

Welcome to

Stramongate Nursery



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Welcome

Dear Parent,

We are delighted that you are interested in considering Stramongate Nursery for your child to start or continue their education. The trustees (all volunteers), leaders and staff are all passionate about providing the best possible facilities, care and learning opportunities.

We provide a safe, warm nurturing environment with learning opportunities both indoors and outdoors.

Our staff are well qualified and we provide and encourage staff to take many opportunities to extend their training. Staff development is at our core in order to inspire and encourage the development of our team. Our enthusiastic nursery manager leads a team of dedicated staff, separate from the school, but capitalising on the expertise and enhanced school facilities available literally on our doorstep.

The internal facilities are modern, clean and well-resourced with each classes facilities and resources based on what is most appropriate for their age group. We are investing in considerable improvements to the outside learning and play spaces as we are aware of the huge value of outside explorative play for children. We are also fortunate to be able to make use of the very impressive and extensive outdoor areas of Stramongate School. The nursery benefits being able to offer the option of nutritious freshly cooked meals provided by the school's in-house catering team.

We have strong links with the local authority who provide training and support to the staff, leaders and trustees. We have links with other nursery settings to allow us to share our good practice and learn from others. Close links with Sandgate School allows us to be as inclusive a setting as possible.


Our communication with parents and carers is strong and we encourage a dialogue between home and the nursery. Trustees come from a range of backgrounds and are supported by a very experienced and committed finance manager who aims to make every penny of our grant and fee income count.

We are convinced that a visit to see our babies and youngsters enjoying their play, work and the rest will impress you.

Stephen Wilkinson
Chair of Trustees


Meet our Team

Lisa Swift
Manager, DSL & SENCO
BA (hons)




Baby Room

Nicola Binks:
Deputy Manager & Baby
Room Leader
BA (hons) Primary
Education QTS




Lauren Slater:
Practitioner Baby Room
Level 3




Toddler Room


Stephen Binks
Room Leader
Level 3




Katie Richards
Practitioner
BA (hons) Primary Ed



Jess Dugdale
Practitioner
Level 3



Akshay Biju
Practitioner
Level 2



Pre School

Stacy Wilkinson

Room Leader

BA (hons)



Rhiannon Almond-
Marples Practitioner

BA (Hons)



Planning & Lunch Cover

Caroline Stacey

Practitioner

Level 3



Chelsea Leck

Practitioner

Level 3



Relationships

Settling In

Settling in sessions are key to making your child's start with us as positive as possible. We realise how important the first few days and weeks are when starting nursery and our priority is to make your child feel as welcome and safe in their new environment as possible. We recognise that each child and family is different and because of this we don't have a set time scale for settling in.



We pride ourselves on good and frequent communication with

parents, carers and families. Rest assured if your child becomes distressed and we are unable to soothe them we will contact you. You may want to get in touch with us at various times to and you are welcome to call and check in whenever you like. We work with each family to ensure a smooth transition and this looks different for every family as each child settles differently. Please feel free to speak to any member of staff at any time. We

are always happy to listen, help and advice on any matter.

Key Educators

We know the children within our care really well and it is a real strength of our fantastic team. Each child is designated a key educator. This key educator is responsible for building strong supportive relationship whereby they know your child, their development & your family & are able to support them in reaching their unique potential. They tailor your child's nursery sessions based on your child's likes and interests. This person knows your child even better than other members of staff so is a good port of call for any queries or concerns.



Baby, Toddler & Pre School Rooms

Play with Purpose in EYFS

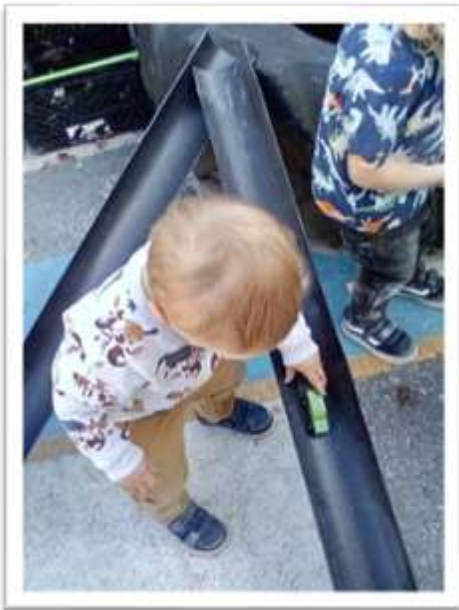
Our three rooms are special places which we work hard to make a home from home for your child. We want your child to feel comfortable and safe while being educated in an interactive and stimulating environment. Under the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) & with a play-based focus we endeavour work with families is supporting their child in their unique journey. We appreciate each family is different & importance of your child's routines will support their learning & wellbeing. Therefore, we will work closely with you to ensure a personal approach to your child supporting flexible routines from home whilst learning through play. We strive to make your child's time with us positive and fun.



