



Welcome to Nursery at Risley Avenue Primary School!

'..learning at the heart of living..'

We know that coming to school is a big step for your child and we want you and your child to feel secure and happy with us. This handbook aims to give you an understanding of what you can expect here at Risley Avenue Primary School.

This handbook is also available on the school website, along with a wide range of other information about the school.



Class: Little Teds (2-3 years)

KEY WORKER: Zeynep Seniz Nalene

Start date and times: _____

Once your child is settled, their place will be: _____

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Head Teacher: Mrs Linda Sarr

Working with you

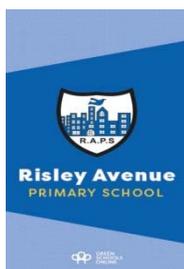
We will always try to keep you up to date with what is happening in school, from day to day incidents, to topics we're studying, and ways you can support your child's learning at home.

There are many ways of keeping in touch with what is happening in school:

Talk with your class teacher; come to your 1:1 meeting when your child is in the observation cycle; borrow your child's Special Book, come to whole class open sessions to support learning at home

To read our newsletters, find out what's happening in class, in school and to manage online payments, download these apps:

Risley Avenue Primary School



Parent Mail



- **Risley Avenue Primary School:** For easy access to our website (www.risleyavenueprimary.org.uk) on your phone
- **Parent Mail:** Day to day messages to parents from the school office are sent through this app. Our school is completely cashless. All online payments (trips, school meals etc) are made through Parent Mail.

Become part of the Risley family: join our parents' association, 'Friends and Families of Risley', join the adult choir, sign up for a wide range of adult learning, help out when your child has a trip, volunteer as a reader in school. Your class teacher can give you more information.

We must have current phone numbers and email address we can reach you on at all times. Please update your contact details as soon as they change.

30hours/Free for 2s provision

If you think you are entitled to a 30 hour (full time) Nursery place for your 3-4 year old, or a 15 hour place for your 2 year old child, please look at our website for information about applying for this provision. We do not have payable spaces for 2 year olds, or for 3-4 year olds but we will help you make your application to the Local Authority.

Getting started

Your child's first days:

- Please enter and leave the school through the Early Years gate on The Roundway.
- Session times are as follows:
 - Morning 8.45am -11.45pm
 - Afternoon 12.15pm-3.15pm
- We aim to get every child in for their full offer as soon as we can. We stagger entry to Nursery to give children time to get to know us and to begin to feel comfortable at school.
- Please be prepared for settling in and do talk with your child's teacher about when you can leave, it will be different for each child.

Regular attendance - Please attend every day. This helps your child settle quickly and make rapid progress. If your child is unwell, please call the school to let us know your child cannot attend.

Please note that if your child has vomiting or diarrhoea, they should stay at home for 48 hours after the symptoms stop.

Helping your child settle into Nursery

The nursery is a new environment for your child. He/she will need to adjust to new people, experiences and routines. It may also be a first separation for you and your child. All children have a settling in induction to Nursery. We ask that you, or someone close to the child, be available for the first week.

Why do you have to settle in your child?

- Some children quickly feel comfortable, whilst others take longer to get used to their new environment.
- We want your child to feel safe and happy.
- It is important for your child to develop a positive relationship with his/her allocated key person so that they feel secure when you leave.

How long does settling in take?

- Every child is different and so the settling in period can vary. Children need time to settle even if they have had previous experience of separation from a familiar person. Please be patient, the settling in process can take time and commitment.
- Your key person will discuss a settling in programme with you.
- Young children may take a week or more to settle so please ensure you have arrangements in place for yourself or a familiar adult to stay with your child if this situation arises.
- Children settle into nursery in lots of different ways. Please be reassured and try not to worry if your child experiences difficulties - it is a normal part of a child's development to be anxious, nervous or angry about starting Nursery. We hope we can use our experience to support you and your child in whatever way suits you.

How do we help your child to settle?

