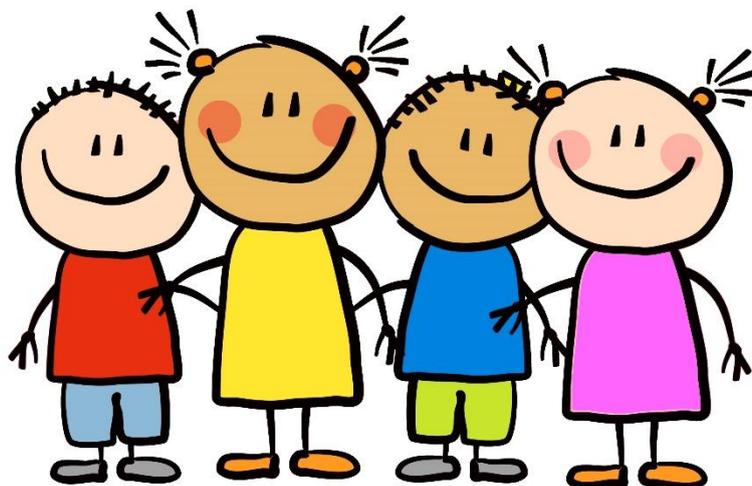


Nursery Class
Induction Handbook

A helpful guide
for when your
child starts
Oasis Academy
Foundry

2020-2021

Welcome to Oasis Academy Foundry Nursery



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Thank you for choosing our school 😊

We hope this handbook will help to answer any questions you may have and provide you and your child with the relevant information that will help to make starting in Nursery a happy time and a smooth transition between home and school.

Parents are children's first and most important educators. We recognise that parents play an important role in their child's education, we hope to establish a strong working partnership, and this handbook is one of the first steps towards this.

We have a Community Hub that is set up to support the academy and the community. If you require any, support or are new to the area pop in and introduce yourself. We would love to meet you!



Vision and Aims

Beliefs and Values:

Oasis Academy Foundry is driven by the passionate belief that each human being is uniquely valuable and of equal importance. It informs our inclusive ethos of which we hope is obvious wherever and whenever someone encounters Oasis and permeates through everything we do.

Our five ethos values:

- A passion to include everyone
- A desire to treat everyone equally, respecting differences
- A commitment to healthy and open relationships
- A deep sense of hope that things can change and be transformed
- A sense of perseverance to keep going for the long haul

Oasis 9 Habits

The Oasis Ethos is aspirational, inspirational and something that we have to constantly work at. It is important to remember that every organisation is made up of its people, and people do not always get things right. This means that there can sometimes be a dissonance between what we say we are, as stated in our ethos values, and what we actually do and experience.

To help us in this process of personal growth and development we have the Oasis 9 Habits. It is our bespoke and unique approach to character development. We know that by living the way of the Habits, the Oasis Ethos will become second nature to us.

We actively promote and practice the Oasis 9 Habits, which are an invitation to a way of life characterised by being compassionate, patient, humble, joyful, honest, hopeful, considerate, forgiving and self-controlled.

Compassionate	Patient	Humble
Joyful	Honest	Hopeful
Considerate	Forgiving	Self-controlled

General Information

The Nursery day starts at 8:45am and ends at 11.45am. The Nursery entrance is on the right to the main office entrance.

Staffing

Nursery Teacher: (TBC)

Each class will be supported by a full time teaching assistant.

School telephone number: 0121 250 8850

Email: enquiry@oasisfoundry.org

Arrival and collection

If you arrive after 9am the Nursery door is closed. Please go to the main entrance where your child will be registered by a member of the office staff.

If you need to collect your child early or take them out for an appointment, you would also need to go to the main entrance area.

For your child's own safety, they will only be allowed home with people named on the emergency contact form, unless the school has been informed in advance of any alternative arrangements. If we are ever unsure, we will always contact you to double check before allowing your child to leave our care.

If you are going to be held up, we would appreciate a phone call to let us know that you are going to be late to collect your child. If no one arrives on time and we have not had a message we will phone the numbers given on the emergency contact form.

If your child will be collected by a regular child minder or Grandparents please would you introduce them to your child's teacher.

Absences

If your child is absent due to illness, you must telephone the school before 9.15am to give a reason. A phone call should be made on each day of the absence.

