



Silsden
Primary School

SILSDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL NURSERY

2020-2021



Welcome to Silsden Primary School

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Assistant Headteacher – EYFS

Assistant Headteacher

Assistant Headteacher - Inclusion

School Business Manager

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Nursery Staff

You will be introduced to the Nursery staff at the induction evening. There is also the opportunity for home visits if you require one.

We look forward to getting to know you and your child, and hope that your time with us will be both beneficial and enjoyable.

In order to help your child settle into Nursery easily we operate a staggered intake over a three week period as this allows the Staff to get to know them in a relaxed manner and is less stressful for your child.



FACTUAL INFORMATION

Times

Children should arrive at 8.45 am for our morning session and 12.30 pm for our afternoon session.

We stagger the end of our sessions - 11.35 am to 11.45 am and 3.20 pm to 3.30 pm. In this way children are collected in a relaxed manner, and there is further opportunity for parents and carers to discuss anything they wish to raise with the staff. Individual appointments can be made at any time should you wish to discuss anything further with the Nursery staff. We do of course need to know if there are to be any changes in your usual arrangements for collecting your child.

The Nursery is located in the extension adjacent to school.

Nursery Staff plan all the activities together and work closely as a team. Parents will be given an overview of planning/activities every half term as well as a newsletter to keep you fully informed about learning opportunities for your child.

* Please see important Health and Safety issue with regard to gates on the next page.



School Uniform

School uniform with our logo can be purchased from the following suppliers:

Jumpers and cardigans with the new school logo are now available from Andrew Firth's Keighley, Skip to School and MC Sports in Skipton, Ian Brown's School Days and Golden Leaf (the latter two based in Silsden) or online at <https://myclothing.com/ueslink/6967.school?t=1587030915175>

In order to encourage independence and participation in all our activities, we recommend that clothing should be easy for children to manage, e.g. elasticated waist trousers, and not too special to risk being spoiled by paint, clay or glue and their hair to be tied back.

It is also important for children to have clothes suitable for outdoor play. Coats are essential to cater for changes in weather. Please encourage your child to fasten their own coat.

We would be grateful if you would name all clothing and footwear to be worn for Nursery.

Snack

Milk and water are available each day for children to drink. Milk is provided free for all children under 5 however you do need to register for it.

How to register

- Register online at www.coolmilk.com or complete a registration form available from the school office
- Register by a Tuesday at 5pm for your child's free milk to start the following week
- Free milk will continue until the Friday before your child's fifth birthday.

We also provide a snack e.g. fresh or dried fruit, a variety of breads, plain biscuits, food cooked by the children to accompany the drink.

The children also cook a selection of sweet/savoury snacks regularly e.g. soup, carrot cake.

If your child has any dietary, allergy or food intolerances please ensure you complete the details in the admission form and long term medical form if their allergy/intolerance requires medication.

Health and safety

In the interests of all of children's safety, please remember:

- Please ensure that the Nursery gate in the playground is bolted upon entry and leaving.
- No parking on the yellow zigzag lines outside school entrances.
- All school gates should be fastened at all times.
- Buggies cannot be left at Nursery during our sessions.
- Dogs should not be brought into the playground or tied up and left unattended at the gates
- To ensure the safety of all the Nursery children, could parent and carers please make sure that on entering and leaving the Nursery all school gates are closed.
- May we respectfully request that pushchairs and buggies are left outside the school building. This is for health and safety reasons and is a fire regulation of the school.
- Earrings are not suitable for physical activities and therefore are not recommended in Nursery.
- For the safety of all children, please do not hook back any doors in Nursery.

Shared Books

We operate a small library, having a range of books for children to choose from with your help. These books are available at the beginning and end of each session.



Illness

Often children express a desire to attend even when unwell but it is always advisable to keep them at home at this time. The company of many other children is a lot to cope with if you are feeling ill and we must try to keep the risk of infection down for the sake of other children and staff.

Please inform school if your child is unable to attend. This can be done by telephone to school or by sending a message with another parent/carer.

Please inform us about any infectious diseases. We can provide guidelines on the recommended periods of absence for the usual childhood conditions. Please note children **must** stay at home for **48 hours** after the last incident of sickness or diarrhoea.

School Communication

Silsden Primary School endeavours to send all communication electronically. **It is essential that school has up to date phone numbers and email addresses that you use regularly.** All parents are required to download the "School PING" app as this is the platform through which we send our communication. Further details of how to access this will be sent to you within a few days of your child starting school.

