



“First Days” Information for parents

Routine

Drop off for the Preschool session is 9.00am. We ask that children and parents wait for our gate to open, (it has safety strips on it so if you touch them it will stop working!) Please remain together, at the bike shed and we will collect all the children attending that day together. It really helps your child to arrive on time and follow the routine with all the children. We have found that the children have quickly settled into this routine and provide opportunities throughout the academic year, for Parents to come in and share skills, play and time with the children and preschool staff.

When the children come in they need to do the following in order:

1. Hang their bags on their pegs
2. Take their coats off and hang on their pegs
3. Put their lunch bags in the trolleys provided
4. Take their water bottles into the preschool room and put on the trolley

The room leader will register the children and count them.

Children will have free play until 9.30am.

Up to 10 children will go to the Hive and all children will have snack and more activities/ play.

We have free flow play (Inside and out) until 11.30, the children then help tidy up the garden and room and get changed (if needed). We will have a group of singing or stories (if there is time and the children are ready).

Some children may go home at 12 and we ask that again you wait at the bike shed and we'll bring your child to you.

Before 12.00 lunch we all wash hands and collect their water bottles and find a seat, before distributing individual lunch boxes.

Straight after lunch the children choose a calm activity before free flow play starts again.

At 1 o'clock children that need a nap are settled to sleep by a member of staff, with clean bedding on small mattresses. A member of staff remains with the sleepers, often completing paperwork and regularly checking on them.

We then stop free flow at 2.30 for a story and or singing.

Children that are staying for After Preschool Club are taken to the Hive whilst the children leave get ready to go home.

*Please note that dogs are not permitted on the School site at collection or drop off.

What to bring to pre-school?

PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING!!!

- **Clothing**—We provide protective clothing when children are engaged in messy activities but we know children love to get messy through exciting play, so older/non special clothes are advised that the children can also gain independence with dressing and undressing themselves should they need to. Please include socks and pants even if your child is toilet trained.
- **Footwear**— Children need to wear shoes that are suitable for play indoors such as trainers or shoes. The children also need a pair of wellies for outside play (when playing in sand, with water or in the Mud Kitchen area, they are expected to change into wellies). Please do NOT to send your child into pre-school in crocs or we find they are not safe for climbing, running and toes can get caught, therefore are a safety issue.
- **Change of clothes**— Children will need a spare change of clothes daily in their bags. We have a limited amount at pre school. Extra sets of clothes for toilet training are advised.
- **Nappies, wipes, nappy cream** (if required)
- **Sunhat and sun cream** depending on the season.

Toys/ things from Home

Children are not allowed to bring in toys from home to play with, we are not able to look after them, or monitor what is safe therefore we ask you to check that nothing is brought in, except for a soft toy of comforter, which would support your child's wellbeing or sleep time. We do recognise this can be

challenging but if we start as we mean to go on it will help your child in the long run when they start in reception.

Snack / Lunch

North Hinksey Pre School promotes a healthy lifestyle for all the children at the setting. Snacks provided, are a whole fruit; cereal or toast for Breakfast club, and crackers, toast, cheese and cucumber and fruit in After preschool club. Children bring in their own water bottles filled with water that they have free access to throughout the sessions. Water and milk is provided during each snack session.

Children who stay for lunch require a healthy packed lunch. We ask no chocolate, sweeties or crisps within their lunchbox. Children will use their water bottles during this lunch session.

We are a NUT FREE setting. This also includes chocolate spread in sandwiches and cereal bars.

Please let us know on the registration forms and by speaking to a member of staff if your child has any food intolerances or allergies.

Voluntary Contribution

We ask for a Voluntary contribution of £50 a full term which pays for snack, and all consumables such as paint, paper, non-re-usable resources, cleaning products, soap, toilet paper and hand towels, as well as administration costs. (This equates to roughly 80p a session, for a child attending the 15 hours of Nursery education funding). This will be added to your invoice in October, February and June.

Settling In

We want your child to feel happy and secure with us, we know that each child takes a different length of time to feel settled and we will adapt our approach to your child. In our experience it is useful for the child to come for a couple of short visits with their parent/carer before attending whole sessions. Settling in sessions are free of charge to parents.

Transition to School

Our pre-school have strong links with North Hinksey School and other schools within the community. Once school places have been decided around March/April time, communication will begin with key

workers and your child's new class teacher. Settling in sessions will be arranged on the build up to your child's transition to their new school.

During the last term of Preschool (from Easter onwards) The children going to North Hinksey School will visit the reception class to join in snack and get to know the environment and Reception teachers. After half term this extends to an afternoon play session, in reception.