- We will offer you a home visit so that you and your child can become familiar and relaxed with Nursery staff before your child starts.
- This is a fantastic opportunity to share information with your child's keyworker and ask any questions.
- You will be welcome and supported at Nursery for as long as it takes to settle your child.
- Establishing daily routines in the Nursery will help your child to settle.
- Saying goodbye is really important. Even if it initially causes your child more distress, please do not 'sneak out'. Please tell a member of staff you are going so that your child is supported when you say goodbye, and then return at the agreed time. This will help your child build trust with you and make future goodbyes easier.
- You are welcome to phone us anytime to check on your child. We will phone you IF your child is really distressed and is not settling in.

What to wear to Nursery:

- Children in Nursery can wear either our school uniform or their own clothes. We encourage children to do things for themselves and to learn to do them without making a mess, but while they are learning this it is best to expect some mess.
- Please send your child to school in clothes they can mostly manage themselves: trousers with elasticated waistbands and no belts, shoes with Velcro straps, sleeves which will pull up all really help your child to become independent.
- If you want your child to wear uniform, our uniform is for sale at:
Divine Schoolwear, 3 Northumberland Park, N170TA, ph 02082169113, www.divineschoolwear.com
or
Star School Uniforms, 32 Church Rd N178AQ ph 02088856575, www.staruniforms.co.uk

Please make sure that your child's name is written on any clothing they might take off at school.

What to bring to Nursery:

- A pair of wellington boots to keep at school for rainy days.
- A full spare set of clothes in case of accidents. Please make sure this set of clothes is clearly labelled with your child's name. We will keep these clothes in a Risley bag on their coat peg.
- We ask for a voluntary contribution of £1 per week towards buying ingredients for cooking, making play dough and so on.
- We will give your child a plastic zip bag to keep their school library book in. They can also have a Risley school bag if you want them to. Risley school bags are available from the uniform shops.
- Nappies, wipes, barrier cream.

Want to get started with toilet training at home?

Start by putting a potty chair in your child's play area. Put your child on the potty seat when they give a signal that they need to go to the toilet. Stay calm and relaxed. If you are using the toilet, buy a toddler toilet seat with a smaller hole that fits inside the big toilet seat. We will continue this at nursery and work with you.

How do I know my toddler is ready to toilet train?

- Can follow simple instructions.
- Can understand and use words about using the potty.
- Able to make the connection between the urge to pee or poo and using the potty.
- Can usually keep a nappy dry for 2 hours or more.
- Is happy to use the potty, sit on it for enough time, and then get off the potty.
- Can pull down diapers, disposable training pants, or underpants.

Eating and drinking at Nursery:

- Risley Avenue Primary School is an accredited Healthy School. We teach our children the importance of healthy eating and keeping active and we ask for your support in this.
- In Little Teds, we have a snack all together in each session. We provide fruit and a choice of milk or water.
- All Nursery staff prioritise the safety children with food allergies. Please ensure your class teacher is kept up to date with allergy information.



Learning at school

The Nursery curriculum is always a balance of what your child needs now and establishing the skills and knowledge they will need in the future.

The most important areas of learning in Nursery are Personal, Social & Emotional Development, Communication & Language Development and Physical Development.

When children are not working directly with an adult, they choose how they spend their time. Through planned play, we encourage sharing, turn taking, to interact with others and explore new environment.



The observation Cycle

Your child will be a focus child about once a term. We observe and record your child's interests and learning. We will ask you for information about their interests at home and we will invite you to talk about his/her progress and the next steps of learning.

Special Books

Every child in Nursery will have their own Special Book. We hope this will be a souvenir of their time in Nursery that you will treasure for a long time. We will ask you to contribute to this book and to bring it home to show the family about your child's progress.

Learning at home

Developmentally, the best things you can do for your child at home are:

- **Talk** with your child - listen to what they say and answer their questions. Make up stories about toys as your child is playing - they will soon take over from you as the story teller!
- **Support independence skills** - it is a real boost to children's confidence to learn these skills. Encourage your child to use the toilet, put on their own coat and shoes, and eat and drink by themselves.
- **Exercise** - walk to school if possible, play in the park, learn to ride a scooter or bike, kick a ball
- **Read** - make sure your child gets a bedtime story every night. You can borrow a book, from Nursery and change it every Friday.
- **Check our ACTIVITY BOARD** in Nursery for more ideas

**We look forward to welcoming you into Nursery at
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