Mount Nod Nursery

At our school, care sits at the heart of everything we do. We work closely with parents & our community to create a supportive, inclusive environment where every child can prepare for life.

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We would like to welcome you and your family to Mount Nod Primary School Nursery!

We are pleased that you have chosen our friendly and successful nursery to begin your child's education. We will work together as a team to make your child's time with us rewarding, educational and enjoyable.

Mount Nod Nursery has a team of very well qualified and hard-working staff, who all contribute to making our nursery a happy and successful setting. Teaching and support staff create a positive climate for playing and learning. They give children a wide range of stimulating learning experiences.

Mrs Squires – Class Teacher

Mrs Wells– Teaching Assistant

Structure of the Day

The Nursery day is from 8.45am until 3:15pm Monday to Friday during term time. These sessions are run by a full-time qualified teacher and qualified support staff.

The session times for Nursery are as follows:

Morning Nursery 8:45am – 11:45am (15 hours funding). Parents can choose to extend their morning session to 12.15pm incurring a fee currently of £3.85 per day for the additional half hour for lunch time.

All day Nursery 8:45am-2:45pm, this equates 30 hours per week. If you are a working parent and eligible for the 30-hour funding, then there will be no charge to you for this session.

To apply visit:

https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-childcare-if-youre-working

If you are not eligible for the 30 hours funding but would like to utilise the all-day nursery option, the first 15 hours will be covered by funding and there will be a fee of £19.25 per day (£96.25 per week) for the additional 15 hours.

Teaching continues until 3:15pm, parents can collect their child at 2.45pm or choose to pay for the additional time from 2:45pm - 3.15pm incurring a fee currently, £3.85 per day.

If your child is attending for the full school day, they will need to bring along a packed lunch.

Owls Club: The Owls Club offers before and after school care which runs from 7.30am until 8.55am and 3.20 until 5.45pm. For enquiries contact Sharon on 07540 459584

Entrance to Nursery

The Nursery entrance is situated in Greenleaf Close. For safety reasons, parents are not permitted to use the staff car park. Please be considerate when parking in the adjoining close as we wish to remain on good terms with our neighbours!

Please walk up the path to the Nursery gate where there will be member of staff to welcome your child into Nursery. Once your child is settled, we will encourage them to say goodbye to their grown-up at the gate.

At home time, please wait at the gate for the Nursery staff to bring your child to you. The Nursery staff will only release the children to adults known to them. If someone new is collecting your child, please inform Nursery staff beforehand.

If for any reason, you are going to be late collecting your child, please ring the school to let us know.

Our Environment

Our nursery is well resourced, and we are lucky to have lots of outdoor space with a large play area where the children can develop their physical skills and play imaginatively. We also have a wooded area which is used to support the curriculum.

Our indoor area is a bright, self-contained room where the children can access a large variety of activities every day, most of which will be child initiated, alongside adult led and adult supported activities.

Our Day

We like to settle the children into a routine as soon as possible to help them feel secure. When they come into the Nursery, the children put their belongings away, wash their hands and find/write their names and stick it to the wall to show that they are here. They can then choose from the activities provided before coming together on the carpet for registration and group time.

Our Early Years Curriculum is play based and therefore our focus is on child-initiated learning, however we also value our "group times" where adults lead the learning. This could be talking about the days of the week, practising our counting, doing a practical maths activity or game, developing phonics skills, singing songs and rhymes, sharing stories or talking about our topic etc.

We also like to finish each Nursery session by coming together on the mat to share a story and play a game or sing a song etc.

Snack time/ Lunch time

At Mount Nod, we encourage healthy eating. Your child will need to bring a named water bottle with them each day please. We will provide the children with a mid-morning snack, which is usually a piece of fresh fruit or vegetable. They can also have a drink of milk or water. We may also provide other foods during snack time for the children to try such as noodles for Chinese New Year or porridge like the three bears.

The children who are staying at Nursery for their lunch will need a packed lunch provided from home in a named lunch box. Please make sure that the packaging is easy for your child to open and that they have a drink. We request that you do not send fizzy drinks or sweets and all grapes must be cut in half lengthways please. We are also a nut free school so please do not pack items that may contain nuts. The children remain in the nursery classroom to eat their lunch and snack and are supervised by lunchtime and nursery staff. We always have a Paediatric First Aider supervising children when eating.

We also use snack time and lunch time as a lovely opportunity for us to develop relationships, talk together and develop our speaking and listening skills.

Positive Behaviour

We believe that children and adults work best in an organised environment where everyone knows what is expected of them and where children are free to develop their play and learning without fear of being hurt or hindered by anyone else.

We encourage children to develop skills in self-discipline and self-esteem in an atmosphere of mutual respect and encouragement.

We use a visual display to encourage positive behaviour. Good behaviour is celebrated with our individual sticker charts (10 stickers gets a reward from the treasure box).

Health and Safety

Health and safety is paramount across our school and we endeavour to always provide a safe environment for your child. Therefore, we ensure that we follow guidelines carefully and attend training on updates when necessary.

Illness and injury

If your child becomes ill during the session, they will be cared for by a first aider and parents will be informed immediately.

Minor injury

Minor injuries will be treated according to first aid training. A record will be kept of all accidents and incidents, and these will require a parent/carer signature.

Serious injury

For any serious injury, professional treatment will be sought with parental consent. Daily risk assessments are undertaken by the staff.

Medication

Only prescription medicine may be administered under special circumstances. A form needs to be completed beforehand which can be obtained from the office or downloaded from our school website.

