

Our nursery offers places for:

AM sessions – 8:45-11:45

PM sessions – 12:15-3:15

We also offer full day sessions. For these sessions, children will require a 30 hour code.

### **Admissions and transitions into the nursery:**

If you are interested in a nursery place for your child, you can contact the main office and speak with Mrs Mohammed who will be delighted to hear from you and can share some key information about our nursery. You can then arrange a visit to view the setting.

Once your child has been added to our waiting list, we will contact you to arrange a home visit. These visits are important as they help your children become familiar with key staff and for families and staff to build relationships. At the visit we will find out some information about your child's current interests and use this to prepare their transition into the nursery.

During your child's home visit, we will also share proposed dates for stay and play sessions, which will be held in the Summer Term. These sessions are important to attend as they will help your child become familiar with the setting and staff. We will also invite you to a parent information meeting, where you will be able to find out more about the Orchard Nursery and the school. This is usually held in the Summer Term.

## **Getting your child ready for Nursery:**

In the summer break before your child starts at the nursery, please have a go at some of these things to get your children ready:

### 1. Practising putting on shoes and socks

Encouraging your child to put on their shoes and socks is a great skill to develop. Velcro shoes are best at this stage.

### 2. Practising taking off and putting on their coat

As we engage in free flow, this skill will support our children to become independent as they choose when they want to go outside or come back inside. At this stage, we can support with fastenings.

### 3. Establishing a good morning and evening routine

This is really important that children develop good routines. By having a more structured routine in place which will become familiar for school days, it will help your child feel secure and prepared for the routines for the day.

### 4. Sharing books together

This will help develop your child's listening skills, vocabulary and enjoyment of books.

### 5. Developing a good toileting routine and develop self-care skills

It is essential for children to develop a good routine for toileting, knowing when they need to go, how to manage the motor skills in managing clothing and then managing self-care skills for toileting. Practising washing hands with soap is also a great skill to achieve.

## 6. Get your child familiar with the school uniform

This may be your child's first experience wearing a uniform. Talking about and showing your child their school uniform can be helpful, so that children will remember what they will need to put on for nursery.

## 7. Sing nursery rhymes with your child and encourage your child to join in

This will help develop your child's listening skills, vocabulary and enjoyment of songs and rhymes.