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Welcome and settling in

We are pleased to have welcomed our new children and families to nursery as well as our returners. It is great to see the children settling in to nursery life. Please note that every child and family have a key person, please do connect with them as this is your first point of contact if you have any questions, queries or need any information.

Clothing

Please ensure your children are dressed in appropriate clothing for the weather, waterproofs and a winter hat for outdoor learning. We access the outdoor classroom in all weathers. Please ensure all children's clothes are labelled with names in.

As children have access to many messy play activities on a daily basis, please bring your child in old clothes. Dress your child in clothes that support independence when toileting e.g. jogging bottoms rather than clothes with buttons. Please provide spare clothes and personal care items like nappies and wipes in your child's bag and store on your child's peg.

Attendance and punctuality at Nursery

Attending every session means 100% attendance and ensures your child has full access to our curriculum. Missing 10 sessions per year is 95% attendance. Missing 30 sessions is 85% attendance which means a child has missed 6 weeks or half a term of school by the end of the year.

Accidents and Illness:

It is important that you let nursery know if your child has an accident or injury at home, or if they have been unwell. Nursery will also share any accidents or injuries. An accident form will be given out at the end of the session and if your child has a head bump a telephone call home will be completed.

Following an episode of sickness or diarrhoea do not bring your child to Nursery for 48 hours after the last episode. This is to ensure the health and safety of all the children. Call school on the first day of absence on 0121 675 4617.

Medical Conditions

Please inform your key person if your child has a medical condition or an allergy so we can do a care plan to keep your child safe, or if there have been any recent changes to their medication.

Parking

No parent parking is available on our main site or Dyson Gardens. Please do not park on the zig zag lines. Please do not walk through car parks, please use designated paths for safety.

Every Child has the Right to the best possible Health & Education

We encourage all children to bring a piece of fruit to nursery each day to access at snack time. Children have daily access to water throughout the day and healthy snack time. We encourage children to try new fruits daily. Milk is given out at the end of each session for children to take home. Only Water will be given at nursery.

For children that attend all day there are two options:

1. A healthy packed lunch prepared at home should include the following types of foods everyday:
 - A starchy food such as bread, rice, pasta, potatoes, or couscous.
 - At least 1 portion of fruit or vegetables, ideally 2.
 - A calcium-rich food such as milk, cheese, yoghurt, or fromage frais.
 - A food such as meat, fish, eggs, or beans – these contain protein and iron.
 - A drink of plain water.

Visit <https://startwellbirmingham.co.uk/packed-lunches> or see packed lunch food ideas leaflet for more guidance.

2. All children who stay for lunch have an opportunity to try a healthy hot school meal. We also provide a vegetable finger food platter to complement school dinners and packed lunches.



Please note we are a NUT FREE SCHOOL and due to a number of children with allergies, to keep all children safe, we would like to remind parents not to bring any foods containing NUTs in to school.

Curriculum updates

Please check the curriculum boards outside your child's classroom to find out this terms **core books, home learning** and **Makaton signs**.

All home learning activities are also published on your child's Tapestry account.

Please see the school website for more information.

Autumn Walk

We have enjoyed our walks to the Ward End Park. Thank you to all our children and families who joined us. We collected lots of natural objects for our children to explore in nursery.



Parent workshops

Join our **Concept Cat workshop** on Tuesday 5th November where we will be informing you how we support children learning of language and concepts through the Concept Cat programme. Here you will be given ideas on how you can support this at home too. We will be hosting a **creative workshop** on Wednesday 17th December with our Artist Sally Harper. You can play with your child and gain ideas of how you can support your child’s creativity at home too.

Coffee Morning / Afternoons

A number of coffee morning and afternoons will be advertised this term. Please join us for a coffee and a cake, here you can make new friends, get nursery updates and have time to yourself to nurture your own well-being.

Nursery places

We still have places available for 2, 3 and 4 year olds for a January 2025.

Government funding

From September 2025 we plan to accept children under 2 that meet the criteria for 30 hours. We will also be exploring wrap around and school holiday provision. Please register your interest now with the school office as places will be limited.

School Applications

When can your child start school?

Children in Birmingham can start school (reception) in the September after their fourth birthday.

Example: If your child was born between **1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021**, they will be able to start school in September 2025.

Responsibility for applying online

The responsibility for applying online for a child to start reception class remains solely with parents or carers. Our office manager Alisha will be holding drop in sessions to support parents to make the application on Fridays. If you would like support please attend one of these sessions and book in with Alisha.

When to apply

Parents can apply for a place in the Autumn of the year before their child turns 4. You must apply for a place before 15th January 2025



School Life

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Do ensure that you sign up to receive emergency text messages through our School Life App. This includes regular updates and key dates.

Safeguarding

Every Child has the Right to be Safe

Please report any safeguarding concerns to our designated safeguarding lead (DSL) Sharon Lewis – Executive Headteacher or a member of the Deputy DSL team; Lauren Coates (DHT), Sadia Carter—Mirza (School Business Manager), Nazmeen Shaffique (Teacher), Rebecca Martin (Teacher), Natalie Hammond (TA), Charlotte Grundy (TA), Kaukab Farooq (Inclusion Manager) or Alisha Rafiq (Office Manager) before leaving the site.

Inclusion Team

If you have any concerns about your child’s health or development speak to your child’s key person. Our **Special Educational Needs Co-ordinators** (SENCO) Naz Shaffique. Lauren Coates our DHT supports our Inclusion team. Please visit the Birmingham local offer website for more information and webinars which offer support on all different areas of child development.

<https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/>

Social media

Please find and follow us on our social media platforms.



Instagram: highfieldnurseryschool

Facebook: Highfield Nursery School

Tapestry



All children in nursery have their own tapestry online learning journal. If you do not have access to your child's account please ask a member of staff to support you to log in. You can download the Tapestry app to your phone or access it online.

Please check Tapestry for Activities you can do at home to support your child's learning.

Staff will be uploading pictures of your child's time in nursery to share with you. At the end of your child's time at Highfield Nursery School you can download the images to keep as a memory of their nursery years.

Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Nursery Provision
Monday 4th November	Children return to nursery	Open
Tuesday 5th November	Concept Cat parent workshop	Open
Friday 15th November	Children in Need – children wear spotty/mismatched	
Wednesday 20th November	UNICEF World Children's Day - Children wear blue	
Thursday 21st November	Sugar Awareness Day - children can wear white	
Thursday 5th December	Parent Consultation Day – Dyson Gardens	Closed to Dyson Gardens children
Friday 6th December	Parent Consultation Day – Big Nursery, Nurture and Studio	Closed to Big nursery, Studio and Nurture provision.
Thursday 12th December	Xmas Jumper Day	
Thursday 12th December	SEND coffee morning	
Wednesday 17th December –	Creative Parent Workshop	AM and PM
Thursday 19th December	Twas the night before Xmas children wear their PJ's	
Friday 20th December	Last day of term for children	Monday 23rd December - Friday 3RD January 2025 CLOSED
Tuesday 31st December	Deadline to apply / reapply for 30hr free childcare	
Monday 6th January 2025	Children return to nursery	