



Dear Parents

Welcome to Trinity First School Nursery

We are delighted that you have chosen our Nursery for your child.

Starting Nursery is an important milestone for both children and parents, and we are committed to making this transition a happy, positive and reassuring experience for everyone involved. We want you and your child to feel informed, confident and excited as you begin this new chapter with us.

This booklet has been created to provide useful information about our Nursery routines, expectations and daily life, helping to support a smooth and successful start. We encourage you to share it with your child so they can begin to feel familiar and comfortable with their new environment.

At Trinity First School, our dedicated staff provide a caring, secure and stimulating environment where children are encouraged to learn through play, develop independence and build confidence. We are proud to offer a nurturing start to your child's educational journey and look forward to working in partnership with you throughout their time with us.

We are excited to welcome your family into our school community and hope your child will enjoy many happy experiences in our Nursery.

Yours sincerely,

Amanda Seager
Headteacher



A Place at Nursery

Sessions

Breakfast Club:

8:00am – 8:45am (*payable*)

Morning Session:

8:45am – 11:45am

Morning and Lunch:

8:45am – 12:45pm

Afternoon Session:

12:45pm – 3:15pm

Extended School Session:

3:15pm – 5:30pm (*payable*) 5pm on a Friday

Full Day:

8:45am – 3:15pm

We offer fully flexible provision and you may book a range of sessions to fit your family's needs. You can extend your child's day using our Wraparound Provision. This must be booked through Arbor and should be arranged the week before you require it. As we are a school-based Nursery, we operate during term time only and follow the term dates of Trinity First School.

Admission Dates

Children may start Nursery from the 2 years and 8 months

Sessions

Sessions are booked in advance and we are unable to swap or change sessions at short notice. However, there are opportunities to increase or amend your child's sessions at three points during the year:

- September
- January
- April



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Lunch

If you would like your child to stay for lunch, you may either:

- Book a school lunch through School Grid (£2.40), or
- Provide a healthy packed lunch.

Fees

Nursery fees are charged at:

- **£6.00 per hour for 3 & 4 year olds**
- **£7.00 per hour for 2 year olds**

Fees are payable in advance for the full term (approximately six weeks). Fees are non-refundable except in exceptional circumstances. Invoices will be issued at the end of each term and should be paid promptly to ensure your child's place remains secure. This allows us to maintain appropriate staffing levels each term. We also ask for a voluntary £10 per half term fee to cover our consumables – this includes all snacks, drinks, cookery, craft, forest school and gardening materials.

From the term after a child's 3rd birthday, they are eligible for **15 hours of funded Nursery provision** through the Local Authority Early Years Entitlement. Some families may also qualify for **30 hours funded childcare** (Working Parents Entitlement). Certain 2-year-olds may also be eligible for funded places.

To check your eligibility, please use the Government childcare calculator:

[Childcare Calculator](#)

These funded hours may be used entirely within our core Nursery provision (excluding wraparound care) or shared between two settings.

Any additional hours required may be purchased at the rates above.

To help with childcare costs, the Government also offers a Tax-Free Childcare scheme. Parents pay 80% of childcare costs and the Government contributes the remaining 20%. To access this scheme, you will need to create a Government Gateway account and set up a Childcare Account.



[Tax-Free Childcare Information](#)

We also accept a range of childcare voucher payment schemes.

What Your Child Will Need at Nursery

Clothing

Nursery activities are practical, creative and often messy, children should wear comfortable clothing suitable for active play. We spend lots of time outdoors, so children should come prepared for all weather conditions, including:

- A warm waterproof coat
- Wellies
- Sun hat during warmer weather

Please provide shoes your child can manage independently. Velcro fastenings are ideal, as children regularly change into and out of wellington boots.

We also ask parents to send in:

- A full set of spare clothes
- Named jumpers, coats and shoes

Special toys are best left at home, as treasured items can easily become lost or damaged.

Sleep

If your child still requires a sleep during the day, particularly our younger children, please let us know and we can make the necessary arrangements to accommodate this.



Nappies

If your child wears nappies, they will have their own individual nappy basket.

