

2 Year Olds ~ Parent/Carer Information

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Welcome to Western Nursery~ Two Year-old Provision

Our two-year old room is led by experienced Early Years staff. We want children to be happy, safe and engaged with our activities and provision. We have strong links with our other nursery rooms and the rest of the school. Starting in our two year old provision ensures a seamless transition through Early Years and into school.



Our Early Years curriculum is carefully planned to make sure that all children thrive and achieve. In the Two-Year Old Provision, we have an emphasis on the three Prime Areas of the Early Years Curriculum. These three areas are crucial for a child's learning and development. These areas are: Personal, Social and Emotional Development; Communication and Language and Physical Development.

We aim to support each child to identify their own sense of identity and self-worth, as well as focusing on each and every child's individual needs and interests.

During their time in the Turquoise Room, a 2-year check will be completed covering the three Prime Areas of learning by your child's key person and the room leader.

The two year old room will give your child an opportunity to explore all areas of their development through play. We believe in the importance of outdoor play and we encourage our children to explore our designated outdoor area as well as engaging in trips to our local park.

A Typical Day



Our day begins with a meet and greet where you and your child are welcomed by the staff team. Once settled, your child will enjoy a range of carefully planned learning opportunities and experiences.

When planning our environment, we focus on how to support the children's play. We have a café style snack with a healthy fruit or veg option and with water or milk available throughout the day.

We have a chat time each day where we can share our news, hear stories, sing and join in with rhymes and action songs.

Lunch is served in the classroom. Children can have a hot school lunch or bring their own packed lunch. We are a no nuts setting.

After a busy morning and lunch, there is a quiet time when children can sleep in a cosy area of our room or have access to quieter activities if not resting.

At the end of our session we enjoy some more stories, rhymes and songs.



Timings

Drop off: 8.45 a.m.

Lunch: 11.20 a.m.

Lunchtime pick up either 11.45 or 12.15 (as arranged)

Pick up: 2.45 or 3.15 p.m.

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Sleep

Most two-year olds require a nap during the day. We have a cosy area in our room where children can sleep as long as needed. As your child grows and sleeps less, we will discuss with you what their needs are. All children sleep on mattresses and have their own individual bedding and blanket.

Toilet Training

Most children will move out of nappies between the ages of 2 and 3: as a setting we will work closely with you as parents and carers to work with your child's own timetable. Please supply plenty of spare clothes at the toilet training stage.

Online Learning Journal

We use an online, secure learning journal called Tapestry to make observations and document some of your child's learning and progress. Parents and Carers can contribute to this journal and it is an excellent and safe way for you to see what your child is learning at nursery.



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What to bring to Nursery

Clothing

Please send a change of clothing for your child in a clearly labelled bag. We recommend that all clothing is named. Clothing should be practical and shoes should be easy to get on and off. Children should always bring a coat, and, in wet weather, some wellies and a change of footwear. In winter, please ensure your child has a hat, gloves and scarf to keep them warm outdoors.

Hot weather

Please send your child with a sun hat and sun cream clearly labelled. Please apply sun cream prior to nursery starting and staff will reapply if necessary.

Nappies

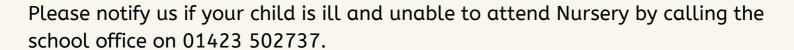
Please supply nappies, cream (if used) and wipes for your child to use whilst at nursery. Please keep them in your child's bag. Unless your child is toilet training, please provide nappies and not pull ups.

Water bottle

Please send your child with a clearly labelled water bottle to help them stay hydrated.







If your child becomes ill during a session or has an accident (other than minor bumps or grazes), we will contact you to come and collect him/her. It is very important therefore, that you keep us updated of any changes to contact numbers or personal circumstances. If a child is unwell at nursery, the decision to send them home is taken after due consideration and monitoring.

When young children play together, small accidents do happen. Minor bumps and bruises etc. are dealt with by members of staff, and your child will be comforted and reassured. All our staff have completed Pediatric First Aid Training. You will be spoken to by a member of staff at the end of their session if your child has received First Aid.

If your child develops an infection at home, he/she should not attend Nursery until clear of the infection. Instances of sickness and diarrhoea require a 48 hour recovery period before returning.

Any medication your child requires must be taken to the school office where you will be asked to sign a medication form with clear instructions of when/how the medication is to be administered. Any administration of medicines by school staff will always be recorded.



Allergies/ Medical Conditions

Before starting nursery, it is vital staff are informed of any medical conditions or allergies. You will be asked to complete an online form outlining allergies and medical information on Arbor, our online school information system. Your child will not be able to start Nursery until this is completed.

Transition to our Nursery

Before your child starts our Nursery, we will arrange a Taster Session after School for Parents/Carers and your child. These sessions run from 3.30-4.00 p.m. This is a great opportunity for you to meet with our team and discuss your child. These will be followed up with some further stay and play sessions of 1 hour which will take place between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. Your child can be dropped off at these sessions and stay unaccompanied. Gradually the sessions can be increased to ease your child into our provision. Staff would be happy to discuss this with you at your first visit.

Settling In

Our experienced staff work in partnership with parents and carers to ensure that each child settles into the nursery smoothly.

Our aim is to welcome the family into our caring and stimulating environment and for them to develop a sense of belonging.

If your child has a special toy you think would help them with settling in, we would encourage you let your child bring it with them. Often children at this age need something familiar with them as a source of comfort.

We recognise this is a difficult time for parents and carers; our staff are

here to support and reassure you too.



Wrap Around Care~ The Hive

If you require provision from 7.30 a.m. or at the end of the school day from 3.30 p.m. to either 5.30 p.m. or 6.30 p.m. we are able to offer a limited number of places in our before and after-school club, The Hive. This is run from our Purple Nursery Room (rear of the playground) and is operated by some of our Early Years Team and other school staff.

If you are interested in this additional provision, please speak to a member of the Nursery team or check availability with the school office. Places will only be offered subject to availability.



We look forward to welcoming you and your child to Western Nursery.
Please email eyfs@wes.rklt.co.uk should you have any further questions or queries