

*A Love
For Learning*



KELSALL
PRIMARY AND
NURSERY SCHOOL

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Welcome

At Kelsall Primary and Nursery School we are proud to deliver creative, challenging, fun and memorable learning experiences for the children in our care. Our vision for the school is to provide 'A Love of Learning'. This is underpinned by our four principles:

- ◆ We create opportunities for 'magic moments'.
- ◆ If something works we do more of it, if it doesn't we do something different.
- ◆ We celebrate today and are excited by the future.
- ◆ We work as a T.E.A.M to enhance change.

When children enjoy school and are enthusiastic, independent learners we know that we have succeeded.

Our thriving school community encourages everyone to recognise the important contribution they must make towards the efficiency and happiness of the school. Personal qualities including a desire to learn, an enquiring mind, good manners, honesty and a concern for the well-being of others are essential. We are nurturing the citizens of the future and we take this responsibility very seriously.

We would be delighted to welcome you to our school. Once here, our approach to learning, the children's happy engaged faces, the high quality staff, the impressive standard of work and learning environments will make a lasting impression on you.

The children are our greatest ambassadors and we would welcome the opportunity to share their achievements with you and you will see why our school is a very special and unique place to be.



Our Nursery

There are many advantages to using our school-based nursery:

- ✓ Led by a qualified Early Years teacher
- ✓ Supported by well qualified early years practitioners
- ✓ Housed within purpose built rooms within our school
- ✓ Access to all school equipment and facilities – interactive white board, large school hall and access to new outdoor play area
- ✓ Access to our Wrap Around Care services from 7:30 am – 6:00pm (3 – 11 year olds only)
- ✓ Continuous education from age 3 – 11 (subject to accepted application for Reception place)

Key Person

Each child is designated a member of staff as their own key person. The key person has special responsibilities for working with a small number of children and building strong relationships with parents and carers. Developing a secure bond with their key person allows children to explore and play freely whilst feeling safe within the environment.



The nursery has 32 Places between 2 nursery classes based on 2 sessions per day. Additionally we offer wrap around care to children 3 years and older, enabling your child to stay all day for an additional cost, or with use of the 30 hour funding.

Wherever possible, first preference sessions are offered, but are subject to availability and are not guaranteed.

Times

The morning session is from 9:00am to 12 noon.

The afternoon session is from 12 noon to 3:00pm. Children may bring a packed lunch or have a school meal for £2.30.

These times fit closely with the main school times.

Fees

Morning and afternoon sessions cost £15 each.

Early Years Foundation Stage Grant Funding is available for children the term after their 3rd birthday, providing 15/30 hours of free childcare.

We also offer 2 year olds funding in certain circumstances. Please speak to staff for further information.



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The Foundation Stage of Learning

The Nursery and Reception classes are referred to as the Foundation Stage of learning. This is an important stage, as it is during this time that attitudes to learning are formed and social skills developed which lay the foundations for future education.

Young children learn most effectively through a balance of structured and child initiated play. We work together as a team and plan for children's learning in seven areas to ensure that all areas of development are covered within an interesting, stimulating and supportive framework. We also ensure that children progressively develop their skills and knowledge throughout this phase of their school life. In Reception, children are taught directly and also have a choice of planned activities so that they are able to develop independent learning habits.

The seven areas of learning and development are:

Prime Areas

- Communication & Language
- Physical Development
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Specific Areas

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding of the World
- Expressive Arts and Design



Your Child's Learning Journey

During their time in the nursery the children will be constantly developing and learning new skills. We document their time with us along with significant moments in their learning by using an online learning journey – called Tapestry. We are hoping to involve all parents/carers in contributing to this learning journey whereby you will be able to view our observations of your child on a daily basis and you will also be able to share experiences and learning at home. This is really useful to us as there is very often things your child will do/say at home which we never get the opportunity to hear/see in nursery.



All of your child's observations will be tracked and assessed against the early years curriculum (EYFS) and you will receive a summative report each term to inform you of your child's progress.



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Snacks and Meals

There is no need for you to send your child to nursery with a snack. We provide healthy and nutritious food and encourage children to help prepare and eat together, making snack and lunch a social time.

We offer milk and water to drink as well as fruit and a range of other healthy snacks on a daily rotation.

Please advise us as soon as possible if your child has any food allergies or special dietary needs. We are a nut free school so please ensure food brought into school for lunch does not contain nuts.

Clothing

We encourage outdoor play for children, whatever the weather, and have a variety of resources to support this as well as a fantastic outdoor area and mud kitchen. Children also have the opportunity to take part in lots of messy play activities such as painting, sticking/gluing and making playdough. We therefore recommend children wear practical clothes and shoes!



Please also ensure your child always has a spare set of clothes, wellies and a water bottle, all of which should be named and in a separate bag.

Whilst school uniform for nursery children is not compulsory, we ask children to wear a dark green polo shirt. T-shirts, hats and school bags with the school logo can be purchased from www.myschoolstyle.com or parents can buy their own from local supermarkets/stores.

Toileting

We understand that not all children will be toilet trained when they start with us. We will happily work with you to help in any way we can during the toilet training process. "Accidents" are not a problem but we ask parents to supply spare clothing so that we can change your child easily.

If your child is using nappies/pull ups we can again change these during the day/session but ask you to supply us with spare nappies, wipes and nappy bags.

Cheshire Academies Trust

Kelsall are proud to be a part of the Cheshire Academies Trust family.

This MAT (Multi Academy Trust) works hard to ensure that the core ethos of the trust – Collaboration and Creativity is evident in all of our work to improve outcomes and experiences for all of the children in the trust. Staff work closely together supporting one another and many activities are planned throughout the year that bring common ideas and activities together.



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