

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What will my child eat at Nursery and Pre-School?

All of our children are provided with water throughout the day along with milk and a healthy snack such as fruit. Many of our children are in Nursery and Pre-School for a whole day so it is very important that the food they receive is nutritious, balanced and varied and meets their developmental needs. All our meals are cooked with fresh ingredients by our Academy chef Michele and her team, and is the same as the Primary menu. Children are also welcome to bring in a packed lunch from home.



### What will my child need to bring to Nursery and Pre-School?

We provide protective clothing for the children when they engage in messy activities, although we strongly recommend that children do not wear their best clothes to Nursery and Pre-School. We ask that in addition to an appropriate coat you provide your child with a named backpack containing the following:



- ★ Change of clothes in case of accidents
- ★ Sun hat/ winter hat depending on weather conditions
- ★ Nappies for the day, wipes and cream
- ★ Comforter if necessary

Please also provide a pair of wellie-boots for outdoor play and indoor shoes for inside.

### How will I know about my child's development?

As your child plays, they are continually learning and developing. Staff closely observe and monitor each child's progress across all areas of learning. Each child has a personalised Learning Journey which enables us to build up a record of each child's learning and achievements during their time with us. This is recorded on an online system called Tapestry.



Tapestry is an online learning journey used in schools around the country, it enables staff to take photographs, videos and make written observations of the learning your child does at school. You will then have access to this information (using your email address and a secure password to log in) so you can celebrate this learning at home too. Tapestry is a brilliant platform of shared learning opportunities and therefore it is a useful tool for Parents/Carers. Not only can you see what your child is learning in school, you can also add your own posts to keep school informed of what your child gets up to out of school too! We love sharing learning experiences both inside and outside of school, all of which contribute to the progress your child makes as they move throughout the Early Years.

We also offer regular termly progress meetings where Parents/Carers can come in and discuss their child's development and progress with their child's class teacher. You can of course ask to see this

at any time throughout the year. At age 2 years, we will complete a statutory Progress Check in conjunction with yourself and your child's health visitor if necessary.

**What will my child's day at Nursery and Pre-School involve?**

The day is carefully planned to incorporate the best learning experiences for your child, this includes a balance of child led independent activities and adult guided activities. Throughout the day, your child will have access to a wide range of indoor and outdoor experiences that both harness and nurture their interests. We understand that each child has their own routine and prior to joining Nursery your child's teacher will meet with you to discuss how best to build their day around it.

