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## The Lea Primary School & Nursery Nursery FAQs

### When does Nursery start and finish?

The Lea Nursery opens at 8.45am and the morning session finishes at 11.45am. The school gate will be opened at the end of the session and your child will be brought out to you. The gate will close at 11.50am. Any late collections will be charged at £5 (i.e. the lunchtime top up fee).  
If your child is staying for lunch, they will need to be collected at 12.30pm via the school office.  
If your child is staying all-day, the pick-up time is 3.30pm from the Nursery Classroom.

### Do you offer a Breakfast and After School Club for Nursery?

Yes. This is provided to our Nursery children by Noah's Ark - available from 7.30am to 6pm. Please speak to the office or Noah's Ark if you require further information.

### Do I get a choice of which days my child attends Nursery?

We will do our best to accommodate requests for specific Nursery provision.

### How many sessions can my child attend?

All children are entitled to 15 hours free childcare per week in our Nursery setting. To access all our teacher led sessions, these hours can be used over 5 mornings - 8.45am to 11.45am, Monday to Friday. This can begin the term after your child's 3rd birthday.  
If certain criteria are satisfied, you can make an application for 30 hours provision (five full days). There is also the option of 'topping up' and paying for additional hours and lunches for those who are not eligible for 30 hours. Please phone the school office for further details.

### Can we change the hours my child is attending Nursery?

We like to fix the hours a child attends every half term. If you wish to change your hours, please let the office know in advance.

### **Will there be any staff continuity between The Lea's provision and Noah's Ark provision?**

A detailed handover will take place between staff each day.

### **How will payments work between The Lea's provision and Noah's Ark provision?**

You will be invoiced separately by The Lea and Noah's Ark half termly in advance for any fees you may incur with each provider.

### **Can I book additional sessions with Noah's Ark on an ad hoc basis?**

Yes, this can be coordinated directly with Noah's Ark.

### **What are the options for lunch?**

Lunch club (11:45 - 12:30) runs outside the allocated 15 hour and 30 hour sessions and a £5 per day top up fee is required for attendance. For those attending for the full week, there is a discounted charge of £20 per week.

If your child is staying for lunch, they can bring in a healthy packed lunch, or you can pay for a hot school meal. (Nursery children do not universally receive a free school lunch.) The cost for a school meal is £2.35.

### **Is a snack provided?**

A healthy snack (fruit or vegetables and milk) is provided during the morning for children to choose if they wish. *Please ensure that they have their own named water bottle in school every day.*

They will also be provided with a snack in the afternoon if they stay all day.

### **Where will meals be eaten?**

Breakfast will either be in the Resources room or the hall. Lunch will be eaten in the dining area. Snacks will be eaten in the Nursery classroom. Late afternoon light meal will be eaten in the Nursery classroom or outside (weather permitting).

### **Who can collect my child from Nursery?**

We can only dismiss your child to the designated adults on your settling in form. Please let us know in advance via the school office if another adult will be collecting as we will not be able to dismiss them unless we have had prior confirmation (even if with another parent in school).

Likewise, let Noah's Ark know if someone different will be collecting your child from the after-school club.

### **Can I come inside the classroom to settle my child at the beginning of the day?**

You are welcome to come inside the classroom to help your child hang their belongings on their peg, self-register and settle them at a 'Busy Fingers' activity. We encourage parents to leave straight away and we will always ring if there is a problem.

## Is there a uniform?

We encourage the children in Nursery to wear a uniform for ease, practicality and to enable them to feel part of the whole school. This comprises of:

- navy jogging bottoms/leggings
- blue polo shirt
- navy sweatshirt

Please can all clothing worn in Nursery be easily managed by your child independently, e.g. trousers that are easy to pull up and down. Your child will also need practical footwear, suitable for climbing and playing outside - no laces please!

Our uniform supplier is Beats Uniform. You can shop online or visit their store at 4 Station Road, Harpenden, AL5 4SE. You can purchase a school book bag for your child here too.

Please ensure all uniform, clothing and equipment brought to Nursery is named.

## What other equipment is needed/recommended?

Please ensure that your child has the following in school every day:

- A bag (ideally drawstring) for their peg with a change of clothes including underwear, socks and a pair of plimsolls. This can stay in school.
- Cold weather - A warm, waterproof coat (an anorak is ideal), a woolly hat and gloves and sturdy velcro fastened shoes.
- Warm weather - A sun hat, a light coat or zip up hoody and velcro fastened shoes or trainers.
- A school book bag which can be used to carry books and for work being sent home etc.

## How will school communicate with us?

- We will communicate with you via email or telephone (if urgent). Please ensure we have your up-to-date contact details.
- You will receive the weekly school newsletter via email and do look on our school website (<https://lea-pri.herts.sch.uk/>) for other useful information too.  
We also have a Twitter feed (<https://twitter.com/LeaPrimary>) and Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/LeaSchoolAssociation/>) which contains some of the exciting things we get up to!
- There is a notice board just inside the classroom where our weekly topic, the books we are reading and the phonics we are learning are displayed.
- Your child will also have his or her own drawer in the classroom where they can store their book bag and any books or artwork, etc. The children are encouraged to check their drawer each day before they go home.
- There are opportunities to come into school with our regular Learn and Share mornings and we encourage visitors throughout the year to support with our topics.
- From September The Lea and Noah's Ark will be using Tapestry - this is an online programme which records children's progress in the form of an e-journal. This is interactive and allows for parents to be involved in the learning process.

## Where are the toilets?

We have two 'little' toilets in Nursery, and we encourage independent toileting. We will, of course, support you in building your child's independence if toilet training is taking place.

Please ensure your child has a change of clothes in Nursery and wipes, if necessary, so any accidents can be dealt with quickly and easily.

### **What curriculum do you follow in Nursery?**

We follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework. Further information is provided via this link: [https://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2015/01/EYFS\\_Parents\\_Guide-amended1.pdf](https://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2015/01/EYFS_Parents_Guide-amended1.pdf)  
If you have any questions about the curriculum, please do not hesitate to ask.

### **Do Nursery set home learning tasks?**

Your child will have a Home Learning Book with challenges at the back to complete during their Nursery year. We encourage your child to complete their challenges and bring in their book to share it with their teachers and friends when they have completed an activity.

There is also a short task that we ask your child to complete before starting with us which they can bring in to class during their first week. This helps us to get to know your child and makes the settling in process easier for them. (We will send further details about this separately.)

### **Do the children go outside to play every day?**

Yes, we have a separate covered area to still allow children out in bad weather. We also recommend children bring waterproof clothing during times of wet weather.

### **I still have questions**

Lots more information will be provided to you once your place has been offered. If you do have additional queries in the meantime, feel free to contact the office on 01582 767939.

**We very much look forward to welcoming you and your child to The Lea Primary School and Nursery.**