

Welcome to

Beaver Road Primary School



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What does the School Day look like?



If your child has a morning place

The Nursery doors open at 8.45 and shut at 9.05.

The session ends at 12.15.

Your child must be picked up by 12.15 as the afternoon children will be arriving.

Any child not picked up by this time will have to wait at the

School Office in the Main Building.

If your child has an afternoon place



The Nursery doors open at 12.15. Your child must be picked no later than 3.45.

Any child not picked up by this time will have to wait at the

School Office in the Main Building.

If you are late, do not worry. Please still bring your child to School.

Phone School if your child cannot attend a session. On their return please send in a note to explain the reason for absence.

This is needed for the registers. Absence slips are available on the parents' notice board.



What is the routine of the day?

If your child has a morning place

8.45-9.05	Self Registration. Parents and Carers are welcome
9.10-9.35	Key Worker Focus Teaching Group
9.35 -11.20	Focused activities and continuous play inside and outside
11.25-11.55	Lunchtime
11.55-12.15	Key Worker Focus Teaching Group

If your child has an afternoon place

12.15-12.30	Self Registration Parents and Carers are welcome
12.30-1.00	Lunch
1.00-1.15	Key Worker Focus Teaching Group
1.15-3.15	Focused activities and continuous play inside and outside
3.20-3.40	Key Worker Focus Teaching Group

What does my child have to wear?

Please ensure that all children's clothing is named, especially coats – which must have a loop to hang them up.

Your child will need...

- *A blue School bag*
- *A blue School jumper/cardigan, grey/black trousers/skirts and a white shirt/ yellow polo shirt*
- *Black shoes (please name)*

The following items must remain in School for each half term and be returned at the beginning of the next half term.

- *A pair of named wellington boots, so that your child can enjoy the outdoors even when it is muddy/raining*
- *A sunhat for those occasional sunny days*

All children must wear suncream during the summer term. We will occasionally spray suncream on your child, unless you have any objection.

How do lunchtimes work?

In Nursery, lunchtime is kept within their familiar surroundings. They will help to set the tables ready and then spend time eating their lunch and chatting to their friends.

There will always be 2 members of the full time Nursery staff that stay with your child during this time and 2 dinner ladies.



Your child must bring a packed lunch with them. Please inform the School if you are entitled to free school meals as the canteen staff will then make up a packed lunch for them

In addition, you can purchase packed lunches from the school canteen for £1.80.

There are examples of a packed lunch on this website:

<http://www.schoolfoodtrust.org.uk/schools/projects/packed-lunches>

What snacks will my child have during the day?

Your child will enjoy a snack of milk/water and fruit/toast/vegetables. Milk is free but we do ask for a contribution towards the rest. This is currently £4 a half term. Please pay cash in a named envelope to your Key Worker or make cheques payable to '**Beaver Road Primary School**'.

We make the snack sessions part of our Personal Social and Emotional Development Curriculum.

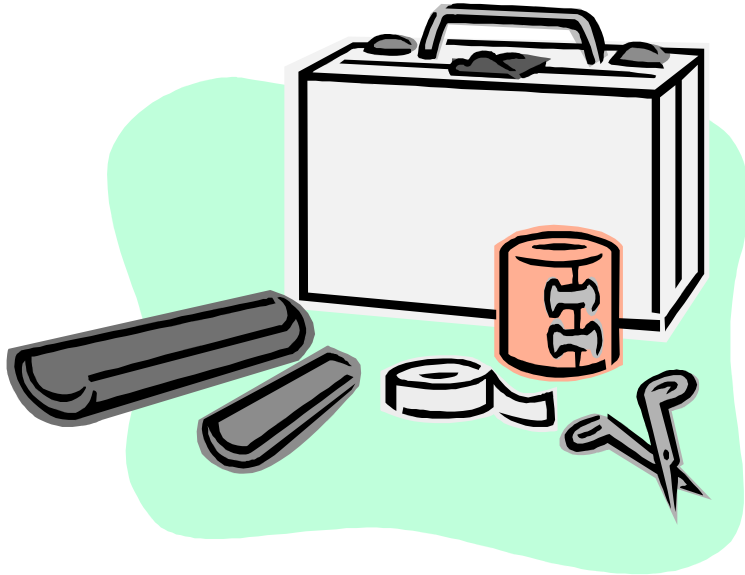
We provide a choice of the following healthy snacks...

- Toast, crumpets, teacakes
- Breadsticks, cheddars
- Cheese/cheese spread
- Dips
- All fruits/selection of vegetables
- Milk or water

The money will also be used to pay for regular baking activities for your child to enjoy.



How will my child's injuries be dealt with?



Within Nursery we have a qualified paediatric first aiders. Should your child require treatment, it will be logged in the Nursery incident book and a slip will be given to your child to take home so that parents are informed.

