

# Thelwall Little Explorers Nursery Welcome Booklet



## **Welcome to Thelwall Little Explorers Nursery**

May we take this opportunity to thank you and welcome you as prospective parents and children to Thelwall Little Explorers Nursery.

This booklet will provide you with key information about what our Nursery has to offer and aspires to achieve.

We have included information to help you make an informed decision about your child's pre-school education.

We very much look forward to meeting you and your children.

### **Contact Details**

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**Website:** [thelwallinfantschool.co.uk](http://thelwallinfantschool.co.uk)

**Facebook:** Thelwall infant school and Nursery

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# Developing and learning at Thelwall Infant School and Little Explorers Nursery



*Achieving through.....*

**Challenge • Adventure • Discovery**

## Our Core Principles

We see problems as opportunities to learn

We understand the purpose of our learning and are actively engaged

We know it is about the journey not just the destination

We use and apply what we already know

We are independent and confident to make choices

We are not scared to make mistakes

We learn from the past to build our future

## The Early Years Foundation Stage

The Early Years Foundation Stage is how the government and early years professionals describe the time in your child's life between birth and age five. This is a very important stage as it helps your child get ready for school as well as preparing them for future learning and successes. From when your child is born up until the age of five, their early years experience should be happy, active, exciting, fun and secure, and support their development, care and learning needs.

The EYFS framework explains how and what your child will be learning to support their healthy development. Your child will be learning skills, acquiring new knowledge and demonstrating their understanding through 7 areas of learning and development. Children should mostly develop the 3 prime areas first. These are:

- Communication and Language
- Physical Development; and
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development

These prime areas are those most essential for your child's healthy development and future learning. As children grow, the prime areas will help them to develop skills in 4 specific areas. These are:

- Literacy;
- Mathematics;
- Understanding of the world; and
- Expressive arts and design

These seven areas are used to plan your child's learning and activities. We will make sure that the activities and toys are suited to your child's unique needs. This is a little bit like a curriculum in a primary, but it's suitable for very young children, and it's designed to be really flexible so that staff can follow your child's unique needs and interests. When your child starts nursery they will be assigned a key person; this is the person who:

- Is your main point of contact within the setting
- Helps your child to settle in the nursery and feel happy and safe
- Is responsible for your child's care, development and learning
- Takes careful note of your child's progress, sharing this with you and giving you ideas as to how to help your child at home.

### **Nursery Sessions and Fees**

The nursery is open from 7.30am until 6pm term time.

15 and 30 hour funding can be used for any hours during these times.

Additional hours can be booked via our online booking system ipal.

Morning sessions from 7.30 to 9am can be booked as additional half hours at £2.38 per session or at an hourly rate of £4.75 for additional hours from 3pm until 6pm

School holiday sessions are available during some of the school holidays, subject to demand.

### **Application for a place at Little Explorers Nursery**

Please refer to the school website for our admissions and over subscription criteria.

### **Drop Off and Collection**

Little Explorers coming for 9am morning sessions and being collected at 3pm will be able to access the nursery door through the green gate to the left side

of the main entrance. The gate will be open between 8.45 and 9.05 and then from 2.50-3.15pm for the entry and exit of all nursery and school children.

Children being dropped off and collected at 12pm will need to use the intercom on the green gate located to the left of the main entrance. Nursery staff will then allow you access to the nursery door.

If you know that you will be delayed please contact us on 01925 267172 so that we are aware of the situation and we can look after your child until you arrive. If your collection arrangements change, please notify us, as it is important that we know who will be picking the children up. We cannot release children unless we have been authorised to do so beforehand.

If you are unable to collect your child from nursery and you need to send somebody else, please ensure that you let us know as soon as possible. If the person collecting your child is not known to us, we will ask them to give us your password only known to yourself and the adult collecting your child.

**Please do not park on the school car park as spaces are limited and it may pose a risk to children and staff.**

### **Absence**

If your child will not be attending their booked session for any reason please telephone the school office and leave a message. If your child has an illness and you are unsure whether your child should come to nursery or not there is guidance on the NHS website <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

If your child has sickness or diarrhoea, we will require them to be absent from Nursery for 48hrs

### **Nursery Dinners**

Children can either bring in a packed lunch or have a hot dinner. Dinners are provided for morning and afternoon sessions at a cost of £2.30.

Snacks are all included in the nursery cost. For children accessing the wrap around care in the morning breakfast will be provided. For those staying after 3pm a light tea is provided.

## **Toilets**

The children are encouraged to use the toilet and are allowed to go at any time during the day. Please help us to make sure they are not afraid to ask. We encourage you to toilet train your child prior to them starting at Little Explorers but where this is not possible we will support you fully with toilet training. If your child is in nappies, please send nappies, wipes and any cream they require with them into nursery in a labelled bag. We will let you know when we are running out. If you are worried your child may have an accident during their session please send them with a change of clothes in a named bag.

## **Nursery Uniform**

Your child will be required to wear a red sweatshirt. Red sweatshirts with the school logo can be ordered online through <http://www.touchline-embroidery.net/> (click school shops and select Thelwall Infant School. Enter password thel4456.)

They will also wear a white or red polo shirt and comfortable, dark coloured trousers or skirts (jogging bottoms, leggings etc.). Polo shirts with school logos are also available through touchline.

An integral part of their learning will take place through activities which are based outside so please make sure that your child has a warm coat that fastens up.

## **First Aid**

Minor accidents are given First Aid treatment in school and, if necessary, parents are informed. In the case of the occasional accident requiring hospital treatment, every effort is made to contact parents, but if this is not possible, the Head Teacher takes the responsibility for taking the child to hospital.

An electronic form will be sent home via our communication App 'PING' notifying parents if a child has sustained any kind of injury that has needed medical treatment.

## **Medicines in school**

It is not the responsibility of the school to administer medicines. The Head Teacher, however, will accept responsibility where emergency medication or routine medication that needs to be administered during school hours is required, e.g. asthma, eczema, allergic reactions. In these instances an

authorisation form must be completed and returned to the headteacher. Please note that anti biotics will not be administered except in exceptional circumstances. If a medicine needs to be administered in school hours, parents are welcome to come into school to administer it. Please inform the nursery staff if you are to do this.

Parents of a child who suffers from asthma must complete the school's Asthma Form.

During the summer term it may be appropriate to put sun screen on your child before they come to school.

Please ensure that the school is informed of any relevant medical details.

### **Parent Teacher Association**

We have a Parent Teacher Association in school called 'Friends of Thelwall Infants' (FTIS). Fund raising and social events are organised throughout the year and you are warmly invited to come along to all of the events.

If you are interested in becoming involved with the P.T.A please let the school office know and they will put you in touch with committee members.

### **Our Website and Facebook page**

The school's website is available for you to visit at [www.thelwallinfantschool.co.uk](http://www.thelwallinfantschool.co.uk). It contains lots of important information about the school, including term dates, policies, staff and governor information and admission to reception class information. We also have a Facebook Page which is open for you to like or follow. We use the Facebook page to publish lots of information, pictures and video of school events and news. Children will not feature on the facebook page without written permission from parents.

### **Communication (School PING)**

We send out all our communication via our app 'School Ping'. Please ensure you provide us with email addresses for anyone who wants to receive communication via school ping.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.