Welcome to Nursery

2026 - 27

Contact with Staff

We have a tiered approach to contacting staff regarding any queries or concerns you may have. In the first instance, you should contact your child's class teacher (after 3.30pm). If your child's class teacher is unavailable, you have the option of speaking to the Assistant Head Teacher (by making contact through Main Reception):

Your child's allocated Acting Assistant Head is:-
Early Years – Mrs Childs



Please note Assistant Heads are classroom-based on a full-time basis.

If the concern requires immediate attention, then please contact main reception who will arrange an appointment with either **Mr Houghton (Deputy Head Teacher)** or **Mrs Sheridan (Head Teacher)**





Contact Information

Head Teacher/ Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs A Sheridan
Deputy Head Teacher: Mr S Houghton
Assistant Headteacher for SEND/ Inclusion: Mrs K Flower

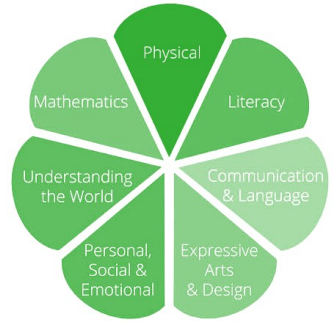
Email: P3517.admin@durhamlearning.net
Telephone: 0191 517 5900
Or message us via Class Dojo



The Early Years Foundation Stage

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) sets the standards for the learning, development and care of your child from birth to 5 years old.

The curriculum is broken down into prime and specific areas of learning:



At Ribbon Academy, our curriculum is designed with our child's cultural capital in mind. It is designed around a balance of adult-led, child-initiated and child-led encounters.



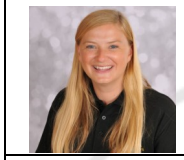
It's not just play!

Learning through play is a term used in education to describe how a child makes sense of the world around them. At Ribbon Academy, our indoor and outdoor provision, influenced by the 'Reggio Emilia' and 'Curiosity Approach', allows children to explore, investigate and express their ideas through hands-on experiences. Children are encouraged to follow their own interests, develop their imagination and curiosity, and build positive relationships with others.

Introduction to Nursery

Hello everyone and welcome to Nursery!

Please meet below the adults that make up our Nursery team. We have:

Team Member	Role
	**Suzanne** is the lead teacher in Nursery and the key person for the Fox Family.
	**Amelia** is the Teaching and Learning Partner in Nursery and the key person for the Deer Family.
	**Abbie** is the Teaching and Learning Partner in Nursery and the key person for the Deer Family.
	**Donna** is a Supporting Classroom Assistant in Nursery.
	**Georgia** is a Supporting Classroom Assistant in Nursery.

For specific daily updates, please keep up-to-date with our Class Dojo 'Class Stories'

Should you need any further information regarding provision in Reception, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the team through Class Dojo.

Best Wishes,

The Nursery Team

What Parents Need to Know

Drop Off and Collection

To drop off your child, you will enter through the nursery garden gate. Please follow the one way system around the garden until you reach the nursery doors.

Please drop your child off at 8:45am (AM session) or 12:45pm (PM session). Your child will be guided by our supporting adults.

For collection, the nursery garden gate will open at 11:30am (AM session) or 3:30pm (PM session) for parents/carers to collect children from the Nursery doors.

Passwords for Collection

For safeguarding purposes, all adults who may collect your child must be aware of the collection password provided. Staff will ask for this password before releasing your child.

30 Hours and Wrap Around Care

If your child is entitled to 30 hours of childcare, they will spend their remaining time with staff from Ribbon Day Care. Transitions and handovers will be managed internally.

We also offer Breakfast Club and Wraparound Care. For more information, please contact Stacey Baker at Ribbon Day Care.

Healthy Snack and Milk

Your child will be provided with a healthy snack and a carton of milk each day. This gives them the opportunity to try and taste a variety of new, healthy foods. If your child has any allergies or intolerances, please inform a member of staff.

What does my child need each day?

Please send your child to nursery each day with the following:

- A water bottle
- Appropriate outdoor clothing suitable for the weather
- A spare change of clothes, including underwear and socks

Please ensure that all belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name

Uniform

Uniform in nursery is not compulsory. If you would like to, you can send your child into nursery wearing:

- Grey or black shorts/trousers/skirt/pinafore
- During the summer term green and white checked gingham dresses can be worn
- White polo shirts
- Red sweatshirt or cardigan
- Black shoes – no crocs and no trainers please!

Forest Friday

On Monday, our learning will be based outside and we will visit the forest - in all weather. Please ensure your child comes to school in weather appropriate clothing (including spares and wellies).

Spare Clothes

In case of any accidents, we ask that each day your child brings with them at least one change of clothes in their bag, to ensure staff are able to change the clothing when/if required.

Labelling Clothing

Please ensure all clothing and belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name. We aim to develop independence and this helps us quickly return any misplaced items.