Please read the school attendance policy on the school website

Health

At Oasis Academy Foundry, we will always act in the best interest of a child's well-being and health.

If your child has been away due to illness, please ensure they are fully recovered before they return to school to prevent the risk of spreading infection.

If your child has had sickness or diarrhoea they should be kept at home for at least 48 hours after the symptoms have cleared.

Conditions

If your child is asthmatic and requires an inhaler, please bring this in to the office in its original box. You will be asked to complete a medical consent form. The inhaler can be kept in the Classroom for access and should be clearly labelled with your child's name and class.

If your child has any other, medical conditions please inform the school Immediately as a care plan may be required.

Please inform school if your child has any allergies or dietary requirements.

It is expected that all children are fully toilet trained when they start school, unless there is a medical or developmental reason, although accidents can happen. Should your child be provided with spare clothes from school, please wash and return them as soon as possible. Children are encouraged to self-manage.



Starting School

We realise that this can be both an anxious and exciting time for children and their families.

School Days

You and your child will be invited to an induction meeting to see the environment and meet the team. You will be invited to a story session and a 1:1 meeting with your child's teacher so you can discuss any issues or share information about your child.

**DUE TO COVID -19
THIS WILL NOT BE TAKING PLACE THIS YEAR!
THE SCHOOL WILL CONTACT YOU VIA EMAIL OR TELEPHONE
CALL TO DISCUSS YOUR CHILD'S INDIVIDUAL NEEDS.**

September Induction

Please see the staggered intake plan on website for 2020-21.

Your child will attend morning sessions, stay for lunch then for the full day. A bespoke plan will be created for those children struggling to settle.



Keeping you Informed

Please ensure that the office always has an up to date mobile phone number and address in case we need to contact you in an emergency.

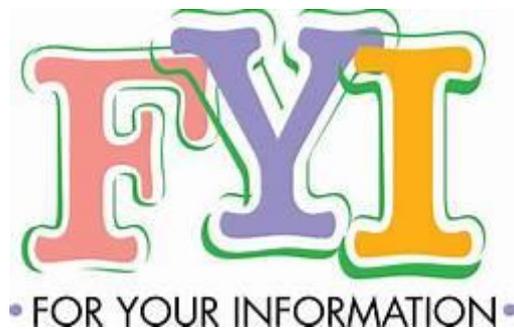
We will be available in the school playground every morning or at collection time if you have a quick query or need to inform us of something. However, these are very busy times so if you feel that the matter will require longer please do not hesitate to arrange an appointment with us so that we have more time to speak to you.

We will keep you informed of your child's progress on a regular basis. You will be invited to workshops, Individual Learning Plan meetings and have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress every term.

School website:

The school website will post a list of forthcoming events as well as information and photos about activities and special days that we have planned.

Copies of the school's newsletter are shared with families every week and can be found on our website.



The Nursery Curriculum

Areas of Learning and Development			
Prime Areas			
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Physical Development	Communication and Language	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making Relationships • Self-confidence and Self-awareness • Managing Feelings and Behaviour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moving and Handling • Health and Self-care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening and Attention • Understanding • Speaking 	
Specific Areas			
Literacy	Mathematics	Understanding the World	Expressive Arts and Design
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading • Writing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numbers • Shape, Space and Measures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People and Communities • The World • Technology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring and Using Materials and Media • Being Imaginative

Your child will experience 7 areas of learning during their time at Nursery

Being a parent is one of the most rewarding jobs in the world. We believe that you are your child's first and most important educators.

By this time of year, many children are ready to begin nursery. They may already have experienced pre-school education and will have learned many skills and will understand a great deal.

During their first years of life, your child has already learned skills that will help them to make a flying start at nursery such as:

- feeling good about themselves
- listening carefully
- talking about their thoughts and feelings
- knowing many stories, songs and rhymes
- knowing what their own name looks like
- recognising and knowing about letters and numbers
- knowing about the different reasons for writing
- wanting to learn

All of these things continue to be important at nursery, especially fostering a 'love for learning'.

When your child starts nursery, the support you give them, and continue to give them over the years, will have an enormous influence on their achievements.