Parents are asked to provide:

- Nappies
- Wipes
- Barrier cream

This helps us maintain your child's usual care routine.

The Nursery Session

At the Beginning of the Session

Please say goodbye to your child at the Nursery door (accessed via the gate on the main road) with a cuddle and a kiss. All children are registered at the start of each session. If your child will not be attending Nursery, please inform the school office as soon as possible. We understand that settling into Nursery can take time for some children. Our staff are experienced in supporting children during this transition and will ensure they feel safe, comforted and welcomed.

Free Flow Play

A large part of the Nursery session involves children independently choosing their own play experiences throughout the Nursery environment. We provide a wide range of engaging activities that support children's interests and development, including:

- Role play
- Sand and water play
- Play dough
- Construction
- Creative and messy play
- Painting and mark making



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- Small world play
- Outdoor exploration

Children are free to choose whether they would like to play indoors or outdoors during this time, encouraging independence, curiosity and confidence.

Adult-Led Activities

Throughout each session, children will also take part in adult-led activities in small groups.

These activities are practical, play-based and carefully planned to support children's learning and development. Activities may take place indoors or outdoors and are designed to help children build new skills while having fun.

Together Time

Each day, children gather together in groups with Nursery Practitioners for "Together Time". During this special group time, children may:

- Sing songs and rhymes
- Listen to stories
- Talk about their interests and experiences
- Explore themes and topics within Nursery

Our 3–4 year olds will also take part in a short teacher-led activity to further support early learning skills and school readiness.

At the End of the Session

At collection time, a member of staff will call your child to meet you with their belongings and home-time items.

Any important messages or updates from your child's key worker will be shared with you at this time.



Early Years Foundation Stage Framework

At Trinity First School Nursery, we are committed to helping children learn and develop through high-quality play experiences that are exciting, motivating, challenging and inspiring.

We aim to create a nurturing environment where children feel safe to explore their ideas, follow their interests and grow into independent, confident learners.

The Nursery and Reception classes together form the **Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)**. The EYFS framework supports children's learning and development from birth to five years old and provides the foundations for future learning.

Areas of Learning and Development

The EYFS framework is divided into **Prime Areas** and **Specific Areas** of learning.

Prime Areas

These are the fundamental skills that support children's overall development and future learning.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Children learn to:

- Build positive relationships
- Develop confidence and independence
- Understand and manage feelings and behaviour
- Take turns and work cooperatively with others

Physical Development

Children are encouraged to:

- Develop coordination and movement
- Build fine motor skills for early writing
- Learn healthy routines and self-care skills
- Become increasingly independent



Communication and Language

Children develop their ability to:

- Listen attentively
 - Understand and follow instructions
 - Express themselves clearly
 - Join conversations and share ideas
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Specific Areas

These areas build upon the Prime Areas and help children broaden their knowledge and skills.

Literacy

Children begin to develop early reading and writing skills through stories, songs, mark making and phonics activities.

- Reading
- Writing

Mathematics

Children explore mathematical concepts through practical play and everyday experiences.

- Numbers
- Shape, space and measure

Understanding the World

Children learn about the world around them by exploring people, places, nature and technology.

- People and communities
- The world
- Technology



Expressive Arts and Design

Children are encouraged to use their imagination and creativity through art, music, role play and construction.

- Exploring and using media and materials
- Being imaginative

Through carefully planned experiences and play opportunities, we support every child to develop at their own pace and celebrate each step in their learning journey.

Healthy Eating at Nursery

Snack Time

We provide healthy snacks every day for the children. During morning sessions, children enjoy a group snack time seated together at the tables, where they may choose from milk or water alongside fruit and other healthy snack options. In afternoon sessions, children enjoy our “Snack Bar”, where they can sit together and enjoy their snack in a relaxed and social environment. Snack times help children develop important social skills, communication and good table manners, while always being supervised by an adult.

Children are encouraged and supported to:

- Pour their own drinks
- Help prepare and serve snacks
- Develop independence and confidence during mealtimes

We also ask children to bring a clearly named water bottle filled with water only. This allows children independent access to drinking water throughout the session. At Nursery, we teach children the importance of healthy eating and drinking plenty of water to help keep their bodies healthy and active.

