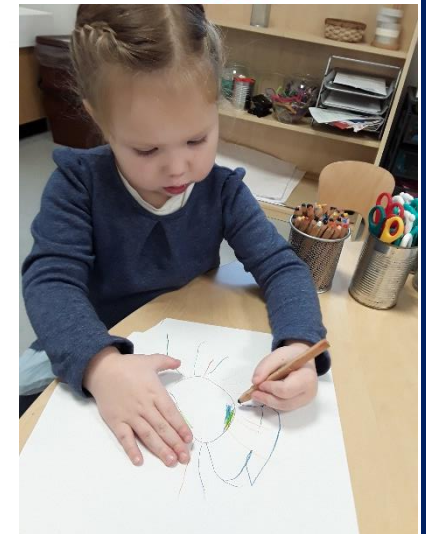


Welcome to Peckover Nursery School



A nurturing, safe, child-led environment where children can explore, be curious and develop a love for nature.





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Meet the
Nursery Team



The Nursery team consists of experienced staff from a range of settings. We are all dedicated to ensuring that your child has the best start to their education; by working together your children will become happy, confident and independent learners.



Our day

8.55-11.55am

We start our morning sessions at 8.55am, where children come into the nursery independently, put away their own belongings and wash their hands. We then have a morning welcome and teaching input, followed by independent learning time that we call 'choose and learn'. During each session, the children are provided with a piece of fruit and given the choice of milk or water to drink. This snack is free of charge. We finish our session with group time, where adults lead a session based around phonics, maths or speech and language skills, before saying goodbye at 11.55am.

11.55-12.25pm

Our lunch session then begins, where children self-serve their own food and are encouraged to eat together at a relaxed dinner time. Adults eat with the children, modelling food cutting, drink pouring and manners.

Lunch provision is NOT included in the children's funded hours and is an additional provision, even for those families entitled to Pupil Premium funding. The lunch session is £3.00 per day to cover the cost of staff; a free school dinner is included. Please note, if parents are wishing to provide a child with a packed cold lunch from home, the charge for lunches is still £3.00 per session.

12.55-3.25pm

Our afternoon sessions begin in the same way as the morning sessions, where children come into the nursery independently, putting away their belongings and washing their hands with a welcome and teaching input followed by independent 'choose and learn' time. Snack for this session is free of charge, again a healthy piece of fruit and the choice of milk or water to drink. At the end of the session we come together for group time before saying goodbye at 3.25pm.

Learning



At Peckover Nursery, we ensure that children have access to an environment rich in opportunities to develop skills in the following areas: Personal Social and Emotional Development, Communication and Language, Physical, Literacy, Maths, Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design.



All children are assigned a Key Person. The Key Person's role is to communicate with parents, ensure that the children are happy, lead parents' evenings, set targets and monitor the children's progress and well-being. With teacher led moments, we follow the children's interests in order to spark curiosity and develop a desire for learning.



Our Environment

Our nursery environment consists of one large open space, where children can explore at their own pace. Continuous provision ensures that the children have access to provision, resources and areas that are laid out for them to explore freely and safely, as well as

being challenging and engaging. We have access to a wonderful outdoor area that is continually being developed to support the needs of the children and the changing seasons. Outdoor learning allows children to develop self-awareness, confidence and self-esteem, develop collaborative-working and communication skills, provide positive health benefits (both physically and mentally) and assist gross and fine-motor development, developing a lifelong love of the outdoors.



Messy play is extremely important for a child's development. It provides children with an exciting, tactile and sensory experience that inspires their curiosity, allows them to explore the world around them and enhances their learning, language and creativity.

Cold weather and getting cold does not actually make you sick.
Getting sick is the result of being exposed to an infection; not by getting cold.
The reason viruses tend to increase
in activity during winter is due to the fact that people are
more likely to be crowded inside.



At Nursery we understand the importance of outdoor play in all weathers because it:

Boosts children's immune systems,
developing their ability to fight off
infections
and build resistance to allergies.

Provides opportunities to
master skills not feasible
indoors

Enhanced interpersonal
skills and negotiation.

Improves sleep.

Ability to make sense of and
learn more about lots of
concepts which underpin
learning for life, such as
gravity, speed, gradient,
growth, decay etc.

