**Netherthorpe Nursery: Information for Parents**

**Sessions:**

**We offer 3 hour sessions, Monday to Friday, in the morning *or* afternoon – Term Time Only**

* Five morning sessions from 8:30am-11:30am *or*
* Five afternoon sessions from 12:10pm-3:10pm

**This is a total of 15 hours only** - our priority is to give as many children living in our community a place and do not prioritise 30 hour children. If numbers in our nursery are low, we may be able to extend to 30 hours.

**Note: You must give 4 weeks notice if your child is moving nursery.**

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| If your child’s birthday is in: | Your child can start with us in: |
| September  October  November  December | January  (Beginning of Spring term) |
| January  Feburary  March | April  (Beginning of Summer term) |
| April  May  June  July  August | September  (Beginning of Autumn term) |

**Places:**

If you would like your child to attend Netherthorpe Nursery, please arrange a visit to see our facilities and meet our staff. If there is a place available, your child can start at our nursery the term after they are 3 years old (see table for guidance). Your child would stay in nursery until the end of the summer before they are 5 years old.

**Attending Netherthorpe Nursery does not guarantee your child a place in Foundation 2/Reception, at our school.**

School places in Reception must be applied for through the pupil admission team of Sheffield City Council by January.Information regarding this can be found here: <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/schools-childcare/apply-school-place>

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**Waiting list:**

Our nursery is very popular, so we often have a waiting list. Please fill out an application form, from the school reception, then your child will be added to our waiting list. Please note that being on the waiting list **does not** mean that your child will automatically be given a place in our nursery in the term after they are 3 years old.

**If a child who is already old enough moves to the area and applies for a place at our nursery (and there is a place available) they will be given priority.** **We cannot hold places as funding for nursery comes from the number of children on roll each week.**

If your child is on a waiting list, please contact the school regularly to check availability. Mobility is high and so places can arise unexpectedly. **This is your responsibility.**

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**Induction:**

When a place becomes available, we will contact you to arrange an induction meeting with Mrs Scully (Learning Mentor). Sometimes this is in a group with other new nursery parents, other times it will be individual. During this meeting we will discuss your child’s needs, family background and if there are any concerns. **At this meeting you will need to bring ID for both you and your child - we must see these original documents before your child can start.**

This will also be an opportunity for you to meet Mrs Perkins (Nursery Teacher), Ms Gray (Head Teacher) and Mrs Kay (Foundation and KS1 SENDCO), if appropriate. We aim to learn as much about the needs of your child, before they start nursery.

Sometimes a gradual transition into nursery is necessary rather than going straight to full time (eg temporarily doing 1 hour everyday rather than 3 hours). This is to ensure your child has a smooth transition into nursery and is comfortable in their new environment. If this is appropriate, this will be dicussed at the induction meeting. We place your child’s welfare at the centre of what we do and so may need to alter your child’s hours after they have started at nursery. We value your support with this and need to work together.

If you have any further questions or queries regarding our nursery, please contact our office [enquiries@netherthorpe.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@netherthorpe.sheffield.sch.uk)

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to our nursery!

**Curriculum and expectations:**

Our aims in nursery are to encourage children’s independence through the seven areas of learning outlined in the EYFS curriculum: Personal, Social and Emotional Development; Physical Development; Communication and Language; Literacy; Mathematics; Understanding the World; and Expressive Arts and Design. This is to enable them to become independent learners, critical thinkers and to be school ready for when they turn 5 years old.

As we have many children that have English as an additional language, language and communication is a big focus in our nursery. We expect children to attend every session: this helps them to settle and to establish good attendance habits. If a child does not attend nursery for 2 weeks with no good reason explaining why, the child will be taken off roll is there is a waiting list.

We also expect that your child is toilet trained before they start nursery, unless there is an identified need. If you have any concerns, this can be discussed at the induction meeting.