

# Welcome to Castlechurch Nursery

“Working together to achieve our best”.



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Castlechurch Nursery is committed to providing a safe environment which allows all children to flourish educationally and socially. We aspire to enable the children to develop as self-confident, tolerant and resilient individuals as they grow up in our ever-changing world.

Castlechurch's foundation values underpin our ethos of **'Working together to achieve our best'** which start in the earliest years and progress with the children as they move through school. We believe by having these values at the heart of the school they will shape the children into becoming achievers in their own unique way.

As a school and nursery we will ensure that your child will;

- Be safe
- Be healthy
- Show PRIDE – passion, respect, individuality, determination and enjoyment

Castlechurch Nursery aims to:

- Embrace our Castlechurch motto of **'Working together to achieve our best'**.
- Embed our values in all we do.
- Provide a safe and stimulating environment, which allows children to be nurtured.
- Offer inclusive provision that allows all children to develop at their own rates.
- Continually reflect on the service that we offer to ensure that our Nursery meets the needs of all.
- A staff team that is experienced, well trained and supported.
- A stimulating curriculum that promotes social, moral and intellectual development.
- Work with parents and carers.
- Educators, to ensure we all work towards the best for your child.



## **What is the early years Foundation Stage?**

Welcome to the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), this describes the time between birth and five years old. Children in the EYFS learn by playing and exploring, being active, and through creative and critical thinking which takes place both indoors and outdoors.

## **How will my child be learning?**

There are seven areas of learning within the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. All areas of learning and development are important and interconnected. Three areas are particularly crucial for igniting children's curiosity and enthusiasm for learning, and for building their capacity to learn, form relationships and thrive. The prime areas are: Communication and Language, Physical development and Personal, Social and Emotional Development.

As children grow, the prime areas will help them to develop skills in the 4 specific areas. These are: Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design.

## **What We Offer**

Castlechurch Nursery operates within a purpose built Foundation Stage Unit at Castlechurch Primary School. The Nursery is very much integral to the school and has the vision of providing outstanding education for children from the age of three to eleven years old. The Nursery is managed by a dedicated team of staff with a wealth of experience and qualifications.

The Nursery operates for 39 weeks a year for children from the age of three.

## **Nursery Sessions**

Morning Session: 8.45-11.45am (£12.78 if not NEF Funded)

Lunch Session: 11.45am-12.30pm (£3.50 without a school lunch or £5.95 with a school lunch)

Afternoon Session: 12.15-3.15pm (£12.78 if not NEF Funded)

Wraparound care can be provided on site by our before and after school club, High Fliers from 7.30am and/or until 6pm each school day. For further information please contact the school office on 01785 334955.

## **Payment**

Please note the following:

- You will be charged daily for the sessions you have booked via Parent Pay.
- You will give the school one month's notice should you wish to terminate your child's place.

## **Missed Sessions**

Unfortunately we are unable to offer refunds for any missed sessions due to illness or holidays.

## **Nursery Timetable**

### **Morning Session**

**8.45am**-Nursery doors open

Independent learning activities

**9.30am**-Carpet time-circle time activities and speaking and listening

**10.30am**-Foundation Stage adult led and child initiated activities with a short maths and phonic session.

**11.30am**-Story and Songs

**11.45am**-Hometime

### **Afternoon Session**

**12.15pm**-Nursery doors open

Independent learning activities

**1.15pm**-Carpet time-circle time activities and speaking and listening

**2.30pm**-Foundation Stage adult led and child initiated activities with a short maths and phonic session.

**3.00pm**-Story and Songs

**3.15pm**-Hometime

## **Nursery Dinners**

If your child stays for a lunchtime session please provide a packed lunch for them in a named lunch box. This will then be kept in the fridge.

The cost for the supervised lunchtime session (45 minutes) is £3.50 or £5.95 inclusive of a school lunch.

## **Snack**

Fruit, milk and water is provided free of charge each day for every child in Nursery during the morning and afternoon session. We ask that you provide your child with a water bottle to have during the day. Please ensure that this is labelled and filled with water.

## **Healthy Eating**

Where children are provided with lunchboxes and drinks, they should be healthy, balanced and nutritious. Prior to your child starting Nursery you will be asked to inform us about any special dietary requirements, preferences and food allergies that your child has, and any special health requirements.

## **Nursery Uniform**

We are very proud of our school. The children look so smart in their uniform.

This is what we would like our nursery children to wear:

- White polo shirt
- Maroon sweatshirt or cardigan with Castlechurch embroidered logo (available from Crested Schoolwear).
- Grey or tartan skirt (available from Crested Schoolwear), grey pinafore, grey trousers or grey shorts
- Red gingham summer dress
- Plain grey/white socks/tights
- Black sensible shoes
- Coat with a hood
- No jewellery/watches
- Long hair tied back
- Book Bag (available from Crested Schoolwear)

Please ensure that all uniform is labelled clearly with your child's name.