

Welcome to Sherwell Valley Nursery



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Our Aim

At Sherwell Valley Nursery we aim to provide a caring and stimulating environment for our children, a place where they can play, explore, learn and develop together.

We believe that parents and carers are the most important people in their children's lives. The closer the links with parents and carers the more effective the learning becomes. This is why we endeavour to work closely with you to give your child the best possible start on their educational journey.

The Nursery Unit

We are a full-time Nursery offering full-time and part-time provision for a maximum of 26 children in the morning and 26 children in the afternoon.

In addition to this we offer lunchtime provision for 32 children. Children may either bring a packed lunch or have a hot school meal which currently costs £2.20.

The first 15 hours your child attends Nursery will be free. Any additional time after this will be charged at £3.75 per hour. Nursery is open 190 days per year.

Opening times

Morning session: 8:50 am - 11:20 am

Lunchtime provision: 11:20 am -12:40 pm

Afternoon sessions: 12:40 pm - 3:10 pm

Please try to arrive at the session on time.

Nursery staff

The Nursery currently has 1 teacher (Mrs Gaywood), a full-time Nursery Nurse (Miss Billis) and a full time teaching assistant (Mrs Jones).

Additional helpers may include:

Miss Houghton

Mrs Clark

Parents

Student teachers

NVQ students

Secondary School pupils on work experience.

Lunchtime is staffed by four suitably qualified members of school staff.

How can I get involved?

If you would like to help in the Nursery please speak to a member of the Nursery team.

During the year we take our children to various educational visits and require parent helpers. If you are interested please see Mrs Garswood in the school office for details.

Health and Safety

If your child requires medication during the session e.g. an inhaler, please complete a medical form which can be obtained from the school office.

If your child has a vomiting or diarrhoea bug please do not send them to Nursery. Children should be kept away from Nursery for 48 hours after their last incidence of sickness or diarrhoea.

Please help us to keep your child safe:

If you are not collecting your child, please inform a member of staff so that we know who will be collecting them at the end of a session.

Children will not be allowed to leave the Nursery unless collected by their parents, guardian, or other persons authorised by you to collect your child.

What happens if my child has an accident?

Minor accidents are dealt within school by staff who are trained for such occasions. You will be informed if your child has hurt themselves. It is school policy to contact you by telephone if your child has a head injury. If the school feels your child requires treatment other than what we can provide, you will be informed.

Do the children have to wear a uniform?

Nursery children wear a uniform that is similar to the rest of the school.

Your child is required to wear:

Winter uniform -

A white polo shirt

Grey trousers/skirt or pinafore dress

A bottle green cardigan/'v' neck jumper embroidered with the school name/logo (available from Riviera School Days- Union Street, Torquay)

Plain dark shoes - no trainers please.

Summer uniform-

Summer dress (green and white)

Grey shorts and white polo shirt.

Plain black shoes- no flip flops or trainers please.

Although every effort is made to protect the children's clothes with aprons, accidents sometimes happen. Please be sympathetic to your child's eagerness to explore Nursery.

As part of our Outdoor Curriculum, we sometimes go on 'Welly Walks' and play outside in damp weather. We would very much appreciate if you could provide your child with a pair of wellies and a rain coat that we could keep in the Nursery for these occasions.

ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING INCLUDING SHOES MUST BE CLEARLY LABELLED!

In the interest of the children and their safety no jewellery should be worn.

If your child has their ears pierced please ensure small studs or sleepers are worn during school time.

What will my child learn whilst at Nursery?

What children learn and are expected to know about and understand is set out by the government (Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum). The curriculum is organised into seven areas of development, allowing your child to learn and experience new ideas as they play.

The seven areas include:

1. Personal, Emotional and Social Development - developing confidence, independence, ability to concentrate and the ability to work as part of a group.
2. Communication and Language - developing skills in speaking and listening and developing skills linked to understanding.
3. Mathematics - developing ideas about number, measure, position, shape and space.

4. Understanding the World - helping children to understand the world around them e.g. people and places. To help them develop an understanding and appreciation of technology.
5. Physical Development - helps to strengthen and improve their upper and lower body control and co-ordination. Also supports them in their development of health and self-care.
6. Expressive Arts and Design - allows children to explore colours, sounds, textures, dance and their imagination.
7. Literacy - encourages children in their mark making and reading. Developing an interest in books.

What if my child does not settle?

Nursery can be a daunting place for both parents and children and it is often the first time your child has been left. To help with the settling in period we allow parents to stay with their child until they have developed the confidence to stay and play along side the other children and adults within the Nursery setting. This may take an hour at the beginning of each session, a few days or weeks depending on the number of sessions you have chosen. Every child is different!

Absences

Any absences must be covered by a letter. In addition to the letter it is also very useful if you could phone the school before the session starts to let us know that your child will be away.

What if we want to take a holiday during term time?

If holidays in term time are unavoidable, please request a leave of absence form from the school office and return when completed.

What will my child eat and drink at school?

During the Nursery session your child will receive a drink of milk, or water and a piece of fruit or raw vegetables every day. We often have special snack times where we have toast and crumpets too.

If your child has any allergies please inform a member of the Nursery team.

Additional policies available from the school office include:

Nursery Payment Policy,
Nursery Admission Policy.

If there is anything we have forgotten, you are at all worried about or unsure of please approach either a member of the Nursery team who will be more than happy to help!