

Settling in at Nursery

We want all of the children to be happy at school and to give them the best chance of getting to know and trust the staff who will be looking after them.

It is your choice as the parent to decide what would be best for your child in Nursery. If you feel happy for your child to start their full hours in Nursery straight away that is fabulous, but we do advise you that if your child does not settle into Nursery life with ease we will contact you to discuss a 'Phased in Period'.

If you feel like your child would prefer a longer settling in process we offer a 'Phased in Period'. This is a 2 week settling programme. The first week your child will stay in Nursery for the morning session 9.00am-11.00am. The second week your child will stay in Nursery for lunch 9.00am-1.00pm. Then the third week your child will begin Nursery full time 9.00am-3.00pm.

Please let Miss Kerr know which best suits your needs!

School Meals

Nursery pupils can bring in a packed lunch from home or school can provide them with a healthy, balanced and nutritional hot meal each day for a cost of £1.90 per day. This must be paid to the Nursery staff or the school office on a Monday morning, on a weekly basis.

The money must be in a sealed envelope with your child's name on the front. Thank you!

Safeguarding

Our school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all its pupils.

Governors recognise their statutory responsibility to make sure that adequate arrangements are in place to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. Section 175 of the Education Act 2002.

Buy Back Scheme

We are happy to offer Buy Back to our 15 hour children.

Your child can attend Nursery on a Wednesday afternoon for a price of £12. This must be paid on a Monday Morning and giving to a member of the Nursery Team in a sealed Envelope.

Wrap Around Care

We are happy to offer Wrap around Care to our Nursery children. This consists of a breakfast club ran from 8.00am-9.00am and an afterschool club that runs from 3.00pm-5.45pm each day. If you are interested in finding out more about this offer please speak to the St Marks office staff.



St Mark's R.C. Primary School



Nursery



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Welcome to

St Mark's RC Primary School Nursery

St Marks is a thriving, successful Catholic school on the edge of Westerhope and Newbiggin Hall in Newcastle upon Tyne.

We provide a broad and exciting education for children aged three to eleven. We are proud that the latest Ofsted report identified many outstanding features of our school, including our outstanding care, guidance and support. Providing our children with a secure environment that actively encourages their academic, spiritual, personal and social development is of the utmost importance to us.

We welcome applications from all children regardless of faith.

Parents/Carers are always welcome to visit the school. Please ring us on 01912869349 or email us at office@stmarksrcprimary.co.uk

Our Nursery Team

Welcome to our happy, friendly team!

- Miss Samantha Kerr– Nursery Teacher
- Mrs Gosia Kowlaska– Nursery Teaching Assistant
- Mrs Michelle Crawford– Nursery Lunch Time Supervisor
- Mrs Cathy Smith– Reception Teacher and Early Years Lead

We would like to emphasise the important role you play in your child's education. In order to feel confident and secure, your child needs to see the relationship between school and home. We look forward to working with you to build a strong partnership based on mutual understanding and respect.

Our Nursery Curriculum

There are seven areas of learning and development in the early years curriculum. All these areas are important but three are crucial for developing your child's aptitude and enthusiasm for learning and for building their ability to form relationships and work with others. **These three prime areas are Communication and Language, Physical Development, and Personal, Social and Emotional Development.** In addition there are four specific areas through which the prime areas are strengthened and applied. **These specific areas are Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the World, and Expressive Arts and Design.**

These areas form the basis for planning the learning environment which your child will experience during their time in St Marks Nursery and Reception Class.

The Nursery Day

30 hour Children: Monday– Friday 9.00am–3.00pm

15 hour Children– Monday & Tuesday 9.00am–3.00pm

Wednesday 9.00am–12.00pm including lunch

Nursery children have a staffing ratio of 13: 1

The Nursery Routine is as follows:

9.00–9.15 Time to Settle

9.15–9.30 Morning Carpet Session

9.30–11.00 Free Play inside and outside and Snack

Café is open

11.00–11.15 Tidy up Time

11.15–11.30 Prayer Time

11.30–1.00– Lunch Time

1.00–1.15 Phonics Session

1.15–2.15 Free Play inside and outside

2.15–2.30 Tidy up Time

2.30–2.45 Afternoon Carpet Session

2.45–3.00 Home Time Routine

The staff in Nursery are available to talk each morning and evening. Please also remember to check your child's book bag for regular communication.

Uniforms can be purchased at 'Tots to Teams' Kingston Park. Yellow Jumpers, White polo shirts, Grey trousers/ skirts, Black shoes and book bags.