



Welcome to Newlaithes

Nursery and Infant School

Nursery



This booklet is designed to give you some general information about our school, information about the Nursery Year and hopefully answer any questions you may have. We hope you find it useful.

Our Nursery Day

Morning sessions are from 9:00am – 12:00pm

Afternoon sessions are from 12:15pm – 3:15pm

Full day is 9:00am– 3:15pm.

Safety

Morning time and home time are very busy. For your child's safety we do not allow parents to park in our school car park and obviously not on the zig zagged lines outside the school gates. Please **DO NOT** park in the doctors' surgery car park. Parents are allowed to park in the rear carpark at the Royal Scot and St Luke's church carpark.

Parents and carers bringing their children in the morning (9:00am) or collecting at the end of the day (3:15pm) will be able to access the Nursery by walking through the playground past the treetop house. End of morning (12:00pm) and start of afternoon sessions (12:15pm) access will be through the green gate at the front of school, to the left of the school office. This is to ensure the safety of all our children. Please do not allow your child to play on the treetop house, the adventure trail or walk along the wall when dropping off.

What will your child need?

Uniform

White or red polo shirt (with or without logo)

Red sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan (with or without logo)

Grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore

Dresses can be worn in summer (red and white)

You are free to buy uniform from any outlet. Should you wish to have the school logo on your child's jumper/cardigan or polo shirt then these are available at Be Uniforms, West Tower Street.

Footwear

Plain black shoes (velcro fastenings on shoes are easier to manage than laces). Please ensure these are suitable for comfort and safety. If your child comes to school in boots they will need a change of footwear as they are not suitable to wear all day.

Outdoors

We encourage our children to play and learn outside so it is very important that children bring suitable **coats** to nursery. We do have outdoor suits and wellies for particularly bad weather and messy play. In nice weather, we please ask you to apply sunscreen to children before they come into school.

PE

The children in nursery will receive lots of physical play indoors and outdoors. When the children are settled into nursery we will take them into our school hall for PE.

Bookbag

The children will keep their bookbags in their tray at nursery and they will bring it home each night.

Jewellery is not permitted. This includes earrings.

All items of uniform and equipment must be clearly labelled with your child's full name. Your child (and teachers!) will find this helpful.

Please do not allow your child to bring their own toys from home into nursery. We have plenty of our own to play with and it only causes upset when toys get lost, broken etc.

Toilets

The toilets are easily accessible for the children to go at any time. Accidents do sometimes happen and these are dealt with sensitively. Your child will be given a change of clothes, which will then need to be washed and returned to school. If your child has regular accidents then please put a spare set of clothes in their bag.

Illness

During the Nursery Year, the children may have a number of illnesses. If your child is unwell, it is important that they stay at home and rest; only returning to school when they feel better.

Would parents/carers please ensure that they contact school as soon as possible on the **morning of the first day of absence** and let us know the reason for your child's absence. Your child should be clear of sickness and diarrhoea for 48 hours, before returning to school.

We do have an answer phone available during the evenings, early mornings and weekends so that parent/carers are able to leave a message at any time. **Telephone: 01228 525756**

Medical

Inhalers can be kept in school if your child has asthma. A medical permission form needs to be signed by a parent/carer to enable staff to administer this medication and the inhaler needs to be brought to school unopened in its original box with the instruction leaflet. Only **life-saving medication** will be administered at school in support of a child's medical plan. If your child needs antibiotics please request that your doctor prescribes antibiotics which are required to be administered 3 times a day so they do not need to be administered at school. If your child is poorly the best place to be is at home.

Our Healthy School



Snacktime

Children in nursery have access to our snack station! Here they can choose a snack at whatever time of the day. At the beginning of term we will support them but as they become more independent and get used to the routine they will post their name, choose a drink (either water or milk) and choose their snack. There will always be a fruit bowl available but we will also include something more substantial e.g. toast or pancakes. Please remember to complete the information form provided so we know if your child has any intolerances or allergies. There is a small charge of £1 a week for snack. Please send the cash payment in an envelope with your child's name written on the front weekly or monthly.

School Milk Scheme

Children can receive milk at snack time. It comes from local farms in Cumbria and is distributed by Cool Milk Ltd. It is semi-skimmed pasteurised milk and has undergone all the necessary health and safety checks. Children under the age of 5 years are entitled to the milk free of charge. If your child would like to receive milk please register at www.coolmilk.com. If you do not register your child will **not** receive milk in school.



School Dinners

School meals are cooked freshly at school each day. Dolce are our caterers. The children can choose from four meal choices each day. **Please pre-order your child's meal at home as you know best what they like!** School meals are currently £2.06 per day and you will need a SchoolGrid account. Please provide the school office with your email address to activate an account.

Dolce Customer Care: Telephone 0194-2707709.

Packed Lunch

Lunch boxes need to be named and are stored in the cloakroom area. We encourage healthy eating please do not provide a drink water will be provided at lunchtime and please avoid sweets or too much chocolate. Please try to include a piece of fruit each day.

