



Speldhurst Nursery School

Dear Parents,

Starting Nursery School is a new adventure for you and your child. It can, however, be a little unsettling for both of you. I hope the following information will make it a little easier for you.

Please ensure your child has:

- named wellies, named coat, hat and gloves (*Autumn and Spring term only*)
- named sun hat, cardigan or jumper and named sun cream (*Summer Term only*)
- named shoes and a change of clothing in a named bag (*all sessions*)

These should be left on the coat rails provided in the entrance area.

When you arrive in the entrance hall you will see a table with name cards on. Please help your child to find their own name and when they have found it 'post' it in the box which is inside the main hall. Your child will obviously need help with this to begin with, but should be encouraged to be independent as soon as possible.

Please supply your child with a cereal box covered and decorated with their name down the 'spine' of the box. This box is for taking home 'treasures' they create during the session at Nursery, for any letters from the Parents Association (PA) or myself and for keeping the blue home/nursery sharing book. Please look in the box every day even though it may be empty!

Although it is preferable that your child is potty trained all staff are very aware of the range of feelings that going to the toilet in new environment may present for some children. We are aware that children all become toilet trained at different stages. If they are used to wearing nappies/pull-ups they can continue to do so until such time that they are ready to make the next step. Any 'accidents' would be dealt with sympathetically and we would work with you towards a solution.

We have a 'healthy eating' policy at Nursery School so your child will be given milk or water to drink at snack time. Please let a member of staff know what your child's preference is. This should also be indicated on the enclosed information sheet. Your child will be given a healthy snack with their drink. If your child has any food allergies, please let a member of staff know when your child starts.

A member of staff will greet your child as they arrive in the main hall. It is almost always the case that as soon as the session has started the children settle and enjoy themselves. Although we understand that you may be nervous at first please trust us and leave your child as soon as practical. If a child should be upset for any length of time we would contact you to collect your child and then work on strategies for the future.

Finally, go home for a quiet relaxing cup of tea or go shopping in peace. Your child is in very capable hands. We are going to have a lovely time!

Looking forward to September,
Lizzie Pannell