If it is a serious injury, parents/carers will be contacted immediately using the emergency contact details that you have supplied.



What is the staffing in Nursery?

All staff within the Foundation Stage are fully qualified. These will be either teachers or highly skilled teaching assistants with specialised training within the Early Years.

The statutory ratio of adult to child in Nursery is 1:13, with 1 full time teacher. However, at Beaver Road, we believe that the Foundation Stage is so important to a child's development that we invest heavily in our staffing at this stage.

We run a key worker system in the Nursery and your child will be allocated with their own key worker who they will remain with for that year. This is to ensure that good relationships are built between yourself, your child and the key worker.

Hence, we have 2 full time class teachers and 1 high level teaching assistant who are the key workers. In addition, we also have an additional teaching assistant.

All work with the children is planned and overseen by the class teachers who have the ultimate responsibility for your child's learning.

Worried about your child?

Please do not hesitate to come and talk to your child's class teacher. Brief messages can be discussed in the morning but if you need a more lengthy discussion a mutually convenient time can be arranged. We will do our best to help you with any problems which might arise.



Do not allow a small problem to become a large one, we are here to help raise your child and work in partnership together.

How do we deal with bullying?

We accept that bullying can happen, but we do not tolerate bullying in any form. Children are encouraged to take care of themselves and look out for their friends. Any incident of bullying either observed or reported will be dealt with immediately and parents/carers will be informed.

Please refer to
<http://www.beaverroad.org.uk/curriculum.htm>
Addendum- Bullying

What is the Foundation Stage Curriculum?

The children learn through six different areas of learning. They are...

- **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**
- **Communication, Language and Literacy**
- **Problem solving, Reasoning and Numeracy**
- **Knowledge and Understanding of the World**
- **Physical Development**
- **Creative Development**

They are all of equal importance.

How do you assess in the Foundation Stage?

Your child will be assessed through the Within the Nursery we are using a new assessment system called 'Little Fingers'. This enables us to email parents children learning journey's when they have been a VIP.

More information about assessment can be found in your child's 'Learning Journey File'.

For more useful information for parents use this web link:
http://www.beaverroad.org.uk/curric/dcsf_eyfs_guidance.pdf

What will the classrooms look like?

The Reception Unit has been split into different areas, which are called 'continuous provision areas'. They comprise of:



- Water
- Malleable
- Role play linked to the theme
- Small world
- Sand
- Investigative
- Home corner
- Creative
- Workshop
- Writing
- Maths
- Snack
- Construction
- Blocks
- Book



Why do we have an Outdoor Classroom?

At Beaver Road we believe that:

- Being outdoors has a positive impact on children's sense of well-being and helps all aspects of children's development



- Being outdoors offers opportunities for doing things in different ways and on different scales than when indoors

- It gives children first-hand contact with weather, seasons and the natural world



- All of our children should experience the World beyond the classroom as an essential part of learning and personal development, whatever their age, ability or circumstances

‘Outdoor environments offer children freedom to explore, use their senses, and be physically active and exuberant’ (Quoted from the new Early Years Foundation Stage 2007)

How will the School work with parents and carers?

We are very keen to develop our relationship with parents/carers within their child's education. We will endeavour to do this through half-termly newsletters, where you will be able to find out what your child will be learning during that half term and how you can support them.

You will also have regular access to your child's 'learning journey file'. In this you will be able to see how your child is progressing on a day to day basis. Your child will be a VIP once every half term. This is when they will be the focus of observations within School.

As the parents/carers of your child, we acknowledge that you know the most about your child. Therefore when your child is a VIP, we ask for your support in this process by completing an observation sheet of your child in play at home. The observations then inform the next steps of learning for your child, which are fed directly into planning and their targets for that half term.

Before your child starts Nursery, we invite our parents and carers to a 10 minute meeting with their key worker. This is a time that we want to get as much information about your child as possible before they start Nursery so that we can ensure a smooth transition in their learning.

In addition, there will be a parents meeting during the Autumn and Spring Term. At the end of the Summer Term all children will receive a report.

Finally, lots of other useful information for parents/carers is available on the notice board and the School's website. www.beaverroad.org.uk

Please be aware that you can make appointments at any other time if you are concerned about your child's progress.

Please remember that all children are different and their needs depend upon rate of development, cultural background and previous experience.

We are here to help your child settle in and enjoy their time in our Nursery. If you have any worries, concerns or problems no matter how big or small, please speak to a member of staff before or after School.

We believe that the children at Beaver Road Primary have an exceptional start to their education. We are happy to say that not only do we get outstanding academic achievements, but the children develop as their own unique individual. This is something we encourage throughout the whole School.

At Beaver Road all of our children are special, unique, happy and talented. Thank you for choosing to send your child to our School.

How can I contact School?

School Website where you will find
lots of useful information

www.beaverroad.org.uk

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