

Bluesky Nursery Welcome Pack



Welcome to Bluesky Nursery

This 'Welcome Pack' is provided to help you and your child to settle in at Bluesky Nursery. We understand that this can be a difficult time for parents, and we would like to support you as much as possible to make this an enjoyable experience for you and your family. We hope you find this pack helpful. If there is anything left unanswered please do not hesitate to ask a member of the staff team.

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Mission Statement

To provide a ground-breaking learning environment with outstanding teaching, support and pastoral care. We aim to empower all children to fulfil their full potential by promoting confidence, independence and a strong sense of self.

Registered Ofsted Outstanding - <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/25/138281>



Staff

Bluesky Nursery have a fantastic team of Nursery Practitioners who are passionate, committed, caring and have a loving approach to childcare which is clear in the relationship between the children and staff. We ensure all staff within the setting are in receipt of an enhanced DBS check and are trained in safeguarding and hold a first aid qualification.

The staffing ratio in the nursery is as following:

2 - 3 years: 1 carer per 4 children

3 - 5 years: 1 carer per 8 children



Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

The nursery offers a stimulating and enriching environment for all age groups giving children the best learning opportunities and experience to help each child reach their full potential.

The EYFS works towards the Areas of Learning and Development to ensure a smooth transition from Nursery to school, whilst building an effective partnership with parents.

The Areas are:

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

For more information visit our website: <https://blueskynursery.co.uk/eyfs/>



It is the Nursery ethos to give a warm welcome to each child and parent/carer on their arrival. Opening times:



8.00am – 6.00pm
Includes Breakfast, All
Snacks and Meals



8.00am – 1.00pm
Includes Breakfast,
Morning Snack and Lunch



1.00am – 6.00pm
Includes Afternoon Snack
and Lunch

We are open for 50 weeks of the year (except for bank holidays and inset days)



Settling In Sessions

Here at Bluesky Nursery we aim to ensure every child's start is calm and enjoyable.

We have qualified staff in place to ensure we are able to tailor to each individual child and family. We offer 3 settling in sessions, where we aim to help every child settle in well into the Nursery, to ensure they are well prepared for their full sessions.

Key Person

Your child will be paired to a key person, who will ensure consistent continuity of care, each key person within the environment are aware of their key children's needs and have a strong relationship with the parents to enable clear communication.

First Settling in Sessions



You will be invited visit the nursery for a settling session, where you will be able to stay and do activities with your child. As well as having the opportunity to talk to our staff about your child's routines and anything else you feel is important to share. For the first sessions we advise parents to fill out our 'All About Me' form to help staff members familiarise themselves with your child and help build a strong bond.

Second Settling in Session



During the second and third settling session, we advise parents to leave their children at nursery with their key person. During these settling sessions, staff will help the child to get used to their new surroundings, allow them to explore the nursery and help build their confidence to get ready for the full sessions.

Third Settling in Session



During the third session, we aim to understand your child's routine, likes and dislikes, their favourite story, activities which they like to do and how they like to be comforted. During the visits, you will be introduced to your child's key person. This person will be your main point of contact and will look after all your child's care and learning needs. Your child will be well looked after by all members of the team but your key person will keep a close eye on your child's progress.



Birthday Celebrations:

The nursery celebrates birthdays. It is optional whether parents/carers wish to bring a cake to be shared between all the children attending on that day (cakes must be shop bought in order for staff to check all ingredients used and make arrangements for children with allergies). Please ensure that cake do not contain any traces of meat/fish/nut/egg.

Clothing:

The nursery requests that each child is provided with a complete change of clothes. It is an essential component of educative play that children are able to enjoy art and craft activities with, for example, glue, paste, paint, sand, water, etc. Inevitably children will transfer some of these materials to themselves and their clothing. We attempt, whenever possible, to purchase glue, paste and paint which are "washable", but in practice not everything is washable off all clothing materials. Parents should therefore dress their children with this in mind. The Nursery will accept no liability for clothing damaged while the child is at the nursery.



Parental / Carer involvement:

At Bluesky Nursery we recognise and support parents as their child's first and most important educators, and to welcome them into the life of the nursery.

Our aim is to develop an honest, open and supportive relationship with you which complement life in your home. We are very aware of our influence as role models for your child and without your extensive knowledge of your child we would not be able to enhance your child's development. Nursery staff are always available to discuss your child and their development.

☉ **Daily Diary.** Keeping parents updated on the day to day running of the nursery and their child's activities, including meals, nappy changes, sleep times, etc.

☉ **Key Person.** As part of this developing relationship with the setting your child will be allocated a key person, this will enable you to have a direct member of staff to talk to and put forward any questions or concerns you may have.

☉ **Newsletters.** Keeping parents updated on what has been happening at nursery and plans for the future.

- ◎ **Parent questionnaires.** Handed out yearly, inviting parents to give their honest opinion about the service we provide and an opportunity to share their comments and ideas for improvement.
- ◎ **Coffee Morning.** This is an opportunity to meet with your child's key person. During this time you will be able to see the progress your child is making through their own personal learning journey, which includes observations made by staff, photo evidence and work products.
- ◎ **Day trips and Social Events.** The nursery has an events calendar, which includes main celebrations on a cultural, religious, national and child-specific basis. We also have our internal celebrations, which involve on-site events and trips.
- ◎ **Information and Records on the Children.** You will be made aware of what information is kept on their child and who is able to access that information
- ◎ **Consent Slips.** Written consent for some nursery activities including some trips and outings, any medication, first aid and photographs.
- ◎ **Curriculum evenings.** Held yearly to help parents have a clearer understanding of the nursery curriculum, including planning, observation and assessment.
- ◎ **Complaints Policy.** The nursery has a procedure for parents to follow in the event of a complaint.
- ◎ **Careful Staff Deployment.** The staff employed at the nursery, have a range of experience. The nursery manager is careful to consider the staff's strengths when deploying them. Parents are made aware of who is looking after their children throughout the day and how the management team is made up.
- ◎ **Workshops.** Staff will plan activities suited for the different age groups and invite the parents to take part, explaining the benefits of each activity and how it links with the planning. There are fun activities to take part in such as water play, clay, paint, construction etc.
- ◎ **Support.** Staff at nursery have been chosen for their friendly and approachable manner. They will do their utmost to offer parents their support where necessary.

Personal Property:

Children should not bring sweets or valuables to the nursery (e.g. jewellery, toys etc), since staff cannot be held responsible for any personal belongings being lost or damaged.