



WELCOME TO LAWFORD MEAD NURSERY

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Lawford Mead Primary and Nursery School. Our school occupies an attractive site on Trent Road and offers spacious and purpose-built accommodation for children of Nursery and Primary School age (3 – 11 years).

The Nursery is well equipped and has its own garden play area which is separate from the Primary School Playground. This enables the children to play safely at their own level and provides staff with an opportunity to help with and extend children's learning.

The building, equipment and programme of activities are deliberately planned to promote a diverse learning experience.

Initially your child may need some support with leaving you at the beginning of sessions. If your child does cry, **DON'T WORRY!** We want you and your child to be happy, so we will involve you in the settling in process. Please let us know if anything may be unsettling your child at home.

The Nursery classroom has its own separate entrance at the rear of the building and parents must bring and collect their children each day. **Parents are asked not to park in the staff car park.** The school car park is a dangerous area and our children are never allowed near it.



ORGANISATION

Admission to the Nursery

Parents wishing to admit children into the Nursery, with a view to them joining our Primary school, may register their child's name with the Admissions team in the front office. Parents are then notified of a Nursery place around the time of their 3rd birthday. A home visit is arranged, so that Nursery Staff can meet the child and parents may ask any questions. Nursery places can be withdrawn if a child does not attend for an extended period of time and there is no explanation for absence.

We hope that children from the Nursery will join our Early Years Reception classes in the September after their 4th birthday. However, families must still apply online through Essex Admissions.



Nursery Times

Morning Session 8.45 am → 11.45 am
Afternoon Session 12.30 pm → 3.30 pm

Staffing

Mrs Chiquita Moston Early Years Manager
Miss Lisa Brian Nursery Manager
Mrs Lisa Dorking Qualified Nursery Nurse

You may often see other adults in the Nursery. These will be Learning Support Assistants from elsewhere in the school.



CURRICULUM

In the Foundation Stage (Nursery and Reception) your child will learn through 7 areas of the curriculum: -

1. Personal, Social and Emotional

Your child will develop the confidence to join in a whole range of activities and to maintain their attention and concentration and sit quietly when appropriate. They will learn about their own needs and those of others and form good relationships with other children and adults.

Your child will have opportunities to think about what is right or wrong and consider the consequences of their actions. We encourage children to become independent learners and manage their own personal hygiene and belongings appropriately.

2. Physical

Young children need to run, jump and climb to develop their muscles and co-ordination. We provide a safe environment for your child to do this. We do P.E. in the hall once a week, and your child will need to remove shoes and socks for this. We play ring games, dance and work together with the parachute.

3. Communication and Language

Your child will be encouraged to talk to and with their peers. They will be supported to ask and answer questions, and at certain times, take turns to tell the rest of the class their opinions or news.

4. Literacy

Your child will develop an interest in stories and books, and have the chance to borrow a book through our library system, each Friday.

Some young children find certain sounds difficult to say. We will help your child practise these sounds and try and support any speech therapy programs they may be having from a speech therapist.

5. Maths

Through play, children learn about spatial awareness, number value, shape names, classification and weight. Your child will have opportunities to play matching and sorting games as well as number recognition and building activities. He/she will learn a lot of counting and number rhymes which we hope they will love singing to you.

6. Understanding the World

The world can be an exciting place to a 3 year old. We love to hear about places your child has visited, see the leaves and bugs they have collected, and look at photos that are important to them.

Your child will be able to plant seeds, taste fruit, help to look after the Nursery pets and enjoy splashing in puddles. Hopefully your child will start asking us lots of tricky questions about why things happen.

7. Expressive Arts and Design

Your child will experience using a variety of media to complete pictures and collages. They may need to make their own props to support their role play. They will learn a lot of songs, and use different musical instruments to accompany their singing.

CLOTHES

The children in the Nursery are not required to wear school uniform. They do need to wear comfortable clothes which may get messy from sand play, sticking and painting!

To help promote your child's independence please remember that elasticated waistband trousers are recommended. Please provide a change of clothes in the back-pack bag, just in case of accidents!

PLEASE

Send your child in shoes/trainers that they can put on and take off themselves. E.g. Velcro.



HOME/SCHOOL LINKS

Contact with parents and carers takes place daily, as all children are brought into the Nursery. Please let us know if someone other than yourself will be collecting your child.

During your child's time in Nursery there will be opportunities to share photos through the Tapestry app – an online Learning Journal.

At the end of your child's time in the Nursery, you will be given a report and parents of morning Nursery children are invited to meetings to discuss their child's progress at both our Autumn and Spring Target Sharing Days. We are sure you will be as proud of them as we will be!





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