Your child is continually growing and developing physically, emotional, cognitively and social. The ability to communicate as well as learning to identify and manage their emotions is supported by nurturing relationships and a language rich environment, including basic sign language. Play based learning is shown in evidence-based research to allow for all children to learn in a style that suits each child's individual learning journey. At Stramongate Nursery we ensure that play and learning is sensory, exploratory filled with wonder and discovery using all five senses

We work closely with families while supporting children's communication, language, toilet training, sleeping, independence. As child approaches school age our practitioners create partnerships with children, families and Stramongate Reception Teachers to ensure the transition is as smooth as possible from Nursery to School.





Links with Stramongate Primary School

Throughout the academic year we participate in many activities with Stramongate Primary School. We spend time with the reception class which helps to aid a smooth transition from nursery to 'Big School'. We do have children at nursery who move on to other local primary schools and we work collaboratively with them too.

Activities include:

- Visits to nursery from the reception staff
- Visiting the reception classes in the summer term before they start school
- World book day and children in need event participation
- Use of the adventure playground
- Use of nature areas





Nutrition

At Stramongate Nursery, we believe that a good balanced diet is vital for promoting the development of healthy lifestyle habits, along with fresh air and physical activity.

You have the option to order your child a balanced and nutritious home cooked lunch at £2.65 via Stramongate School ordering system or bring their own packed lunches.

We provide milk & water with all snacks and water with lunch. We request that no juice or sweetened milk or water drinks be bought to the setting.

Regular snacks and drinks are provided in the morning at 9.30am and in the afternoon 14.00pm. Water is available at all times in all rooms.

*Please be aware that if children attend during school holidays, they will need to bring a packed lunch.



Session times & Prices

Breakfast AM session (*cannot use funding for this)	7.45am to 8.30am	£4.53
Day	8.30am to 4.00pm	£45.38
Late PM Session (*cannot use government hours for this)	4.00pm to 5.45pm	£10.59

Please note that the hours vary for school holidays

8.00am to 5.30pm

The nursery is Closed for 2 weeks over Christmas & Bank Holidays

To secure a place we ask for a £86.00 holding deposit, which will be refunded off your child's first month of fees.

Fees are due each in advance month. We accept Tax Free Childcare as part or full payment of your child's day care costs.

The term after your child's 3rd birthday they are entitled to 15hrs Early Years Entitlement. For working families in England, of 3yr—4yr olds may be eligible for 30 hrs Extended Early Years Entitlement—to check eligibility look on <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk>. Eligible 2 year olds are able to access 15hrs Early years entitlement—for eligibility check on <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk>.

Comments from Parents

“A fabulous nursery – my child and I couldn’t be happier!”

“I could not be more delighted with the care and love that my child was treated with in the baby room. She loved her time there and the staff are skilled, caring, passionate and infinitely patient”

“I think Stramongate has a lovely team of staff who my son looks up to. He can’t wait for his next session to see them again!”

Appendix 1

What should I bring to nursery for my baby/child:

- ◆ Nappies
- ◆ Wipes
- ◆ Bottle & formula / breast milk
- ◆ Lunch / weaning foods
- ◆ Nappy rash cream
- ◆ Change of clothes, named to stay in a basket at nursery
- ◆ Coat
- ◆ Hat and gloves / suncream (weather dependent)
- ◆ Comforter (if your child has one)
- ◆ Dummy (if your child uses one.)

If your child is currently weaning or you are thinking of starting to wean, please discuss with the Manager, Deputy or Baby Room Leader, who can discuss how we can accommodate your child’s needs.

Top Tips

- ◆ Please send your child to nursery in old clothing as we do get muddy and messy.
- ◆ Please send your child in velcro shoes, rather than laces. Laces don’t encourage independence at this stage.
- ◆ Communicate with us early and often, please do address any concerns you have with us.