



Welcome to Hearsall Community Academy



Inspire Education Trust
Together we achieve, individually we grow

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We are so excited that you are going to be starting school in September and cannot wait to get to know you and to help you make lots of new friends. Being in Nursery is the most wonderful adventure where you will play and learn new skills every day. By the end of the year you will be able to do so many amazing things. You will have explored the world around and most importantly had the most amazing fun!

This book is to help you understand what being in Nursery will be like. It is written to you (with a few bits of extra information for your grown-ups). We hope you enjoy looking at the pictures and that this helps you to get as excited about school as we all are!

Hearsall is a very special place.

This is our school vision. It is all about how we want everyone to achieve their full potential while they are with us.

In our school, inclusivity is at the heart of everything we do. We celebrate differences faiths and beliefs.

- In our school community, we **aim** to create an atmosphere of **trust** and **understanding**.
- We **aim** to overcome any barriers to learning in order that **children achieve their full potential**.
- We **aim** for all members of our school community to feel **safe**, secure and **successful**.
- We **aim** to provide a **dynamic and responsive curriculum**, which stimulates a life-long love of learning.
- We **aim** for the children to be **independent learners** and feel confident to make decisions and take responsibility for their learning.
- We **aim** to develop **effective partnerships between home, school, local, national and global communities**.



Reach Your True Potential

How will we get to know you before you start school?

Home Visits



We will arrange a time with your grown-ups when we can come and visit you at home before you start Nursery. You can show us your favourite toys and tell us about what you like to do.

When we come to visit you, we will ask you and your grown-up some questions that will help us find out lots of information about you.

Visiting Your New Classroom

Before you start Nursery, we will invite you in to meet us and to see your new classroom. There will be lots of toys out that you can play with and lots of new friends that you will get to meet. We will invite your grown-ups in on this day too so they will be able to see your classroom as well.

Home Visits

Home visits will take place during July (15th, 16th, 17th July). You will find your home visit appointment in your admission pack.

Who will be my teachers in Nursery?



Miss Page
Nursery Teacher



Mrs Robinson



Mrs Green



Miss Lucas

What do I need to bring with me?

When you come to Nursery, you will need to bring a water bottle and some fruit for snack time. If you choose to have grapes, please make sure they are cut in half (long ways) as they can be a choking risk. If you are staying for lunch, you can either pay for a school dinner or bring a packed lunch. You may need two snacks if you are staying all day.



Note: We are a nut free school, so please do not send any snacks/lunch containing nuts.



Lots of the fun activities you will be able to explore are very messy. We do have aprons for you to wear but it's sometimes hard to stay clean when you are having fun. Please can you bring a named bag with some spare clothes in which included a change of underwear and socks, a top, some bottoms and a jumper or cardigan. These can be your home clothes not school uniform. Your spare clothes can stay in a bag on your peg.



We play outside in the outdoor area every day. In winter you will need to wear a coat, gloves and a woolly hat. In the summer you will need to wear a sun hat, and clothes that keep your neck and shoulders covered. Please do not send your children in their best clothes as they will sometimes get messy.



We have waterproof suits that you can wear if you would like to play with water and in the mud kitchen. It would be great if you can bring your own pair of named wellies.

Where will I put my things?

You will have your own peg in Nursery with your name and a picture of something you love. This will be your space to hang your coat and bag. You will put your snack in the snack box.



What should I leave at home?



You don't need to bring any of your own toys to Nursery. We have plenty of fun things to play with here and we don't want your toys to get accidentally lost or broken. If you feel your child needs an item from home, please speak to the Nursery team.

We encourage children not to wear jewelry to school but understand that this may not be possible for all for faith based reasons. Please note that only stud earrings are allowed as hoop earrings are a hazard.

How will my grown-ups know about all the fun I am having in Nursery?