Parent Contact

You will receive text messages and emails via our school communication system, so it is essential that we have your accurate up to date mobile phone numbers and email addresses.

Once your child starts at Nursery, we will also set up a Class Dojo account which we will use as a messaging service to provide whole school or nursery information and can be used to contact the Nursery Staff.

Contacting you in an Emergency

We would be grateful if all information forms could be

returned as soon as possible to the school office. If your child becomes ill or has an accident, this will help us contact you as soon as possible.

PLEASE REMEMBER: If these contact numbers change during the year, please let us know. It is very important that we have up-to-date contact numbers should we need to get in touch with you urgently.

Absence or Illness

Parents are asked to keep children at home if they are unwell. If your child cannot come to nursery due to illness, please notify the school office by phone.

Please **do not** send children back to school for **at least 48 hours** after a vomiting or diarrhoea illness.

Measles	7 days from rash appearance provided rash has gone
German Measles	5 days from rash appearance
Chicken Pox	Until all spots have been replaced by dried up scabs
Whooping Cough	28days days from first symptoms
Hand, Foot & Mouth	At least 24hrs from first symptoms

Foundation Stage Curriculum

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) is the statutory framework published by the Department for Education that sets the standards for the development, learning and care of children from birth to five.

The framework is based on ongoing observation and assessment in the three prime and four specific areas of learning and the three learning characteristics.

The Prime Areas of Learning:

Communication and Language

Within this area we develop the children's speaking and listening skills and encourage their love of stories and rhymes. We listen to the children's ideas and encourage their imaginations, so they develop into motivated learners with positive self-esteem.

Physical Development

We provide a wide range of opportunities for children to develop their gross motor skills and fine manipulative skills. This ranges from mark making and scissor control, to scooters, trikes and using climbing frames. We teach children about keeping themselves healthy with exercise, healthy food and good hygiene.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This is a very important element within our School. We aim to build happy new relationships between the children as they join us from a variety of different settings and experiences. We work to develop confidence and self-esteem in the children and to give them positive social skills for the future.

The Specific Areas of Learning:

Literacy

In nursery we concentrate on developing pre-reading and writing skills. We offer many opportunities for mark making and activities to encourage listening to sounds, making sounds and linking letter sounds and letters.

Mathematics

We encourage the children to become confident in using numbers, shape and measures. We use practical activities to improve problem solving strategies for use in everyday life. We give children opportunities for discussion, investigation, and explanation and to explore and use a range of mathematical vocabulary.

Understanding the World

We create opportunities to develop an awareness of the world around us. Scientific investigations and experiments are carried out throughout the year. Children can choose to use a range of equipment to develop ICT awareness and skills. We nurture positive self-worth and values and encourage respect for different cultures, beliefs and communities.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children are encouraged to use their imaginations creatively, through all the senses. We have a dedicated creative area where children have opportunities to explore different media and materials. They have many opportunities to investigate, design and create. We encourage imaginative play and creative thinking throughout the curriculum.

The Characteristics of Learning

· Playing and Exploring

· Active Learning

· Creating and Thinking Critically

Tapestry - An Online Journal

To record the progress of the children in Nursery, we use an online system called Tapestry. Tapestry is a secure and exciting way of keeping track of your child's development and their time with us using photos, videos and observations. The Tapestry website can be accessed by parents on a computer or laptop and on any Apple or Android device such as a tablet or smartphone. A big advantage of this system is that you can add your own comments to entries and can show your child's online book to members of the family.

The safeguarding of our children is very important to us. Everything that is added to Tapestry will be added to our school account and can only be viewed by school staff that use the system, and yourself, using your own secure log in details. You will only have access to your child's own records, and this cannot be seen by other parents. Also, it is important that you do not share photos or videos from your child's Tapestry account on social media or through other online platforms. Tapestry is a GDPR compliant system.

TAPESTRY
ONLINE LEARNING
JOURNAL

School Uniform

Uniform is optional in Nursery although we believe it is smart, practical and prepares children ready for wearing a uniform to school.

If you wish to purchase a school uniform displaying the Mount Nod logo, then please visit Clive Mark Schoolwear:

https://clivemark.co.uk/collections/mount-nod/

Clive Mark Schoolwear

88-90 Barker Butts Lane
Coundon, Coventry CV6 1DY
02476 598080
coundon.shop@clivemark.co.uk

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE can we ask that ALL belongings are **named** so that we can try to get misplaced items back to the correct owner.

- Red sweatshirt or cardigan with or without school logo
- Grey trousers, shorts, skirt, pinafore or tracksuit bottoms
- White polo shirt
- Grey or white socks or tights
- Black shoes (Velcro only please - no laces)

In the Summer girls may like to wear red & white check dresses.

What to bring:

All children will need a named water bottle and a lunch box if staying for their lunch. They will need a named waterproof coat as we will go outside in all weather. They will also need a bag with a spare change of clothes in case of an accident and to bring work/ letters home from school.

Finally, A Few Top Tips!

- Label everything! There are lots of beautiful, printed labels around, these are lovely, but a Sharpie pen works just as well!
- Pack a change of clothes just in case of accidents. Even children who are reliably toilet trained can have accidents at times of change, and of course, we love to get messy in nursery!
- Let your child practise putting on their uniform, becoming familiar with how they go on and fasten up. If they have a new belonging, help them get used to what they look like to encourage responsibility for their own belongings.

We look forward to seeing you in September!