We ask that Nursery children choose either pack lunch or school dinner for the half term. They can swap over the next term if they would like.

Lunchtime

Lunchtime is supervised by our two nursery teaching assistants and takes place in the school hall. After lunch they will then have a playtime outdoors.

Starting Nursery School

The Nursery Year is an important start to your child's 'school life'. We try to make the transition from home to nursery as friendly and welcoming as possible. Our Induction program involves parents having an initial tour of our school, a home visit followed by a stay and play session. Parents also get the option of part time attendance for full day children. Please visit the school website to see welcome messages from the Nursery teachers too!

Sharing information/ Assessments/ Homework/ Evidence Me

It takes time to get to know all of our new children and families. Please talk to us if there is anything bothering your child or, if you notice a change in their behaviour. Your child's teacher or teaching assistant will also mention any concerns or worries to you. You can speak during drop off times or if you want to talk more confidentially you can arrange a phone call appointment with your child's nursery teacher.

The teachers and teaching assistants will carry out informal and formal observations/assessments of your child's skills and experiences. This information will be used to inform planning and help us to meet the needs of the children. We will keep in touch with you via our observation programme Evidence Me. Here we will send you snack menus, photographs, newsletters, information notes and weekly homework. We like to see parent postcards (photographs or notes) from you too! This ensures a two way partnership and sometimes your child may do something at home that we have never seen in school. This will continue throughout the year to build up a learning journey of your child to pass on to their Reception teacher.

There are two parent meetings during the nursery year. The first meeting is an opportunity to discuss how your child has settled. An End of Year Report will be sent home in the Summer.

We will send an email for you to sign up to Evidence Me (please check your junk mail!). An information sheet on how to set it up is in the welcome pack.

You can also contact us via contactclasses@newinf.cumbria.sch.uk

Our Expectations

We will spend time with the children discussing good behaviour, friendships and how we can learn. Together we will agree some promises for how we will behave in our classroom and at school. These will be in child friendly language and kept quite simple e.g. We will be kind to each other. We promise to tidy our classroom. We will listen to others and be polite. These will apply to the children and adults!

When the children are settled through circle times and activities the children will develop the skills of **making relationships**, **self-confidence and self-awareness** and **managing feelings and behaviour**.

Each week a few children will be awarded a certificate. We will take their photograph and celebrate this in class.

How to help your child before starting Nursery:

- Practise putting coats, jumpers and shoes on and off.
- Practise going to the toilet independently and washing and drying hands.
- Starting to look for and recognise their own name so they can find their tray, snack card etc.
- If possible, please make sure that their first day at nursery isn't their first day of being somewhere without you.

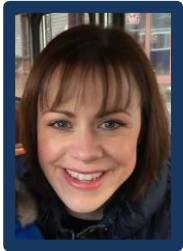
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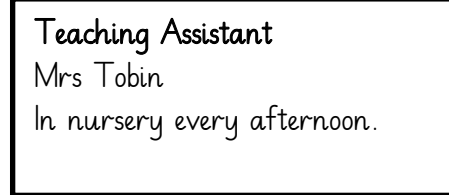
Nursery Teacher
Monday and Tuesday.
Mrs Thompson.



Nursery Teacher
Wednesday, Thursday
and Friday.
Miss Boertien



Teaching Assistant
Mrs Edmondson
In nursery every morning.



Teaching Assistant
Mrs Tobin
In nursery every afternoon.



Teaching Assistant
Miss Sidney
In nursery every day.

Other adults you will meet:



Mr Wilkinson
Headteacher



Mrs Nicholls
School Business Manager



Mr Harker
Special Educational
Needs Coordinator
(SENCo)



Mrs Ewbank
Higher Level Teaching
Assistant



Mrs Richmond
Administration Assistant.

The Early

Years Foundation Stage of education is for children from birth to five years old. It is divided into seven learning areas:



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



The early years are vital in children's development. Children develop rapidly during this time – physically, intellectually, emotionally and socially.

The EYFS is about developing key learning skills such as listening, speaking, concentration, persistence and learning to work together and co-operate with other children. It is also about developing early communication, literacy and numeracy skills that will prepare young children for Key Stage 1 of the National Curriculum.

Play is an important part of the EYFS. Well-planned play, both indoors and outdoors, is a key way in which young children learn with enjoyment and challenge. Through play, in a secure environment with effective adult support, children can:

- explore, develop and represent learning experiences that help them make sense of the world
- practice and build up ideas, concepts and skills
- learn how to control impulses and understand the need for rules
- be alone, be alongside others or co-operate as they talk or rehearse their feelings
- take risk and make mistakes
- communicate with others as they investigate or solve problems
- express fears or relive anxious experiences in controlled and safe situations

*We hope your child will be happy at
Newlaithe's Nursery and Infant School and we look forward to
welcoming you in September.*



