



Important Information

Children can join the nursery once they are 3 years of age.

Home Visits

Teaching staff visit children at home before they start at the Nursery. You will receive a letter telling you the date and time of your visit. If it is not convenient please ring the school office as soon as possible.

Jewellery

For safety, please do not let your child wear jewellery or watches. If your child has pierced ears they should wear studs.

Absence

When children are ill, we ask parents to keep them at home and report the absence on the Studybugs app. If you need to speak to the school office, please telephone 01273 770777 by 09:00. If your child has had an upset stomach or has been sick they need to stay at home for 48 hours to stop the spread of germs.

Medical Information

If your child needs to use an inhaler, an administration of medicine form must be filled in at the school office. Please make staff aware of any medical conditions or allergies that your child may have.

Personal Belongings

We cannot accept responsibility for any personal belongings. Please don't encourage your child to bring toys, dummies or comfort blankets.

Snack

The children have free fruit every day. Under 5's are entitled to free milk. You will find an application form in your pack, but you can also go to <https://www.coolmilk.com> and register your child. We would always recommend registering even if you are not sure if your child will drink the milk as it is free and it gives them the chance to try.

Getting ready for nursery

Our primary aim at West Blatchington is to ensure that both child and parent/carer feel safe and secure within our setting to allow us to work together as your child starts on their educational learning journey. Here are some things you can help with at home before your child starts at Nursery:

Toileting - Most children should be toilet trained (during the day) by 3 years of age (night time may take a little longer). From September 2023 we will be a no nappies Nursery, if your child is still toilet training we encourage you to pack several pairs of pants and trousers in their bags and we can continue to help them with their journey at school. Children who are independent in their toileting can access the environment and activities more freely. If your child has a medical issue around toileting, please let us know.

Independence – Encourage your child to do things for themselves, teach them how to put their coats on, put on shoes, wipe their bottoms, blow their nose, drink out of a cup (not a bottle) and walk instead of being pushed in a buggy. All of these things will help your child grow into an independent learner, who will not be afraid to try things for themselves. It is useful to start to phase out the use of a dummy as research suggests that they can have a negative impact on children's speech and language development.

We look forward to working with your child and your family!



Welcome to Owlets



Nursery class information for new parents



Welcome to Owlets Class!

During the school day we have 2 adults in our setting - a classroom teacher and a nursery nurse, who carefully plan the learning experiences.



Mrs Edwards will be your teacher on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.



Miss Barnard will be your teacher on Thursdays and Fridays.



Mrs Jackson is our Nursery Nurse and is in class everyday.

Nursery Sessions

The Early Years Funding Entitlement provides 3 and 4 year olds with 15 free hours of nursery per week. We offer 4 options for you to chose from.

Option 1: 5 mornings 08:40am-11:40am

Option 2: 5 afternoons 11.50am-3:05pm

Option 3: All Day (8:40-3:05) Mon, & Tues, 1/2 day Weds (8:40-11.40)

Option 4: 1/2 day Weds (11.50-3:05), All Day (8:40-3:05 Thurs & Fri)

Full time places are available at an extra cost.

Please speak to the office for prices and availability, as you may be eligible for the 30hr free childcare funding.



The Early Years Foundation Stage

Learning begins at birth for all children. It is from birth to five that we see the greatest growth and learning for all children. Early learning is the key to your child's future and families make the greatest difference at this stage.

What is the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)?

The EYFS is a stage of children's development from birth to the end of their first (reception) year in school.

The EYFS framework describes how early years practitioners should work with children and their families to support their development and learning.

It describes how your child should be kept safe and cared for and how all concerned can make sure your child achieves the most that they can in their earliest years of life.

There are 7 areas of learning:

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

The learning environment is very important and is set up for all areas of learning. We like to use bright colourful displays to create a stimulating environment.





Our Uniform

We are very proud of our uniform at West Blatchington Primary & Nursery School and we appreciate your effort by sending your child in the uniform each day.

The uniform is a red sweatshirt, grey trousers, grey skirt or grey pinafore. We recommend wearing a red T-shirt so stains do not show up as much when the children are doing their messy play, even with wearing aprons they can still get messy! Shirts are not appropriate in nursery because most children cannot undo the buttons to pull up their sleeves or change if they get wet. Equally, we suggest trousers with elasticated waists such as jogging bottoms so children can go to the toilet and change themselves. Please also choose sensible footwear that is suitable for outside play and climbing, running etc. (i.e. no heels or open toed sandals).

We recommend Velcro shoes, not lace up ones. We suggest these recommendations so the children can become independent.



It is important that the children are in comfortable clothes that they can easily manage themselves, especially when going to the toilet (no Dungarees, bodysuits or culottes please!)

It is really important that all clothing and shoes are clearly marked with your child's name.

Outdoor play is a vital part of the Early Years curriculum and children have access to the outside area all year and in all weathers. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather.



Our Classroom





The Nursery Day

We have a fun outdoor play area just for nursery children!
We are currently having our outdoor area enhanced with lots of exciting equipment. This will all be in place and ready to use by September 2023!



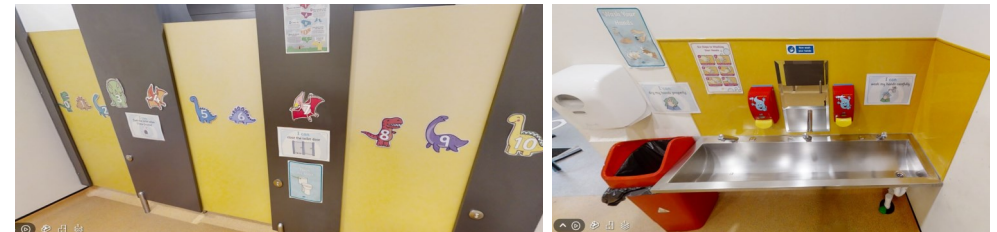
We encourage learning and exploring through play. Activities are carefully planned and resourced by the Early Years team to scaffold and extend the children's learning through meaningful experiences, exciting activities and quality literacy texts. We plan based around a topic, but try to bring as many of the children's own interests into the classroom as well.



The Nursery Day



When you arrive at nursery you will have your own peg which you can hang your coat and bag on. We have a special area to keep our water bottles and lunch boxes, which we are able to access at all points if you are thirsty. We then ask you to find your name on our self registration board and pop it onto the ten frame by the carpet. If you are having a hot school lunch Mrs Jackson will ask you and your grown ups to take a look at that days options and chose the one you think you would enjoy the most.



We have our own toilets and sinks where we wash our hands.



The learning in our classroom represents the 7 areas of development within the EYFS and we use lots of creative, hands on strategies as well as technology to keep children motivated and enthusiastic about their learning.