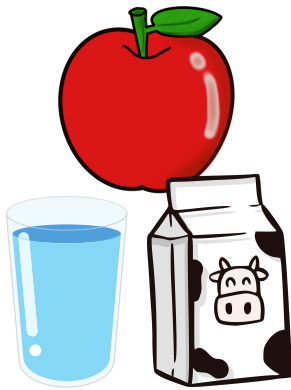
The adults in Reception will record the amazing learning you do on an online Learning Journal called Tapestry. Your grown-ups will be given a secure log in which will give them access to Tapestry and see all the fun you have had in Reception. They will be able to see the friends you play with, as well as all the learning that you do. Your grown-ups will also be able to add their own photos or comments about the adventures and achievements you have outside school, we can't wait to see them

Staff observe each child at play because it helps us to understand and support their individual wellbeing and development. We really get to know the children as unique people with special skills, interests and ideas. The more we understand about your special child, the better we can support them in the way that is right for them. We hope that we can work together to build this Learning Journal as a record of your child's Early Years. Once you have completed your Tapestry Online User Agreement you will be emailed with a log on. You will then be able to access your child's learning journal whenever you would like to. Separate accounts can also be created for grandparents or parents living away from home or overseas.

We strongly encourage you to contribute and look through your child's Journal on a regular basis. We also encourage you to talk with your child about their Learning Journal and feel free to add special events or other things of significance for your child. We have weekly carpet time when we share Tapestry posts from home. This is a great chance for the children to develop their communication and language skills.

If you have any questions about Tapestry or need any support accessing your account, please speak to a member of the Nursery team.

Snack and Lunchtime



At snack time, you will get your snack from the snack box and you can either have a carton of milk provided by school or your water bottle.

What will I have for lunch?

WINTER MENU CYCLE
WEEK ONE

Hearsall Primary School

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN COURSE	Beef Bolognese	Chicken Wrap	Roast Chicken Yorkshire pudding and Gravy	Chicken Hotdog in a torpedo roll	Fish of the Day
VEGETARIAN COURSE	Cheesy sausage roll	Pizza of the Day	Roasted Vegetable pasta bake	Macaroni Cheese	Quorn pasta Bolognese
VEGETABLE	Jacket potato with various fillings offered each day				
SIDES	Peas	Baked Beans	Peas and Carrots	Baked Beans	Peas, mushy or garden
DESSERT	Herby Diced Potatoes	Potato Wedges	Roasted Potatoes	Sauté Potatoes	Chips
	Pineapple sponge, Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit	Carrot Cake Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit	Lemon Sponge with Custard, Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit	Cookies of the day, Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit	Chocolate Brownie cake, Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

Fresh Baked Bread and salad served Daily

Food Allergies and Intolerance
If you inform us that your child has an allergy or suffers from a food intolerance, please make us aware before you enter your child's name.

If you are staying for lunch, you will sit at a table in Nursery with your friends.

In the morning, you can tell the grown-ups in Nursery what you would like for lunch. Sometimes it helps if your grown-ups tell us what you enjoy eating at home.

Children can either have a hot school dinner or you can provide your child with a packed lunch. Please note: chocolate bars, sweets and fizzy drinks are not permitted in lunchboxes. If your child would like a school dinner, speak to the Nursery team. You will receive an invoice at the end of the week.

You will find a copy of the menu in your admission packs, so you may want to decide with your child what they are having before they get to school.

Parents/Carers the last few pages are just for you.

September starting arrangements

<u>Monday 2nd September</u>	<u>Tuesday 3rd September</u>	<u>Wednesday 4th Sept</u>	<u>Thursday 5th September</u>	<u>Friday 6th September</u>
INSET DAY No children are in school today	INSET DAY No children are in school today	INSET DAY No children are in school today	Reception in- half day AM Session: 9:00-11:30 PM Session: 12:30-3:00	All children in: 8:30-13:00 Staying for lunch
<u>Monday 9th September</u>	<u>Tuesday 10th September</u>	<u>Wednesday 11th Sept</u>	<u>Thursday 12th Sept</u>	<u>Friday 13th September</u>
All children in: 8:30-14:00 Staying for lunch	Reception in for full days 8:30AM-3:15PM *This is the best fit transition. It may not be right for everyone. We will work with you and your child to make sure that they have the best and most positive start to school.			

We will be writing to you nearer the time to give you the exact times and session that your child will be in school for.

Our transition to completing a full school day is quick as we know that lots of children will have been in Nursery for full days and will be ready to stay for a full day at school from September. This may not work for all children and for some this process may be too quick and too much. You will have the opportunity to talk through this transition process during your home visit.