



Fressingfield & Mendham Nursery at Fressingfield School

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Fressingfield and Mendham Nursery

Fressingfield VC Primary School

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The information contained in this handbook relates to the school year indicated on the cover and is correct at the time of publication. There may be changes during the school year or in relation to subsequent years



Nursery sessions

Morning: 9.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon daily

Fressingfield Nursery is attached to Fressingfield Primary School and caters mainly for children in the catchment areas of Fressingfield and Mendham Primary Schools. Children currently spend up to five terms in the Nursery before transferring to their primary school at the beginning of the term in which they are five.



Our nursery provides a safe, secure and caring environment in which children can learn.

The curriculum provides activities that are exciting and challenging, and include many first hand experiences. We value the experiences children bring with them to nursery and aim to build upon these. There are opportunities to work individually, with each other in groups and as a whole class. We endeavour to provide an environment which builds children's confidence and self-esteem, and which promotes tolerance and understanding.

Stimulating and purposeful activities which are appropriate to your child are delivered through six areas of learning. These include:

- Communication, language and literacy
- Mathematical
- Personal, social and emotional
- Physical
- Creative
- Knowledge and understanding of the world.



At present we offer these through a variety of topics on a two year rolling plan:

Year 1

- Autumn term
 - Nursery rhymes
 - Celebrations
- Spring term
 - People who help us
 - Houses/buildings
- Summer term
 - Growing
 - Minibeasts

Year 2

- Autumn term
 - Ourselves
 - Shape and colour
- Spring term
 - Fairy tales
 - Toys
- Summer term
 - Seaside
 - Journeys

Assessments

Assessments will be undertaken throughout your child's time in nursery. These will be in relation to the six areas of learning above. A record of assessments and individual abilities will be kept and shared with their next teacher and other relevant pre-school providers.

Towards the end of the Foundation Stage, i.e in the final 3 terms of the Reception Year, your child's teacher will formally assess your child's ability. This is called a Profile and will sometimes start in the Nursery and at other times in Class 1, depending on the child's age.



Before beginning nursery . . .

Once you have registered, you will receive a letter formally offering your child a place in the term before they are due to start nursery. You will need to return this to accept the place. You will then receive an invitation for your child to attend an introductory session (the term before they are due to start,) where they can meet their teacher and the other children they will be with and also find out a little about the routine.

If your child attends one of the catchment playgroups or mother and toddler groups, a visit will be made to them in order for your child to become familiar with the nursery teacher in the child's own setting. This also promotes good links and communication with these groups.



Routine

- *Uniform* - We do not ask children to wear a specific uniform in the nursery. However, please ensure your child wears appropriate clothing considering the type of activities they will undertake i.e. it is advisable not to send them in anything that you do not wish them to get paint / glue on as accidents do happen.
- *Physical Education* - At present the children have the opportunity to take part in a weekly P.E. session (currently on a Tuesday). Your child will need a P.E. kit consisting of plimsolls (no trainers please), shorts and a T-shirt. Again there is no requirement for a uniform, but T-shirts are available from Mrs Walsh in the office, if required.
- *Snack/Milk* - A carton of milk is provided for your child each day. If your child is allergic to milk please inform us immediately. We also provide a healthy daily snack which is supplied free of charge.

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- *Sharing Books* - Children are encouraged to take books from the nursery to share at home. They are invited to change their book on any day, Monday to Friday, at home time with the help of whoever takes them home. We include a book for comments from parents in their book bag. It is useful to see when the children shared / read their book, the title, whom they shared it with, and comments about what they did / how they responded i.e. talked about the pictures, discussed why books have writing etc.
 - *Getting to the nursery* - We would ask parents to use the front entrance to the nursery for both dropping off and collecting children. (Double doors under the awning)
 - *Maths' game library* - Children have the opportunity to join the nursery maths' games library, for a small fee of 50p per term (to cover replacement costs). Maths games can be borrowed on a Wednesday - please help your child to choose one when they are collected on that day. They must then be returned on the following Monday.
Please speak to Miss Lee for more information on this.



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- *Parent Consultations* - You will have an introductory meeting with the nursery teacher in the term before your child begins nursery. After this you will be invited to meet your child's teacher every other term, beginning with their first term. If you feel you need to meet with the nursery teacher at any other time regarding your child's progress then please arrange a convenient time with the nursery teacher.
 - *Parental help* - parents are very welcome in the nursery and all offers of help are gratefully received. If you would like to offer to help on a routine basis or on one off occasions please talk to the nursery teacher.
 - *Dietary requirements* - if your child has any allergies or other special requirements regarding food/drink please inform us.
 - *Health* - if your child has any health problems that we should be aware of e.g. asthma, diabetes etc. please inform us.
 - *Persons to collect your child* - in the interests of safety, if anyone other than yourself is to collect your child please inform us in advance. Your child will not be allowed to leave the nursery with any other person without your prior consent.



If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact Miss Lee (nursery teacher), Mr Rutter (Headteacher) or Mrs Walsh (secretary).