Lunchtime

A hot Nursery lunch is available each day, freshly prepared by the MNSP kitchen team.



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Children eat together within the Nursery environment, making lunchtime a calm and enjoyable social experience. Before eating, children are encouraged to wash their hands and practise good table manners.

Packed Lunches

If your child brings a packed lunch, we ask that it contains healthy options and avoids heavily processed foods.

We recommend a simple “light bite” style lunch, for example:

- Sandwiches or wraps
- Fruit
- Yogurt
- Vegetable sticks

Young children often take longer to eat and may only manage small amounts if lunchboxes contain too much food. During warmer weather, please include a small ice pack to help keep food fresh.

School Dinners

School dinners are available for Nursery children and currently cost **£2.40 per meal**. Meals must be booked and paid for in advance through School Grid. Children having a school dinner will continue to eat alongside their friends in the Nursery setting.

Allergies and Dietary Requirements

It is extremely important that we are informed of any:

- Allergies
- Food intolerances
- Dietary requirements



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Outdoor Play

Outdoor play is an essential part of your child's learning and development at Trinity First School Nursery. Our outdoor environment will offer:

- A playhouse and climbing frame
- Water play areas
- Mud kitchen
- Mark making and creative activities
- Large sand pit
- Different surfaces and textures to explore
- Forest School activities
- Open space to run, climb and play

These experiences encourage children to explore, investigate, imagine and develop confidence through active play. The possibilities for learning outdoors are endless.

Our Nursery Garden is open every day and children will play outside in all weather conditions. Please ensure your child comes to Nursery with suitable clothing and footwear throughout the year, including:

- Waterproof coat
- Wellington boots
- Warm clothing in colder weather
- Sun hat during warmer weather

Toilets and Personal Care

Our child-friendly toilets are located within the Nursery unit, allowing children easy and independent access throughout the day.

We understand that young children develop at different rates and we aim to support every child sensitively as they develop their self-care and personal hygiene skills.

Many children begin Nursery fully toilet trained. We encourage independence while continuing to support children until they feel fully confident.



Children who wear nappies will be changed by a member of staff when appropriate. Parents are asked to provide:

- Nappies
- Wipes
- Barrier creams

These items will be stored in your child's individual nappy basket.

When children are ready, we will work closely with families to support potty and toilet training in a positive and encouraging way.

Arrival and Collection

A member of the Nursery team will supervise the entrance and exit doors at the beginning and end of each session. This helps ensure children leave safely with the correct adult.

If you know you may be late arriving or collecting your child, please let staff know as soon as possible.

Collection by another Adult

If someone different will be collecting your child from Nursery:

- Please provide the name of the adult at drop-off so staff can record the details.
 - We are unable to release children to another adult without parental permission.
 - Every child should have a confidential collection password provided by parents on their Data Sheet.
 - The collecting adult will be asked to provide this password before your child is released.
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Injuries and Medical Information

If your child arrives at Nursery with a pre-existing injury such as a bump or bruise, please inform a member of staff and complete the relevant form provided.



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Punctuality

Please try to bring your child to Nursery on time and collect them promptly at the end of their session.

Children can become worried if collection is unexpectedly delayed, so if you know you will be late, please contact the school office to let us know.

Any siblings attending drop-off or collection remain the responsibility of parents or carers and should not use Nursery equipment.

Illness and Absence

If your child has been sick or experienced diarrhoea, please wait **48 hours after the last episode** before returning them to Nursery. Illness can spread very quickly in an early years setting.

If your child is unable to attend Nursery, please contact the school office by telephone or send a note explaining their absence.

Working in Partnership with Parents

As a parent or carer, you are your child's first and most important educator.

We greatly value the experiences and learning your child brings with them to Nursery and believe that strong partnerships between home and school are essential in supporting children to thrive.

Please feel free to speak to a member of the Nursery team at any time if you have questions, concerns or information you would like to share. We are always happy to help and work together to support your child's development and wellbeing.

More Information to follow on 'Friendly faces you will meet at Nursery' and 'Assessment'



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