



WELCOME TO NURSERY

Transition



Your Nursery team at Gusford have produced this leaflet to help make the transition from pre-school settings or home to our Nursery as smooth as possible. We hope this leaflet is useful in outlining the information about moving to our Nursery.

School day times

8.40am or 12.30pm

The Nursery doors will open for children to enter. For the first 20 minutes of the session you are welcome to come in and help settle your child at their 'hand gym' activities. You are always welcome to speak to staff at this time.

11.40am or 3.30pm

The doors will open for you to come and pick up your child. Feel free to ask about their session!

Spare clothes

Please could we ask that you bring a bag of spare clothes in **each day**. This includes underwear, socks, spare shoes, a plastic bag and clothes. Please could all items be NAMED.

School uniform

The children have a choice of options available for school wear. There are yellow t-shirts, with our emblem, that can be purchased from the school store. Children could also wear yellow polo shirts, full school uniform or wear their own clothes. We would suggest leggings or jogging bottoms for toileting purposes.

Outdoor Learning

The children of Gusford are fortunate in their access to a large outdoor environment. They will have regular opportunities to use our outdoor area in the school. For this reason we ask that each child brings a raincoat and welly boots into school when wet and a sun hat when sunny. Please ensure these are NAMED.

Home/school diaries

All children will receive a home/school diary. We ask you to put in comments about the stories you share at home, including their book from school. You are welcome to change your school reading book as often as you like. You will find the home book box in the entrance. Please ensure diaries and books are in school **every day**. Bookbags can be left in the boxes under the pegs or on pegs. Look in your diaries for the questions/ideas that I will be suggesting, to help with ideas when reading.

Learning Journeys

We use an online 'Tapestry' programme for recording your child's 'learning journey.' You will be able to log in to the 'tapestry' programme to see the observations made during the nursery sessions. You can also add your own observations or photo's to your

child's 'learning journey.' Please ask a member of staff if you have any questions about 'Tapestry.'

Family Café/'Learn with me'

Once a month we will hold a family café. We will use this time to share a specific theme that we have been practising. This will be for the last hour of the session. The other 3 weeks in the month we will be having a 'learn with me' session. This will be for the last half hour of each session. It will give you an opportunity to see how we learn and to ask any questions.

Water

Children are encouraged to drink regularly in school. We provide plastic beakers, so your child can drink at any time in Nursery.

Parent Helpers

We would very much welcome parents into Nursery to help with a variety of activities. If you can spare a little time regularly to come into school for a short while each week please talk to your Nursery team about this. We will let you know days and times once your child's initial induction has finished.

We hope this has answered some of your questions about your child's start in Nursery at Gusford. If you have further questions then please speak to a member of staff.

Thank you

Miss Cable