



NURSERY CLASS PARENT HANDBOOK 2022-2023





Welcome From The Headteacher

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for choosing Bridge Learning Campus as the Nursery setting for your child. We are looking forward to getting to know you all, as a family, as they begin their learning journey with us. Starting at BLC is an extremely special time, especially as there is the opportunity for them to stay with us until they take their GCSE examinations at 16 years old.

In this handbook, we aim to...

- share useful information about what to expect in Nursery.
- answer some frequently asked questions.
- provide support for your family at this transition time.

The information included is correct during the Summer Term of 2022. If there are any changes, we will keep you informed via the email address you have supplied us with.

We look forward to meeting you and working in partnership with you during your child's learning journey at Bridge Learning Campus.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school with any questions.

Mr R Maule
Headteacher





Welcome to Rainbow Class

For September, our teacher in Rainbow Class is Ms Caffrey. Working alongside her within the Nursery will be Mrs Varetska, Ms Rushton and Miss Thorne. We use other staff to support and provide intervention in the Nursery as required.

How will we be learning?

In Nursery we provide a range of exciting and stimulating learning experiences, both within and outside the classroom. The children explore their learning through practical opportunities in their free play as well as through teacher led sessions.

The Curriculum in Nursery covers all the areas of learning within the Early Years and Foundation Stage, including early reading skills, early writing skills and early maths skills. We also follow an Enquiry based curriculum where children learn the skills involved in a variety of 'States of Being', for example, Being an Engineer.



Geographers • Scientists • Musicians • Authors • Philosophers • Mathematicians
Artists • Engineers • Historians

The learning in Nursery is a solid foundation for children and staff to build on as they enter their Reception year at school, supporting the framework changes from September 2022. We use Class Dojo to share class stories and home learning. We will also be asking you to contribute to this.

Throughout the year you will be invited to discuss your child's progress and to hear more about our approach to learning. But if you have queries, please make an appointment or telephone call to discuss them with a member of the Nursery team.

Also look out for our stay and play sessions where you will be invited into the classroom to learn with your child when we are able to.



Induction:

Our aim is to complete home visits for children starting in Nursery. A time will be arranged for you and the Nursery teacher will share this information when arrangements have been confirmed. If any changes occur we will aim to keep you informed as soon as we can. Settling into Nursery is really important, and each child has an individual induction period.

When your child starts, you will need to be available for a settling-in period. It is also expected for successful transition, that your child is toilet trained and able to go to the toilet by themselves. If you have any questions about this please contact the school.

Nursery Learning Expectations:

At the beginning of Nursery . . .

For children to be as independent as possible:

- To go to the toilet by themselves.
- To dress and undress by themselves, e.g. put their coat on.
- To eat by themselves.

At the end of Nursery:

- To recognise their name.
- To write their name with a name card.
- To count to 10 and beyond.



How can you help your child make progress during their Nursery year?

Learning is fun!

There are so many ways that you can support your child's learning at home, including:

- Looking for numbers and shapes in the environment e.g. at the bus stop, on front doors, in the park etc.
- Practising counting with your child by counting steps, knives and forks, fingers and toes, candles on a cake etc.
- Talking about things you see when you are out and about. Look for similarities and differences. Make links with things when you spot them. Talk about everything!
- Encouraging your child to talk in full sentences and ask questions that do not need just a yes or no answer.
- Sharing books and stories together, talk about the pictures. Tell your child the stories you heard when you were little – encourage listening and attention span.
- Developing fine motor skills by cutting, using playdough, threading beads etc.
- Encouraging mark making, shopping lists, writing in cards, drawing pictures etc.
- Singing number rhymes and other songs together.
- Providing opportunities to play with other children, within the guidelines set out by the Government.
- Spending 15 minutes each day supporting your child with their learning will have a huge impact on your child's development and the amount of progress they make at school.





Everyday Information

Uniform:

- Tailored black trousers (not tight at the ankle, not skinny, denim or leggings style).
- Knee length black skirt or knee length black tailored shorts
- Plain white (or green) polo shirt with BLC logo on the chest
- Green sweater with BLC logo
- Grey or black pinafore dress
- Green gingham dresses (summer term only)
- White, grey, black or green socks/tights
- Black polishable shoes only (no trainers or visible logo)
- In Nursery & reception only – green jogging bottoms
- Book Bag - all students require a book bag

PE Kit - Optional for Nursery children:

- Essentials T-shirt (White/Navy)
- Essentials Shorts (Navy)- navy shorts from other suppliers are available and accepted as PE kit.
- Essentials Tracksuit top (Navy)
- Essentials Tracksuit Bottoms (Navy) - We recommend them to be worn over their shorts so they can be taken off if they get too warm when participating.
- Knee high sports socks (Navy) Sports trainers (any colour)
- Hair tie- all students with hair length which covers the eyes or the shoulders must tie their hair up for health and safety.

Provisions:

We will provide:

- Fruit for snack time and a carton or glass of milk

You should provide:

- Water as a drink
- A book bag brought to and from school everyday
- Velcro shoes



Everyday Information

Things you need to know:

Dropping off and picking up your child

Please use the Nursery entrance for drop off and pick up.



