

Starting Nursery



Welcome to St Ninian's Nursery

General Information

School Name: St Ninian's Primary School

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Nursery Session Times:

9.00am - 3.00pm Monday to Friday.

Headteacher: Mrs Shona Gorman

Principal Teacher: Mrs Jennifer Ripley

Nursery teacher: Claire Barratt Mon, Tue & half day Wed
(Two weekly)

Early Years Officers:

- Miss Cunningham - Full day
- Miss Pollock - Full day
- Miss Quinn - Part Time (Mon, Tue, Wed (AM))
- Mrs Buchan - Part time (AM)
- Ms Morris - Part time (PM)
- Miss Fairservice - Part Time (Wed (PM), Thurs, Fri)
- Miss Mackenzie- Apprentice Early Years Officer

Nursery Staff

Early Years Officer (EYO) is the job title of the staff who work in the nursery. One of the EYO's will be your child's keyworker. They will be responsible for your child's Personal Learning Journal (PLJ) and will have settling in/progress chats with you about your child. Please note you can approach any member of the team regarding your child, however your key worker will have the most information.

Security

Your child's safety at nursery is of paramount importance. All children must be brought and collected by a responsible adult (over 16 years of age). Should this be someone other than you please inform one of the nursery team beforehand. We cannot let your children go with someone we have not met without your authorisation. We have a password system in place that we use for additional security.

We have a security door with a doorbell on the outside. One of the nursery team will open this door. Please do not be tempted to let another person in even if you recognise them. Buggies and prams can come in the bottom door but you must alert a member of staff by ringing the doorbell first. They will open the bottom door for you. Please do not allow a child to open the bottom door for you.

Communication

There are noticeboards in the corridor outside the nursery with information for parents and carers. Please make sure that you look at them as information is regularly updated. Our main source of communication will be done via our Seesaw class app, a member of staff will set you up on this once your child has enrolled. Your child will have their own personal profile on this app.

Additional information may be sent out via text alerts and on our Facebook page.

Each term a newsletter is sent home with information about events held in school and nursery, any staffing news, and diary dates of upcoming activities.

Nursery staff are happy to take time to chat to parents. If you have any questions about your child or feedback about our nursery provision, please speak to any member of the team.

The Curriculum

We embrace the Curriculum for Excellence (CFE). Nursery and Primary 1 cover the Early stage of CFE.

The nursery team plan experiences and activities to support your child's development and learning in each of the core curricular areas:

- Literacy and English
- Numeracy and Maths
- Health and wellbeing
- Sharing across the curriculum (SAC)

Working in partnership

This is an exciting time for you and your family as your child is about to start their nursery journey.

While at nursery your child will learn through *Curriculum for Excellence* framework. All the experiences you have shared with your child will have helped prepare them for this new stage in their learning.

As a parent you continue to have an important role to play in working with the nursery to support learning. Children achieve more when parents, carers and staff work closely together in partnership.

Please remember we are always here to help. Any question is a worthwhile one so don't be shy to ask.

Learning Through Play

We aim to provide children with a rich and stimulating environment where learning and play go hand in hand. A varied selection of learning and resources will be provided in response to children's interests and needs, using both indoor and outdoor environments.

The nursery environment consists of open-ended and rich resources to spark creativity, curiosity and imagination for your child's learning.

The staff continually observe the children daily and use the information gained to assess each child's development and plan next steps for all children. Consideration will be taken to ensure that our provision is inclusive children with additional support needs and abilities.

Stay and Play Sessions

Each term we have Stay and Play sessions where you can come and play with your child and see their learning environment. This is a great opportunity to see what your child likes to do at nursery and to have 1-1 interaction with them.

Toothbrushing

As part of our health and wellbeing programme we work with Childsmile to provide children with the opportunity to brush their teeth daily under supervision by staff. Each child has their own toothbrush. Childsmile is a national programme designed to improve the oral health of children in Scotland.



Outdoor Play

We have a secure outdoor area for outdoor play and learning. This area is open for the children to access all day, promoting children's choice. We keep the outdoor area open in all weathers so please ensure your child has appropriate clothing that you will not mind getting dirty or wet.

Forest/Beach Kindergarten

Every term we will have forest or beach trips. Children will visit the wooded area next to Bowhill Swimming Pool for forest kindergarten sessions and Ravenscraig Park for beach sessions.

Dates for these sessions will be given out each term. Please ensure that the children are dressed for outdoor adventures!



Things your child may need to bring to nursery

Wellies for the garden (These will stay in nursery)

A waterproof suit (This will stay in nursery)

Soft shoes for indoors - slip on or Velcro (No laces)

Clothes which are comfy and easily washed

A coat for outdoor play

A few changes of clothing in case of any accidents or messy play

Please write your child's name on all clothing and shoes



Snack Donation:

A snack donation of £2.00 per week is hugely appreciated. This helps towards buying your child's choice of snack, new resources and trips/outings. This can be done via bank transfer; a member of staff will give you these details. There is also the option to pay for the full term instead of weekly.

Preparing your child for nursery

There are lots of things you can do at home to help your child:

Encourage independence when going to the toilet

Putting on and taking off shoes

Practising buttons and zips

Encourage independence when blowing nose

Provide opportunities to socialise with other children



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Bookbug and PEEP Sessions

Our nursery offers Bookbug sessions on a regular basis. This is a great opportunity for you and your child to take part in listening to stories and joining in with songs and rhymes. PEEP is a fun activity aimed at supporting parents and children to learn together. Look out for dates and times on the nursery

noticeboard or Seesaw for Bookbug and PEEP sessions. If you can't make it perhaps another family member could come along instead?

Transition from home to nursery

The new experience of leaving mum/dad/gran can be a little unsettling for some children. A few children benefit from bringing a special toy from home to feel secure.

In order to make the transition as smooth as possible, talk happily and positively about starting nursery, it is helpful to try and not show your child your own worries or anxiety about them moving on to the next chapter.

We hope your time at St Ninian's Nursery will be full of wonderful, memorable and rich learning experiences for you and your child. We will always strive to meet your child's needs and interests.

It is important for you to know that our nursery has an open-door policy at all times. This means that you are always welcomed in to the nursery at any point, to discuss or chat with a member of staff about your child.

We look forward to meeting all of our new families and building high quality relationships with you and your child.

The Nursery Team