



# Welcome to Nursery

Here at Elston Hall Nursery we endeavour to provide a stimulating, safe and nurturing environment that enables children to thrive as they learn through their play. We want children to have fun, make new friends and begin to gain new skills as they move into Reception and Key Stage 1. We look forward to getting to know you and your family.



*'If it matters to you, it matters to us!'*

*We understand that entrusting your young child to the care of others is an important step. To help you, our experienced staff will ensure through the period of transition that from your child's first day with us, our team will keep in close contact with you, communicating often and reassuring where necessary.*



## Contact numbers

School office: 01902 558866  
Information: [www.elstonhall.org.uk/](http://www.elstonhall.org.uk/)  
[www.elstonhallmat.co.uk](http://www.elstonhallmat.co.uk)

We hope you have found this information helpful.

Please ask if you have any other queries.

We look forward to a very successful  
Nursery Year,  
full of learning and progress.

The Nursery Team.

## Learning through Play

The children in Nursery learn through a mix of teacher focussed and child initiated sessions, both indoors and outdoors, throughout all seasons.

### Teacher taught sessions:

Teacher taught sessions take place in:

- Phonics, learning through songs and activities through a school developed programme incorporating individual sound knowledge, word building, common exception words and nonsense words.
- Literacy including communication and language, reading and writing
- Guided Reading
- Mathematics
- Topic (including expressive arts and design and Understanding the world)
- Physical Development

Additionally, there will be many daily opportunities for children to develop their communication and language skills and their personal, social and emotional skills through a variety of social situations involving interactions with peers and practitioners.

Learning is shared in a variety of ways and will support children in their developmental stage, for example through small groups, whole class, one to one and wherever possible it will be linked to the topic.

### Child Initiated Sessions

Well-planned 'play' is a key way in which young children learn with enjoyment and challenge. The characteristics of effective learning, prime and specific areas of learning and development are all interconnected.

The characteristics of effective learning identify the ways in which the children learn and engage with other people and the environment.

# Uniform

We regard uniform very highly and the positive message it gives about our school. You may purchase school uniform from the Trutex Shop in Wolverhampton, or online (Please see uniform information)

## Please help your child by:

- practising wearing their uniform before starting Nursery
- showing them which is the front and which is the back of their clothing and how to take clothing off and put on jumpers/ cardigans and shoes - especially to put on a pair of wellington boots and pumps

## Please help school by:

- marking ALL clothing with his/her name
- providing a pair of black pumps that are named

Earrings are discouraged - if they are necessary, only studs are allowed for safety reasons.

Please do not give your child valuable items or toys to bring to school.

## How You Can Help Your Child

You are your child's first teacher and with you learning can happen at any time and anywhere.

To maximise these opportunities, where possible, consider:

- Praise at every opportunity
- Talk and model correct use of language
- Provide paper, pens and pencils
- Help your child hold a pencil correctly
- Draw and trace together
- Share stories and look at the pictures, talk about what is happening in the story
- Play 'Let's Pretend'. Dress-up as different characters
- Sing and dance
- Play in the garden—if you have one or walk to a park
- Throw and catch balls of different sizes
- Play games at home and learn to share and take turns
- Count items, objects, stones in the garden, spoons, forks, help lay the table for dinner, count the stairs up to bed and back down again etc.

## Toileting

Parents are encouraged to ensure that their child is toilet trained before starting nursery. However, if a child is just beginning this process and occasionally has 'accidents' then parents will be asked to provide spare clothing. Staff involved in supporting a child at this time will follow the school's Intimate Care and Safeguarding policies.