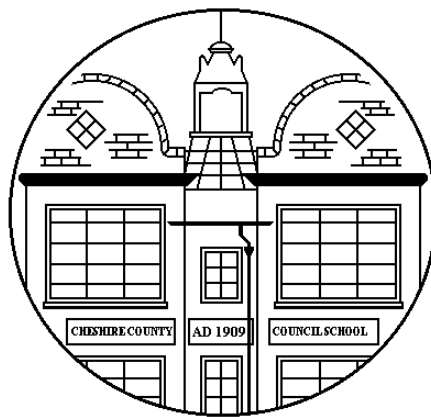




Cambridge Road Nursery



An Information Booklet for children starting Nursery

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Welcome to Cambridge Road Nursery

The staff at Cambridge Road Nursery would like to welcome all parents and children. We sincerely hope that during the time we spend together your children will have shared and enjoyed a rich, stimulating and happy experience in a loving, caring atmosphere. We hope that some treasured memories of the Nursery will remain with them for the rest of their lives.



This booklet is an introduction to our Nursery. It is intended to help you to understand more about the pre-school education your child will receive. Your attitude toward school will influence that of your child and we want you to feel that Nursery is an extension of home and that you are welcome at any time. If there is anything that you would like to know/ discuss then please come and ask.

Cambridge Road Nursery is a single class nursery unit which is part of Cambridge Road Community Primary & Nursery School. Children are usually admitted in the term following their third birthday. We usually take names of children wanting a place from the age of eighteen months. If you wish your child to attend the Nursery, please arrange a visit and speak to the staff. Application forms are available from the school office.

It is the policy of the local Authority that admission to Reception classes takes place once a year. Children who are four by 31st August are admitted to school in the September of each year.

Every child is currently entitled to 15 hours of funded sessions per week.

At Cambridge Road we offer the following sessions:

Morning session (Monday - Friday)	8.40 - 11.45 am
Afternoon session (Monday - Friday)	12.15 - 3.15 pm
2.5 days (All day Monday & Tuesday, Wednesday am)	M/ T - 8.40 - 3.15 pm, Wednesday am 8.40 - 11.45
2.5 days (Wednesday pm, all day Thursday & Friday)	Wednesday pm 12.15 - 3.15, Th/ F - 8.40 - 3.15

15 and 30 hour funded childcare schemes explained:

Parents working between the equivalent of 16 hours a week at [National Minimum Wage](#) (£195 per week or £10,158 a year from April 2025) and £100,000 adjusted net income may now be eligible for 30 hours of funded childcare for their children. Places are funded from the term after your child turns 3 years old.

If you are not eligible for 30 hours of funded childcare, your child may be eligible for 15 hours instead. All parents of children aged 3 to 4 in England can access a universal offer of 15 hours of government funded early education from the term after their child turns 3. It doesn't matter how much you earn or how many hours you work.



What happens in the Nursery?

Most of the Nursery day is spent in play. Without this, children are deprived of something which is vital to their growth and development. This is their 'work' and they become just as tired as adults do after a day's work.

A child has a natural curiosity, which drives him/her to explore his/her environment so that through play he/she learns to know and understand it. It is important that s/he should have freedom of movement where s/he learns from activities in a safe environment both indoors and out of doors.

The Nursery staff plan work carefully to match the needs of the children and activities are based on the children's current interests.

We keep a Learning Journey for each child as a record of their progress throughout Nursery. Learning Journeys include samples of work, post it note observations and photographs.

Records of each child's progress are passed onto the next teacher as part of our transition arrangements.



What else do I need to know?

Snack

Children receive a drink of milk or water and a piece of fruit each day which is part of their free entitlement. We therefore do NOT allow children to bring in their own snack (unless previously agreed with staff).

Dinner Time

Children who stay for a full day will require a packed lunch, or you may purchase a school meal. This is payable daily or in advance through School Gateway app where you can view the choice of meal for the day. Please ensure that packed lunches do not contain nuts or any items that contain nuts due to allergies.

Reading

Every child in Nursery is given their own library card for them to access the school library. Once the children are settled, story books will be given out on a Wednesday and changed weekly.

Clothing

We encourage the children to wear school uniform i.e. blue sweatshirt, white/ blue polo shirt and pull-up trousers or a skirt. Children should wear appropriate black shoes, preferably NOT lace ups and will require a sensible coat as we tend to use our outdoor area in all weathers!

Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name as it is very difficult to reunite lost items otherwise!

We ask that children bring a spare change of clothes to Nursery in case of accidents or getting wet for example.

Children are not allowed to wear jewellery in school for safety reasons. This includes earrings.

Absence

We expect children to attend Nursery regularly. If your child is absent it is helpful if you can let us know the reason for this as soon as possible. Please ring the school on 0151 355 1735. If your child is likely to be absent for a long time please come and talk to us about it.

The demand for places is high so if your child does not attend regularly then we may need to offer their place to the next child on the list.

Contacts/ Medical Facilities

Please ensure that we have an up to date mobile number as we frequently contact parents by text.

It is essential that we have an emergency telephone number in order to contact parents should a child become unwell or need medical attention during the day. It is important that this information is kept up to date and the school informed of any changes.

First aid treatment will be given in school as necessary; please let us know should your child be allergic to normal first aid supplies, such as plasters etc.

Special Educational Needs

We try to deal with each child as an individual and to support any who may have a specific difficulty. If we feel that your child has any additional needs then we will talk to you about this and offer help and support. Similarly, please don't hesitate to discuss any concerns that you may have with us so that we may put in place appropriate support.

Equal Opportunities

We aim to provide all children with equal opportunities. We ensure that all children are given similar experiences both in work and in play, as appropriate to their needs.

Child Protection

The school has a responsibility to inform the appropriate agencies of any concerns relating to the well-being of the children in our care.

Nursery Code of Conduct

Our School Rules

We expect our pupils to always:

- Be respectful and use good manners.
- Follow instructions first time.
- Listen when others are speaking.
- Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself.
- Walk/play calmly and sensibly around school.
- Work hard and to the best of your ability.

Rewards

Individual Rewards

1. 'Golden PostCard' sent in the post to home
2. Stickers
3. Verbal/non-verbal praise

Sanctions

We operate a system of positive praise in Nursery; focusing on and praising positive behaviour while also helping the children to understand why certain behaviour/ actions are inappropriate.

If a child's behaviour is not in accordance with our school rules then staff will speak to the child in the first instance, using visual cues to help illustrate why the behaviour is wrong and emphasise the desired behaviour. Children are encouraged to talk to one another, resolving any minor conflict with the help and support of staff.

Sometimes, a child may be given a 'time out' if the negative behaviour persists. Again, a member of staff will sit with the child to discuss the behaviour.

Parents will be spoken to if their child's behaviour is persistently poor or if they have intentionally hurt another child for example.

Can parents help?

There are some practical ways in which you can help your child to prepare for the Nursery and for school:

- ☺ Encourage your child to talk to you and help them to learn to listen. Always take time to answer their questions.
- ☺ Encourage independence - help them to learn to put on and take off their coat. Teach them to hang up their coat.
- ☺ Encourage them to help you to tidy up.
- ☺ Teach them to wash their hands :-
 - ❖ after going to the toilet
 - ❖ after playing outside
 - ❖ after handling pets
- ☺ Help your children by spending time with them and by talking and doing things together. Please try to encourage a love of books. Join the library and choose books together and always try to read a bedtime story.
- ☺ Encourage your child to care for the environment and especially not to drop litter.

We hope that you and your child will be very happy at Cambridge Road Nursery and look forward to working with you.

Cambridge Road Community Primary and Nursery School

