

Embleton Vincent Edwards
C of E Primary School
Nursery Brochure 2016 - 2017



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We welcome you and your child to Nursery and look forward to being part of their learning journey

This brochure is designed to give you some specific information about what happens in Nursery at Embleton First School and how we can work together to make your child's Nursery experience a happy one. We work in an Early Years Unit. This means that children who are Nursery and Reception age play and learn in the same environment.

There may be times when they work together or are in groups working with an adult or playing independently with other 3 year olds. We maintain high staff to pupil ratios of at least 1-13 pupils. Generally we have 1 adult to 4 pupils enabling us to offer outstanding experiences for all children.

Nursery Staff

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| Class Teacher | Nursery & Reception | Miss Lisa Murray |
| Classroom Assistant NVQ Level 3 | | Mrs Rachel Cotton |

Nursery children are very much a part of the school family at Embleton. When they begin school each child is integrated into the house system we have throughout school— Alnwick, Bamburgh and Dunstanburgh. Nursery children are also invited to join whole school events such as Harvest Festival, Assemblies in Church and Fundraising events.

We welcome parents and families to join us and work together to make school a positive and happy experience. There is always a member of staff on hand to talk to you at the start and end of the nursery session.



Admissions

We admit children to Nursery every term. Admission to Nursery is the term following your child's 3rd birthday.

- Autumn Term admissions, 3 years old by 31st August.
- Spring Term admissions, 3 years old by 31st December.
- Summer Term admissions, 3 years old by 31st March.

We offer 15 hours free entitlement. This is organised into 5 afternoons 12p.m. until 3p.m. If you feel your child is unable to take up a 5 afternoon place we may be offer a part time place of 9 hours Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. In the case of our nursery being full preference will be given to children who take a 5 afternoon place.



Rising 3 Year Old Provision

Due to changes in Ofsted Requirements if places are available we are able to provide provision for 'Rising Threes'. This would mean that if you felt that your child was ready your child could start Nursery at the beginning of the term in which they turn 3 years old.

There are limited places for this option as staffing ratios need to be 1 adult to every 4 children. If you feel that this would be a suitable option please do not hesitate to contact us. We will contact you to offer you a Nursery place during the term before your child is due to start. We will arrange to make a home visit and then we will invite you and your child to attend a Nursery taster session the following week.

You will be offered 5 afternoons if places are available. The number of children admitted as Rising Three's is reviewed every term and places are allocated once the Nursery 3 year olds have been admitted.

Nursery Curriculum

We look carefully at individual children as learners when planning our curriculum in Nursery. The curriculum is planned around specific areas so that the children can access learning through many different experiences thus allowing them to develop in all areas whilst being stretched and challenged.

There are seven areas of learning within the Foundation Stage:

PRIME AREAS

- 1) Personal, Social & Emotional Development
- 2) Physical Development
- 3) Communication & Language Development

SPECIFIC AREAS

- 4) Mathematics
- 5) Literacy
- 6) Understanding of the World
- 7) Expressive Arts & Design

Monitoring Pupil Progress

Each child has his or her own Learning Journal and Progress Matters Developmental Bands Profile which show how your child is developing in each area and records the experiences they have.

Throughout the term these journals are readily available for families and children to look at. Families are invited to add to their child's Learning Journal. We offer parents evenings and an annual written report



Nursery Session

A typical session in Nursery is detailed below. Although we plan according to a timetable as we are keen to reflect on characteristics of effective learning for the children and encourage creative thinking and active learning we may not follow it exactly but this gives you a guide on what generally happens throughout the afternoon.

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| 12:00pm | Children hang up their coats and join the school for lunch. |
| 12:30pm | Independent activities |
| 1:00pm | Welcome and carpet time |
| 1:25pm | Activities. There will be a variety of Indoor/Outdoor activities reflecting the different areas of learning throughout the week. |
| 2:00pm | Snack / Outdoor learning. |
| 2:30pm | Activities / Story / Sharing Time |
| 3:00pm | Home time |



Nursery Uniform

We are proud of the inclusive nature of our school and therefore children in Nursery wear a school uniform. The school uniform and P.E kit is detailed below. It is important that items of school uniform and PE kit are clearly labelled with your child's name. V Neck Jumpers, book bags and kilts can be ordered from the school office

| School Uniform |
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| Black or grey skirt or trousers |
| Blue checked dress or pinafore for girls or black or grey shorts for boy (Optional for summer) |
| Embleton Primary School Tartan kilts are optional for girls |
| White polo shirt |
| Embleton Primary School V Neck Jumper |
| Shoes (preferably black). Please make sure that these are sensible, flat, practical and safe. |
| Plain coloured socks |
| Pupils are encouraged to bring a pair of wellies to keep at school for outdoor activities |

| PE Kit |
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| Pale Blue T Shirt |
| Navy Shorts |
| Training Shoes |
| Plain coloured socks |
| Blue Jogging Bottoms (cold weather) |

We encourage the children to be active and offer a variety of forms of Physical Development. In addition to this we may offer a more formal PE session where the children change for PE.

Book bags are useful for library and reading books as well as for paintings and drawings that will be coming home.

We look forward to having your child in our Nursery Class. We want your child to be happy and we work as team with you to ensure they are progressing and enjoying their school experience.

For any further questions or queries or to arrange an appointment to look around school please get in touch.

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