



# STARTING NURSERY AT GREENWAY SCHOOL



Greenway Primary  
& Nursery School



## Ofsted 2023

‘Leaders know their community well. They make sure that they get to know their families and work with external agencies to find out all they can about the pupils who attend the school. This has enabled leaders to plan a curriculum with a clear focus on the needs of their pupils. Leaders make sure that they meet pupils’ social and emotional needs first and foremost. This starts from the moment they enter school. In early years, children settle quickly. Across the school, behaviour in and outside of lessons is good. Pupils listen attentively and participate well in their learning. As a result, pupils achieve well across the curriculum.’

# Agenda

- 1. Welcome and introductions**
- 2. EYFS Curriculum**
- 3. SEND-Special Education Needs/ Disabilities**
- 4. Curriculum Organisation**
- 5. Routines**
- 6. Communication & Practicalities**
- 7. Whole school Information**
- 8. G.S.A.**
- 9. Questions**
- 10. Please ensure you have completed and returned all the forms.**



## Nursery Staff

Mrs Tritton will be your child's class teacher from Monday-Thursday

[lorraine.tritton@greenway.herts.sch.uk](mailto:lorraine.tritton@greenway.herts.sch.uk)

Your child's teacher on a Friday will be Miss Bowers

[susanne.bowers@greenway.herts.sch.uk](mailto:susanne.bowers@greenway.herts.sch.uk)

Mrs Taylor will be the Early Years Practitioner





What does 30HRS look like?

- Lunch
- Cleaning teeth
- Rest & stories
- Play and learning experiences
- Eligibility and places
- Outcomes from 30 HRS.



# Flexible 30HRS at Greenway School

Historically, Nursery aged children have been entitled to 15 hours of Free Early Education. This will continue with daily provision available from 9am-Midday for your child.

Since September 2017 our Nursery has been offering 30 hours of high quality Free Early Education, subject to eligibility. The 30 hours free childcare is designed to help working families by reducing the cost of childcare and to support parents into work or to work more hours, should they wish to do so. We believe that the additional time in our setting will also help to further develop your child's readiness for school.

Sessions run from 12.00pm – 3.00pm, 5 afternoons per week. There is some capacity for part-time attendance in the afternoon sessions. This option is reviewed on a termly basis as priority for places is given to those requesting full-time provision.

For those who are eligible for the free 30HRS provision, the deadline for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024.

You will need to provide your child with a clearly named, packed lunch.

# Allergies

When packing your child's packed lunch please be aware that we have some children in school with severe allergies. Please do not send your child to school with any of the following-

## **Foods not allowed:**

Eggs, sesame (including hummus), nuts, avocado, pepper.

Children will be assessed within the first half term for their emotional wellbeing and involvement using the EYFS Leuven Scales. Practitioners will assess children throughout the year from observations of adult led teaching sessions and child initiated play experiences. Assessments will culminate in the EYFS Profile which consists of 17 Early Learning Goals. This is completed near the end of your child's Reception year.

### **Characteristics of Effective learning – how children learn**

Playing and Exploring - engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Finding out and exploring</li><li>• Playing with what they know</li><li>• Being willing to 'have a go'</li></ul>
Active learning - motivation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Being involved and concentrating</li><li>• Keeping trying</li><li>• Enjoying achieving what they set out to do</li></ul>
Creating and thinking critically - thinking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Having their own ideas</li><li>• Making links</li><li>• Choosing ways to do things</li></ul>





## The EYFS has seven areas of learning – 3 Prime areas, 4 Specific areas

PRIME AREAS	Communication & Language	Children are provided with opportunities to experience a rich language environment, to develop their confidence and skills in expressing themselves; and to speak and listen in a range of situations.
	Physical Development	We encourage children to be active and interactive and to develop their coordination, control and movement. Children are supported to understand the importance of physical activity and to make healthy choices in relation to food. Children are encouraged to develop independence with regard to self- help skills, toileting and dressing.
	Personal, Social & Emotional Development	Children are encouraged to develop a positive sense of themselves, and others. Children will be encouraged to form social skills, to have positive relationships and to develop respect for others. Children are supported to manage feelings, especially when expressing their feelings. Children will be nurtured in their development of curiosity, resilience, risk taking and personal responsibility.
SPECIFIC AREAS	Literacy	Children are absorbed in a rich literacy environment to develop a love of reading. Children will begin to link sounds to letters to support reading and mark- making leading to writing. Children will be given access to a wide range of literacy resources and materials to ignite their interest.
	Mathematics	Children are provided with real life, practical opportunities to develop and build upon their skills and understanding when counting, calculating, creating patterns and working shape and measures.
	Understanding of the World	Children are guided as they make sense of the physical world and community around them. They are encouraged to be curious to fully explore how they interact with people, places, technology and all that the natural world has to offer. Children are taught to reflect on their understanding of mutual respect and tolerance of others as world citizens.
	Expressive Arts & Design	Children are given opportunities to explore a wide range of media and materials. Children are encouraged to consider their thoughts, ideas and feelings as they interact with art, music, movement, drama, dance, role-play, design and technology

