending the Nursery have equal access to all areas of the curriculum. All of our children at Watercliffe Meadow learn about different cultures and languages so that they can celebrate and respect differences and recognise similarities.

We want to develop tolerance for others regardless of gender, race, culture or class and to overcome any racist or sexist views and work with you to teach our children how to live with others in a peaceful world.

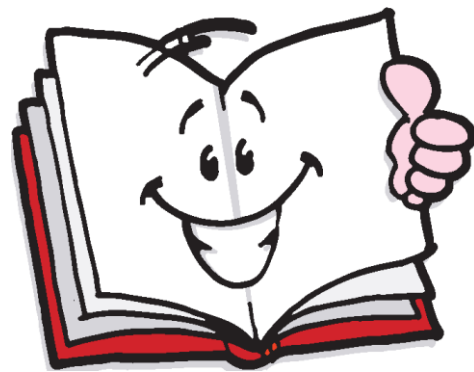


Learning to help your children learn

We will be providing 5 workshop sessions in the first term that your child attends Nursery. These workshops are planned for everyone to attend. They will help you to support your child as they start school.

It is essential that all parent/carers attend these five workshops!

Only by working together can we achieve our goal and make sure that **“The World Is Ours!”**.



Read... Read... READ!



Our aim is that every child at Watercliffe Meadow will be a confident reader who enjoys reading books for the pleasure it brings.

From the very start, you and your child will be able to borrow a library book from our story house and change it whenever you want to—as long as you return the books on a regular basis! There is no better way to finish the day calmly than with a bedtime story.

Even before your child can read, you can share the book with your child, talking about pictures and characters. You can also teach your child to take care of their library books,

Good Behaviour

Our Golden Rules

1. **We are positive and polite** - we don't act in an impolite way
2. **We are gentle** - we don't hurt others
3. **We are kind and helpful** - we don't hurt other peoples feelings
4. **We listen** - we don't interrupt
5. **We are honest** - we don't cover up the truth
6. **We work hard** - we don't waste our own or other's time
7. **We look after property** - we don't waste or damage things

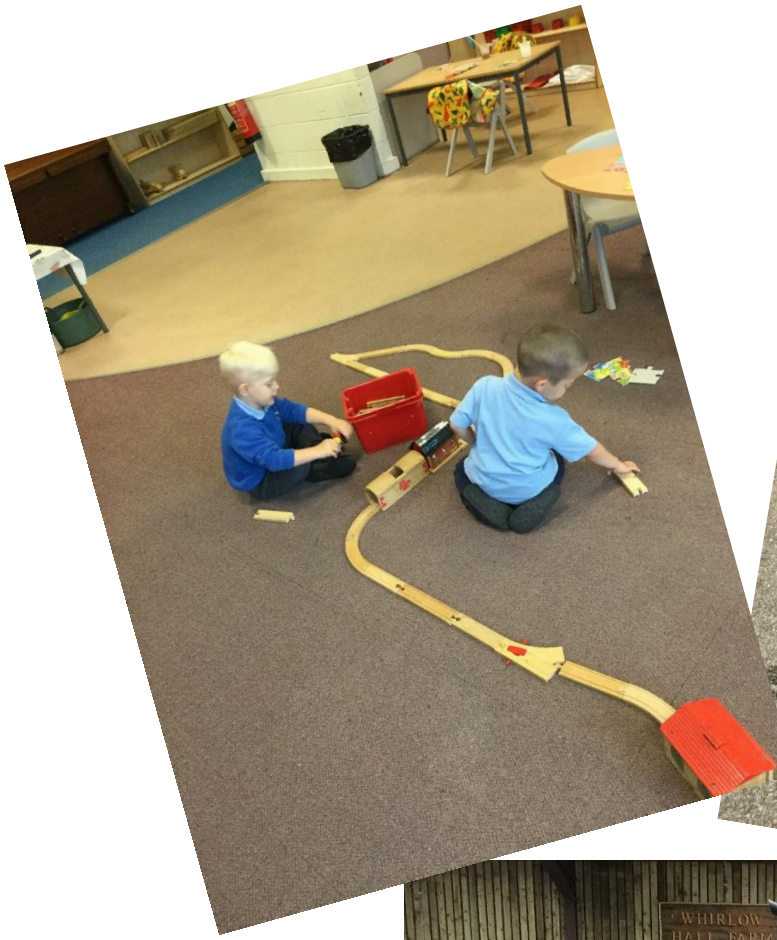
Just as parents/carers do, we expect all children to display positive standards of behaviour for learning. We will follow regular routines to help your child understand how to live by our 'Golden Rules'.

It is essential that we work together to help your child understand and learn the 'Golden Rules'. We can all teach them about the behaviours expected of them and support them in whatever actions need to be taken to help them achieve success.

When a child's behaviour causes us concern we will deal with it promptly in line with the school's behaviour policy.

All staff are aware of the policy and of the steps to be taken when children's behaviour causes concern.







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