IT'S FUN!!!

Helps mental wellbeing.

Gains a moral
understanding and awe for
the importance of nature.

Improves concentration and
attention.

Enhances bone density
and Vitamin D levels.

Improves co-ordination
and physicality.

What you will need...



At Peckover Nursery, the children have access to indoor and outdoor play all year round. To ensure they can access this, they will need a pair **of named welly boots** and a **waterproof suit**. These will stay at nursery and we will send them home at the end of each term for washing and to give you the opportunity to check the sizing.



Children can become very messy when at nursery. We recommend that you bring them wearing **comfortable play clothing** (not their best outfits!). Please provide a **bag with at least two full changes of clothing** (more if your child is toilet training) and nappies/pull ups and wipes if required. Please ensure all items are named. Without names, it is very difficult to reunite lost items with owners. Fresh water is available all day as well as snack and lunch time. Children do **not** need to bring a drink to nursery.

How can you help your child?

Talk to us! We are always here to help both you and your child. There are regular daily opportunities to speak to a member of staff and we are happy to arrange meetings for a longer chat if needed.

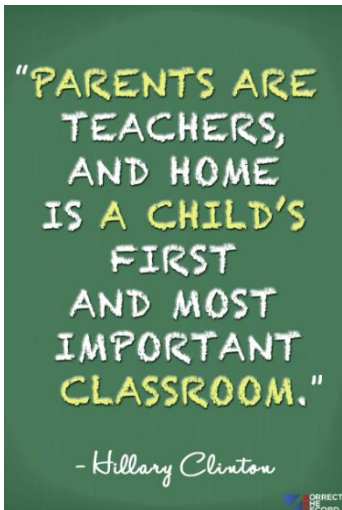


Read to your child. Studies show that children who are read one book a day will hear about 290,000 more words by age 5 than those who don't regularly read books with a parent or caregiver. Early reading skills begin from the moment a child can sit and listen to a story. Make it fun and engaging and encourage them to join in too! At nursery we will play lots of listening games too, enabling the development of early phonics skills.

Encourage independence. This is a vital skill and something that we pride ourselves on instilling in the children. Can they put on their own coat? Change into welly boots and back to shoes? Do up a zip? Wash and dry their own hands? Cut their food and feed themselves with cutlery? Use the toilet independently? These are all skills that we ask you to support at home and we will continue to encourage at nursery too.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the nursery team.

Parents as Partners



You are and will always be your children's first educators. They may be with us for between 3-10 hours per day, but the other 14+ hours per day they are with you. We want to work together with you to educate your children. We may send home some fun tasks, these are always open ended, so that you can decide how to adapt it to fit in with your lifestyle. We have 'sharing sacks' that you can borrow, that cover every area of the Early Years Curriculum; they contain games and activities to support your child's learning and development. We hold parent's evenings once a term to inform you how your child is settling in, where they are in terms of learning and development and to discuss any queries you may have.



We use Class Dojo as a means of communication and you will have access to this either online or via an app. You can use Class Dojo to send messages to staff and we will aim to reply as soon as possible. Please bear in mind that Class Dojo is not checked continuously as staff are busy working with the children. If you have a more urgent query, please call the main school office. We will update the class story regularly to keep you informed of nursery events and reminders.



Lastly, regular attendance is vital for your child to be able to settle and be confident in a new setting. They will also be able to access all possible learning when they attend their sessions and arrive on time. Just 20 mins late per day adds up 100 minutes per week and 400 minutes per month. That's a staggering 6 and a half hours per month!

Important Information

Parking

Please note that our car park is for staff and permit holders only. Parents/carers must not enter the car park due to health and safety reasons.

Absence

If your child is unable to attend their session, please let us know as soon as possible in advance. You can call the school office to report a child absent on 01945 584741.

Late arrivals

We understand that at times things can occur which may result in a child arriving late for their session. If you have arrived after the start of a session, please go to the main school office to report your child's arrival BEFORE coming to the nursery. The office staff will then be able to update the register and nursery staff can then greet you at the nursery door. Late arrivals have an impact on the nursery day, teaching sessions and children's settling. Please always try to arrive on time for your child's sessions.