The website and the School Prospectus provide an information overview of the school.

Data Processing - GDPR

Data that we hold about you and pupils is stored and shared in line with our Data Protection Policy which is available to view on our school website. This pack contains our Privacy Statement which provides you with details of what data we hold and who we may share this with. If you have any questions at all about Data Protection please do contact us.

"PLAY IS A CHILD'S WORK"

Nursery is a place where children can learn from and with other children.

Play is a way in which children develop personally and are ready socially.

Play is where they work out new learning.

Play helps children to think flexibly at a high level from the past, now and to the future.

Play is a way in which they explore feelings.

All children are different and their needs depend upon their rate of development, cultural background and all their previous experiences. Young children need care, respect, love, support and encouragement. They need friends, space, choices, stimulus, experience and challenge. To meet these needs the Nursery is organised in such a way as to foster:



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Communication and Language

Physical Development

Literacy

Mathematics

Understanding the World

Expressive Arts and Design

Each area has been carefully planned and equipped to promote constructive play and is continually reviewed and developed to provide maximum stimulation and interest.

The Nursery is a place where children can work individually in small groups and large groups. They learn to care and share, make decisions and communicate at a meaningful level. They learn to be sensitive to the needs of others – valuable learning when they become older and part of the wider community.

We aim to offer a broad and balanced curriculum using the children's everyday experiences and interests, which are extended through topic work. Our planning covers all seven areas of learning in line with the Early Years Foundation curriculum. Activities include:

Mark making (including painting), Design and technology area, Role play, Water, Wet and dry sand, Construction, Small World, Music, Books, inter-active displays, Outdoor Play and inter-active whiteboard.

We consider outdoor play to be an essential element of our provision and therefore we try to ensure it is available for children to choose during each session. Please ensure your child has suitable outdoor clothing, including a waterproof coat and wellies (regularly checked for size) each day bearing in mind inclement weather.



Parents As Partners

You will be welcome in the Nursery at any time. When children arrive each day, it is helpful if adults can take a little time to share the Nursery question. Initially, some parents may need to spend longer periods helping their children to settle into this new environment.

Practical Help

Any offer of help in such areas as sewing dressing up clothes, mending toys etc would always be welcome.

Do you have a special skill or interest, which you would enjoy sharing with the children at one of our sessions?

We are always delighted when any items, which would stimulate interest amongst the children, are brought into the Nursery.

Shared Records

We hope that you will take an active part in helping us to collect continuous observations of your child's development. In this way, we feel that our records can forge a link between parents, as children's first educators, and the Nursery team.

You are welcome to look at and contribute to your child's **Learning Journal** which will show their development throughout their Nursery year.

Links with School

Great care is taken in welcoming children into the Nursery environment. To help in this the Nursery staff will offer to make a home visit before your child starts Nursery. We also have a staggered entry into Nursery so that each child feels supported. In the same way, we aim to ensure a smooth transition into the main school by gradually introducing them into some of the infant school activities.

Nursery and the Reception staff work closely together to plan the curriculum in order to ensure progression and continuity for your child.

Towards the end of the children's time in Nursery they will undertake a series of visits to their new classes in Reception.

All the above encourage the development of individual confidence and also help to foster good relationships for all within our school.



HOLIDAY LIST - September 2020 to July 2021

	CLOSE	RE-OPEN
Autumn Term		Monday 7 th September 2020
Half Term	Friday 23 rd October 2020	Tuesday 3 rd November 2020
Christmas	Friday 18 th December 2020	Tuesday 5 th January 2021
Half Term	Friday 12 th February 2021	Monday 22 nd February 2021
Easter	Friday 26 th March 2021	Monday 12 th April 2021
May Day	<i>Monday 3rd May 2021</i>	
Spring Bank	Friday 28 th May 2021	Wednesday 9 th June 2021
Summer	Friday 23 rd July 2021	

USEFUL DOCUMENTS.

Hopefully this pack has provided you with brief details about our school however all our key policies are stored on our school website www.silsden.co.uk (go to Key Information-Policies) and we recommend that as a minimum you read the following key policies:

- SPS School Uniform Policy.
- SPS Charging and Remissions Policy.
- SPS Behaviour Policy.
- SPS Communications Policy.