

## The School Day for 2, 3 and 4 Year olds



### What are the school hours?

Nursery School sessions are offered during normal school term times. There are three options:

#### **Option A (Beginning of Week)**

**Monday & Tuesday 8.30am-2.30pm**

**Wednesday 8.30-11.30am**

#### **Option B (End of Week)**

**Wednesday 12.30pm-3.30pm**

**Thursday & Friday 8.30am-2.30pm**

#### **Option C**

**Monday to Friday 8.30am till 2.30pm (for eligible children entitled to free nursery education of 30 hours per week)**

Children who attend all day have a school lunch or can bring a packed lunch.

Please remember to collect your child promptly at the end of the session, as she or he may become anxious if left after the other children have gone.



## What will happen during my child's session at nursery?

### The Nursery Routine

8:30am	Children are greeted by a key worker and supported to wash hands before entering their classroom. Children are then supported to come into their classroom, self-register and choose an area of learning to explore.
8:45am-9am	Children will break off into their key groups for Welcome Time (adult led activity)
9:10am-9:15am	Snack time in key groups where fruit, milk and water are available. Free milk is provided by the Department of Health for children under five. Children are supported to wash hands before accessing snack time and each have an individual bowl of fruit.
9:15am-11:05am	Free-flow. The children can choose between the indoor and outdoor space to learn. Activities are set up in both spaces so the children can explore a range of provision with staff scaffolding learning and supporting skill development. The activities are linked to observations of pupil learning and interests.
11.00am	5min warning for Tidy Up Time.
11:05am	Everyone tidies up together and children transition into Big Circle Group.
11:15-11:30am	Big Circle Group where the children take part with singing, rhymes and circle games.
11:30am	Children are supported with washing hands and lunchtime transitions. Wed only OPTION A Home Time
11:45am	Lunch time Children stay in their classroom for packed lunches and school meals. A dedicated SMSA will come in to help at lunchtime, and this will be the same person for each group of children every day. Children have outdoor play after lunch.
1pm	End of lunchtime.
1pm-1.20pm	Story Time. The children will break off in to their key groups for a story and plan their activities for the afternoon.
1:20pm-2.10pm	Free-flow in the indoor and outdoor space.
2:05pm	5 min warning for Tidy Up Time.
2:10pm	Tidy Up Time.
2:20pm	End of day class Story time/Song time/rhyme time
2:25pm	Children are supported to wash hands thoroughly before leaving Nursery
2:30pm	Home time
3:30pm	Wednesday only OPTION B Home Time