Back Gate



Classroom Door

Appointments – We ask that you try, as much as possible, to book any dentist or doctors appointment after the school day.

Alternative adults picking up – If a different adult is picking your child up please inform the class teacher in the morning or phone the school.

Absence

We expect good regular attendance. But, if your child is unwell staying at home is best. Illnesses can spread very quickly in school! Please contact the office every day that your child is absent, giving the reason your child is away. If your child has severe diarrhoea and sickness please do not bring them to school for at least 48 hours after it stops, after which time they should no longer be contagious. If your child has been sick or had diarrhoea only once, then a period of 24h hours before returning should be followed.

Late arrivals

If you arrive late (after 8.35am) please come directly to the main office to sign in the late book.



Everyday Information

Behaviour in school

Bridge Learning Campus is a unique all-through school where children of all ages have the right to learn, all teachers the right to teach, and everyone in school the right to feel safe. We therefore have a collective and individual responsibility to respect others, ourselves, and the environment. Our fundamental principle is an unconditional positive regard for others. This, combined with rights, responsibilities and routines will produce good behaviour where everyone is able to work effectively and happily. We are an inclusive school and this policy strives to ensure inclusion is at the heart of everything we do. In order to maintain good order and appropriate behaviour, we recognize the importance of rewards and sanctions. Students' positive behaviour and participation needs to be acknowledged and rewarded; poor behaviour – especially that which interferes with others' learning or that which endangers others – will be discussed between home and school and a way forward found.

Lunches and Snacks:

In Nursery, we will provide your child with a piece of fruit and either a glass of water or milk each snack time. This is used as a social situation and is a brilliant way for the children to apply the learning they have been doing.

Packed lunch can be sent in with your child daily or if you wish to buy lunch, we use the cashless system 'Parentpay' to buy lunch from our catering company. You will need to ensure your parentpay account has sufficient funds if you are paying for your child's lunches. We will not be able to provide a lunch to your child if they do not have money on their account. If your child is entitled to a free school meal please see the office and ensure a Pupil Premium Checker form is completed and returned to us. We will carry out the check for you by liaising with the Local Authority. Our menu is available on our website and your child's teacher will have more information about daily meal options.

What your child needs to bring to Nursery:

- School
- Book bag
- Water bottle
- Lunchbox- please ensure your child has a healthy variety of foods.
- Spare clothes
- Wellies
- Please ensure everything is labelled clearly with your child's name.



Everyday Information

Communication

Any events or key information will be written on the classroom whiteboard for you to see at drop off and pick up time.

We also keep a diary by the door to write in any changes to who is collecting your child at the end of the day or their session. We will only let your child be collected by an adult that is known to us. If you are going to be late, please telephone us so that we can let your child know.

Please keep phone numbers and your address up to date in case we need to contact you during the day regarding your child.

Communication

www.arbor-education.com

We use Arbor as our school MIS & communication system. We ask parents to sign up to the Arbor Parent Portal where you can view e-mails, SMS and In-App messages and be kept up to date about your child's life at school. The Parent Portal works on Google Chrome (computer or laptop) and you can download the Arbor App from the App Store or Google Play Store on your phone (Android 5.0; iOS 10.0 and upwards). Wait for your welcome email from us telling you Arbor is ready - you won't be able to log in before. For help with logging in please contact the school office.

Health and Safety:

Please make sure we have up to date medical and contact detail information on file.

Jewellery - Stud earrings only should be worn, as anything else can catch easily and be dangerous. All other jewellery is best left at home as we can't be responsible for anything that is mislaid.

Shoes - Sensible shoes are required for Nursery (this includes closed heeled sandals in the summer). We do not allow flip-flops or open heeled sandals which can cause children to trip over.

Sun cream in sunny weather - Please apply sun cream before they come to school. Children may bring in sun cream but will have to apply it themselves; staff cannot help apply sun cream.

We also strongly recommend children bring in sun hats when the weather is hot.

No personal toys allowed in school- we thank you for your support.



Timings of the School Day:

Monday - Friday 8:30am - 3:00pm

Part time mornings 8:30am - 11:30am

Part time afternoons 12.00noon - 3.00pm

Term Dates 2022/23:

Term 1: Monday 5th September 2022 to Friday 21st October 2022

Term 2: Tuesday 1st November 2022 to Friday 16th December 2022

Term 3: Thursday 5th January 2023 to Friday 10th February 2023

Term 4: Tuesday 21st February 2023 to Friday 31st March 2023

Term 5: Monday 17th April 2023 to Friday 26th May 2023

Term 6: Monday 5th June 2023 to Thursday 20th July 2023

INSET Days:

Inset Day 1: Thursday 1st September 2022

Inset Day 2: Friday 2nd September 2022

Inset Day 3: Monday 31st October 2022

Inset Day 4: Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Inset Day 5: Wednesday 4th January 2023

Inset Day 6: Friday 20th February 2023

Inset Day 7: Friday 30th June 2023

Inset Day 8: Friday 21st July 2023





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