



## St Andrew's CofE Primary School

### Nursery Information



**Morning Sessions:** 8.55am until 11.55am

**Full Day Sessions:** 8.55am until 2.55pm

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# Welcome to St Andrew's Nursery

We are very much looking forward to meeting you and your family. We hope that you will find this booklet useful. It is designed to answer some of the questions you may have about your child starting in our nursery. However, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries or concerns.

## Classes

We have 2 rooms, your child will either be based in Bumblebees or Ladybirds. However, in the afternoons, all children who attend all day will be together, in the Bumblebees room. Your child's main class teacher will be their key worker.



## What Your Child Will Need for a Nursery Session

Many of the activities we do in nursery involve messy play and please expect that your child will get muddy or wet sometimes. We go outside whatever the weather so please bear that in mind when remembering what to bring each day.

### **To leave at school:**

- A draw string bag containing a spare set of clothes which we will use if they need changing for any reason, this can be left on their peg
- Welly boots (to keep at school)

### **Every day:**

- A school book bag for letters, book borrowing and art work. Please order from Mapac.
- A named drinks bottle containing water



### **In wet weather:**

- A warm, waterproof coat

### **In hot and sunny weather:**

- A sun hat
- Sun cream if staying all day (to be kept at school). Please apply **before** nursery in the morning and we can reapply at lunch time if needed. We will send a message about this in the summer term.



### **In cold weather:**

- A warm, waterproof coat
- Hat, gloves and scarf



**PLEASE NAME EVERYTHING**

## Uniform

Children in nursery wear the same uniform as the rest of the school. The school uniform is as follows:

- White polo shirt
- Red jumper or cardigan. These are available to order with the school logo if preferred or can be purchased from a supermarket/M&S etc.
- Black or grey trousers/jogging trousers, grey skirt or pinafore
- Gingham red dress (In warmer weather)
- Sensible smart black shoes, which they can put on independently and fasten by themselves (not open-toed sandals or flip flops) It's a good idea to practise this before your child starts Nursery.
- All school uniform can be bought from any supermarket; however, you can also buy our official school uniform from Mapac.



<https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/standrewsprimaryschoolcb75aa>

- For second hand uniform, please look up Soham Community Uniform Page on Facebook.

**Please note you will need to order by the end of July to guarantee delivery for the start of school in September.**

**Please ensure ALL items of clothing are named with printed labels or by writing in waterproof pen.**

**Please also remember to put names in shoes!**

### **Curriculum and Learning.**

In Nursery the children follow a play-based curriculum, focussed around high quality texts which feed into topics. All of these opportunities are designed to develop listening and language skills as well as confident children, who make the most of their school experience and enjoy high levels of success. The children learn through an environment and curriculum which supports their interests. We pride ourselves on being an exciting and engaging place to be - encouraging our children to be independent learners through a range of practical activities. Nursery children follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework (EYFS). This curriculum encompasses three themes and principles.



**The Unique Child** - We understand that every child is an individual child who is capable in their own right.

**Positive Relationships** - Social interaction is key to children's development. Children become strong, independent learners through positive relationships.

**Enabling Environments** - Providing a safe, secure and stimulating base for your children is key to their development. The framework allows for experiences that respond to the child's individual needs/ interests as well as developing a strong partnership between practitioners, parents and carers.



### **Snack**

In Nursery the children have fruit, sometimes raisins and a drink of milk or water for snack. Fruit is provided as part of the Government's Fruit and Vegetable Scheme so you do not need to provide any unless they have a specific dietary need which you have discussed with us.

### **Lunch**

If your child is staying for the full day at nursery, please send them with a **healthy** packed lunch and drink of water. They will eat this at 12 o'clock. Please provide your child with about the right

amount of healthy food you would like them to eat – we will then encourage them to eat as much of it as possible. We will be on hand to help with undoing boxes, packets and yogurt lids etc. Please make sure any grapes are pre-cut from top (stalk end) to bottom to prevent choking. Nursery children can also order hot lunches which need to be paid for, under £3:00 at present, these can be booked through Parent Pay – you will be given a login for an account. Please check the school website for menus and exact cost.

We ask that all food sent in is **NUT FREE**.

## **Illness**

If your child becomes ill please keep them off school and only return when they are better. If your child has vomiting and/or diarrhoea they need to remain away from school until 48 hours after the last episode of illness. Please let the school office, [office@st-andrews-pri.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-andrews-pri.cambs.sch.uk), know if your child is off school because they are unwell or are off for any other reason. If a child falls asleep in school, and we cannot wake them or keep them awake, we will ring you to collect them as we do not have the facilities to safely look after sleeping children.

## **Holidays**

If you plan to have a holiday during the school term, please fill in a holiday form which is available from the school office.

## **Pastoral Care**

Children learn best when they feel safe, secure and happy. If you are experiencing a period of family difficulty, e.g., bereavement, illness or conflict, which you feel might affect your child, we would ask you to share this information, in confidence, with us. This will enable us to support and deal with any problems or difficulties. We hope that you feel that you can always come and share your concerns with us so that we can support and help your child.

## **Communication**

Good communication between home and school is essential for us to support your child most effectively. We are always happy to talk through any concerns or just to chat about your child. We are available for short and important issues when you drop your child off in the mornings and free to discuss anything else once school has finished, either through informal discussion or arranged appointments.

**Alternatively, please ring the school office, 01353 720345, for any last minute pick-up arrangements. We will not be able to send your child home with any other adult, unless we are notified in advance.**



## Thoughts for the Weekend, Facebook and Class Dojo

Class Dojo is our online learning journal where you can share things your child has been doing at home and we will also share what they have been doing at Nursery. We publish a mini-newsletter called 'Thoughts for the Weekend' on Class Dojo on a Friday. In it we tell you what your child has been learning about, any important dates which are coming up and suggestions for things you could do at home with your child which will



support the learning we are doing in Nursery. Please join the St Andrew's Facebook page if possible, other whole school events and notices are posted on there as well as on Class Dojo. You will need to give your child's name so we can verify who you are. There is also a Nursery group on Facebook, please scan the QR code to reach it.



## How can I help my child before they start Nursery?

There are lots of ways that you can give your child a good start and help prepare them for nursery.

### **These include:**

- Reading picture books to your child.
- Singing nursery rhymes together.
- Drawing pictures together.
- Playing board games.
- Dressing up.
- Visiting places.
- Growing things.
- Making things (from junk modelling, playdough etc.)
- Counting; finding out how many things there are by pointing to one object as they say each number.
- Teaching them to put on and take off their coat and shoes independently.
- Teaching them to go the toilet by themselves and how to wash their hands with soap.



### **We also ask that:**

- Your child has plenty of sleep each night so that they are ready to learn.
- You bring your child to Nursery and collect them at the correct times.
- Your child regularly attends their sessions and only misses them if they are ill or for another good reason.
- Your child looks after any items that are borrowed from school. (If your child brings a toy or part of something home that belongs to Nursery please don't worry but just bring it back to us the next day – we understand that it happens and we will just be pleased to have it back!)

Please find extra information about Nursery on our school website:

<https://standrews.demat.org.uk/nursery>

We are looking forward to meeting you!