# SEND-Special Educational Needs/ Disabilities

- Inclusion Co-ordinator and Autism Lead is Dani Roe, who is also one of the Designated Senior Leader for safeguarding (DSL).
- SEND policy is found on Greenway Website – [www.greenway.herts.sch.uk](http://www.greenway.herts.sch.uk)
- Link on website to the Hertfordshire County Council Local Offer.
- DSPL- Developing Special Needs Provision Locally has a Facebook page- this provides another place to look for courses, groups and supports for parents of children with SEND.
- If you are concerned about your child's development or your child has additional needs please do contact the school so that we can further support your child's transition.



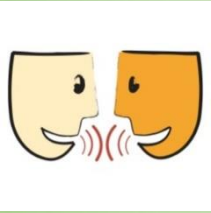
# Nursery Class Routines



1. A typical day at the beginning of the year has short adult directed periods and longer periods of child initiated learning periods. Adults work alongside children supporting learning.
2. A typical day near the end of the year will have more adult directed teaching time and shorter child initiated learning.
3. Activities that develop children's speaking and listening skills in preparation for phonic learning and Maths adult directed teaching takes place every day. Phonics is taught each day in the summer term.



# Communication & Practicalities



Staff are always happy to speak with parents.  
Unless it is a quick message, please ask to see them at the end of a session when there will be more time.



Please use the board near the Nursery class door to inform staff if your child will be going home with anyone other than you.  
Please email the office on [admin@greenway.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@greenway.herts.sch.uk) to let them know if a different adult will be collecting your child or if you are unavoidably running late.

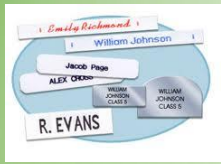


We visit the school library once a week. Your child will be able to borrow books for one week on these days.  
We provide a named Library bag for your child.



Letters will be emailed unless your family has opted out of this system. We have a new Arbor App system in place, to inform you of events in school. This is a really useful tool that we recommend you download and use.





**Clear name labels on uniforms** are most helpful.  
If it can be taken off, please sew a label on it.



Outdoor/indoor shoes. Please **name both pairs** and decorate indoor shoes for easy recognition.



Every day the children will be learning outside regardless of the weather, please send a named coat.

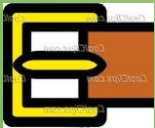


Spare clothing in a **named bag** is essential for water play or accidents.

Please provide a full and **named water bottle** each day.



Please help us to help your child, practise changing their own clothes, including their shoes and coat.



Tough fastenings can hinder independence. Please save difficult belts and fastenings for the weekend.



Please use the summer holiday to complete any toilet training needed. If your child requires any extra support, please let us know.





# Punctuality



- Please arrive and pick up on time
- School hours are 9.00 – 12.00 or 3pm for 30HRS.
- The first and last part of the day are crucial to young children.
- If you arrive late please take your child to be signed in late at the school office but still bring your child to the class door.
- Entry to Greenway School is through the main gate at the end of Crossways.

# Transition

- Transition to a new class/school is an big step for you and your child.
- Transition morning for your child/children to visit Nursery and meet their peers and teachers (with 1 parent/carer) will be on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July.
- This visit will be from 10.15am -11.15am (while our current Nursery children visit their Reception class).
- This is an important visit for your child to build relationships with teachers and new children.
- We will contact your child's setting to ask for information to be passed on once we have your permission.



# Whole School Information

- Positive behaviour – please see our current Behaviour Policy on the school website.
- Walking to school
- Attendance/ absence/ unauthorised absence
- Signing children out of school – medical reasons



# Medical

- Records – Please update us on any changes to your child's medical history
- Head Lice – please check your child's head regularly
- Sickness – 48 hours at home AFTER the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea.
- If your child needs Calpol/Nurofen they will not be able to cope in a noisy classroom



# September 2024

Start of term is Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. (School closed due to staff training days on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September).

Your child will have the chance to visit the Nursery & staff during this week for 1 hour and then start a full morning the following day. All Nursery children will be in Nursery by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Sept.

You have already been sent an email to confirm your child's visit and start dates and timings.

30HRS will begin on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September.



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# GSA

## Greenway School Association

You are all members because your child  
attends Greenway

Support on the committee

Support at an event

Support in the way you shop

Water bottles, uniform and much more !



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## Next steps....

- Have you completed all your forms and given them to the school office? If not there are forms available for you to complete and return this evening.
- Have you completed the permission sheet, if your child attends a setting, so their Key Worker can share information with us?

Thank you

