

Our Early Years unit is home to our Nursery and Reception children. Our highly experienced staff deliver exciting, creative, high-quality learning experiences within the following areas of learning: Communication and Language, Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Physical Development, Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the World, Expressive Arts and Design.

Funded Nursery hours can be taken between 8.00am and 3.30pm Monday to Thursday (30 hours in total), with three sessions each day to choose from. Breakfast can be provided at our Early session (8.00am-9.00am). Most children staying over lunchtime have a school dinner, but packed lunches are also an option. An additional hour of childcare can be purchased if necessary until 4.30pm.

Children will need a P.E. kit in school for indoor and outdoor P.E.. They will need a t-shirt and shorts, joggers and a sweatshirt and trainers for outdoor P.E. Indoor P.E. is done in plimsolls or bare foot. You can buy school kit if you wish. It is best to keep the P.E. kit in a small drawstring bag. School P.E. bags are available

Welcome to Whitley
Chapel
First School Nursery!
Here is some information
that we
hope you will find useful.



School sweatshirts and hoodies can be purchased from school. You can also buy embroidered yellow polo shirts, or children can wear plain yellow polo shirts. Clothes should be comfortable and make it easy for children to use the toilet. Children must have indoor black plimsolls, which are kept in school.

It may be useful for your child to have some spare clothes in their P.E. bags. Children can have accidents and although we do have spares in school, you may prefer to have your own.

Children have a healthy snack each morning, at about 10.30am. They have milk or water and a piece of fruit. Occasionally we have other foods, for example during Forest School or when cooking. Please let us know if your child has any allergies.



We spend a lot of time outdoors, including during our exciting Forest School sessions, so children will need practical outdoor clothing throughout the year. We ask children to keep a pair of wellies in school, as well as waterproof trousers or a waterproof suit. In hot weather, please make sure the children have sun cream applied at home prior to coming to school. Sun hats are also advised. Please make sure everything is clearly named!

Children should have a book bag in school each day. These are useful for letters, library books, pictures etc. Book bags are available to buy from the school office.

Children will borrow a library book to take home each week. Please spend time reading the book to your child and talking to them about the events, characters, feelings, pictures etc. School staff will then read this book with them when they return it and see if the children are able to talk about the book before swapping it for a new one.

Later in the year, we also introduce 'Sound of the Week', which begins to introduce the sounds of the alphabet and links these to initial sounds in words. A weekly 'I spy...' themed home learning challenge accompanies this, to help your child to practise the skill of beginning to hear sounds at the start of words.

'Learning Journals' are a record of your child's time in Early Years. We use Tapestry, an online learning journal, to record observations and link these to areas of learning. We encourage you to also share experiences from home. Your child's learning journey is a partnership between home and school and Tapestry is a great tool to help us share progress, achievements, experiences and adventures in both environments.