



Stanhope Primary School

Early Years Foundation Stage

Starting Nursery

Welcome to the Foundation Stage Unit at Stanhope Primary School. Starting nursery is an exciting time. We hope that time spent with us will be both happy and rewarding.

Once your child has entered the Early Years Unit it is the beginning of their school life. Your involvement in their education is very important throughout their school years; we look forward to developing a strong partnership with you.

This booklet is to tell you about our Early Years Foundation Stage Unit and to answer any questions you may have. Further information can be found on our school website. www.stanhopeprimary.com. Please feel free to like and follow our Facebook page (Stanhope Primary School South Shields).

We have an open door policy at Stanhope Primary School. Please feel free to come and have a word with staff in the unit about anything you wish to discuss or are unsure about.

Mrs Warrington
Early Years Lead

The Early Years Foundation Stage

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) describes the time in your child's life from birth to five. The EYFS framework explains how and what your child will be learning to support their healthy development.

At Stanhope Primary we provide:

- A safe, secure and caring environment in which all children are able to engage in practical activities and purposeful play.
- An environment where all children are respected and valued as individuals.
- Opportunities to experiment and explore, to extend skills and ideas through activities that encourage the development of knowledge and understanding.
- Opportunities for children to take responsibility for their learning by making choices, enjoying successes and feeling safe to make and learn from mistakes.
- Opportunities to work in small groups, in large whole class activities and individually.
- Adults, who encourage, support and provide positive appropriate interaction.

Things to do at home

- Count the stairs when going to bed.
- Spend time together sharing a story.
- Sing songs or nursery rhymes, dance to music on the radio.
- Work on a jigsaw together.
- Encourage your child to help with everyday jobs around the home.
- Encourage help with shopping tasks e.g. how many apples do we need?
- Encourage your child to dress and undress, put on their own coat.
- When out walking look for numbers on the front doors or the numbers on the bus, the colours of the cars in the car park and shop names on carrier bags.

Make it fun and enjoyable

Starting Nursery

Nursery hours

Morning session 8:30am - 11:30am

Afternoon session 12:25pm -3:25pm

The nursery doors open 10 minutes before the end of each session for parents and carers to collect their child, this will allow for a smooth transition.

Sickness

It is important that children attend regularly, however young children do not cope easily if they are unwell. If your child is ill you must ring the school office before 9:30am (0191 4201710)

Nursery 50p fund

Please support the work in the nursery by contributing weekly to the 50p fund. This helps us to purchase fresh ingredients for cooking, play dough resources and other everyday materials. Please send your child's fund money to school on a Monday.

Home Visits

Children will receive a home visit from staff prior to them starting nursery. This gives us the opportunity to speak to you and meet your child in a familiar setting, where information can be shared. We find that children are much more likely to settle well into nursery having spent a short time with staff in their own home.

Settling in.

Once we feel your child has settled in nursery then they will begin their three-hour sessions. Should your child need a little longer to settle, then they will visit for a short time each day as they build their confidence.

School Uniform

We encourage children to wear the school uniform. Please be aware that some of the practical activities that children embark on both indoors and outdoors can be messy. Children will be working outside in physical activity everyday so they need to dress accordingly. For comfort and practicality we recommend children dress in jogging pants, sweatshirts, polo shirts and black trainers.

Logoed clothing can be ordered from our uniform suppliers.

www.theschooloutfit.co.uk However, uniform can also be purchased from many local supermarkets.

Boys

Navy jogging bottoms / Navy trousers

Polo shirt

Sweatshirt or plain navy v necked pullover

Black trainers / black shoes

Girls

Navy jogging bottoms

Navy skirt, navy pinafore, blue gingham summer dress

Polo shirt

Sweatshirt, plain navy cardigan, pullover

Black trainers / black shoes

How can we prepare?

- All garments including coats and shoes should be clearly marked with your child's name.
- Your child should bring a spare set of clothes to the nursery in case of accidents.
- Children must wear strong sturdy shoes at all times.
- In the interest of safety we would prefer jewellery not to be worn.
- In the interest of safety, long hair should be tied back
- We encourage children to bring a named bottle of water to nursery every day.