Here are some of the things you can do with your child that will make a real difference right from the start:

- sing lots of songs and rhymes and rhymes with your child
- play listening games
- play with shapes and talk about what they notice about the world around them
- draw, colour and talk about their mark making
- practice dressing and undressing in the correct order
- practice putting shoes and socks on correctly
- practice zipping or buttoning up their coat
- encouraging your child to use the toilet independently

But, perhaps most importantly, *share a book every day!*



Key Skills

You can prepare your child for their first day by:

- Communicating well
- Listening carefully
- Talking to other people outside the family
- Respecting and getting on with other people, with good manners
- Asking questions
- Accepting a routine
- Saying what they would like
- Coping with surrounding noise and activity

Practical advice:



Take off their coat and hang it up



Put on their coat and fasten it



Change their shoes



Dress and undress themselves



Use the toilet correctly and flush it



Use a handkerchief



Share toys and take turns



Wash and dry their hands correctly



Use a knife and fork correctly



Help to tidy toys away

Characteristics of Effective Learning

The characteristics of effective learning underpin the learning and development across all areas and support children to become an effective and motivated learner. The different ways this can happen are:

Playing and exploring – engagement– This focuses on the way your child investigates and experiences things, as well as their *willingness to 'have a go'*

Active learning – motivation– This characteristic is about whether your child concentrates and keeps trying if they encounter difficulties and if they enjoy their achievements.

Creating and thinking critically – thinking– This looks at whether your child has, and can develop their own ideas, make links between ideas and develop strategies for doing things.

We encourage the children to think about the ways they learn and to identify with the different characteristics through their learning experiences.



Homework

Each term you will receive a Curriculum overview of what your child will be learning.

Each week the learning will be supplemented with phonics, reading, writing and Maths related activities to be completed with parents.

We regularly have sharing time when the children can show/talk about the activities they have done at home. Any 'homework' that is brought in will be displayed in the classroom for that term.



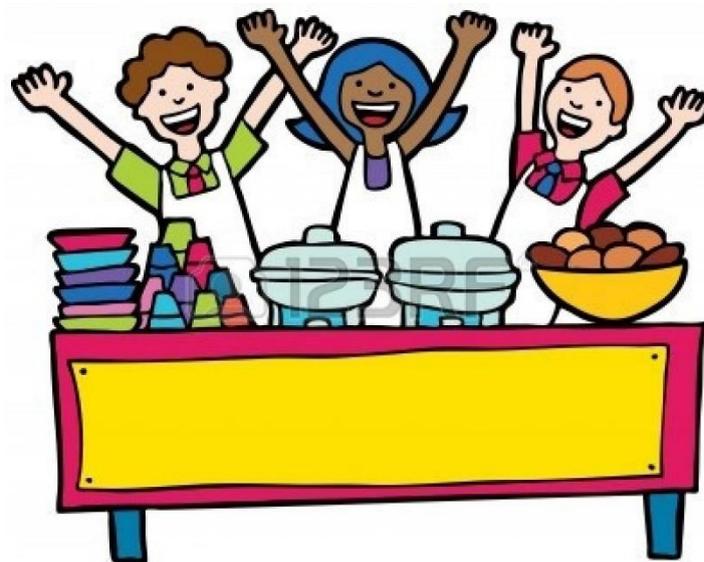
Snack and Lunch

Snack time

In the Reception class at the start of the day we have breakfast bagels/toast. Snack time is a very important part of the curriculum when children can practice social conversation and listening skills. Snack time always includes a piece of fruit and a drink of either milk or water. We are part of a free fruit scheme which means that each child is able to have a piece of fruit at no cost to you the parent.

Milk is free up until your child's 5th birthday and then you can pay for it if you wish them to continue with milk. Please see the office for an order form.

Your child will have access to drinking water whenever they need within the classroom environment.



Special achievements

At Oasis Academy Foundry, we encourage children to demonstrate the 9 habits. This underpins good behaviour, positive attitude and help them grow into kind and caring individuals.

To reward this behaviour we have class 'Star of the Day', weekly Merit Assembly celebrates their achievements and class assemblies are performed that parents are invited to. Stickers are given out regularly within the Classroom and sometimes they may receive a special Head Teacher sticker!

Other achievements include sports and music. We are Schools Games Platinum winners. We have successfully taken part in in competitions in the local area. Please tell us if your child has received a special award outside of school then they can share it in our Celebration assembly.



Checklist for Starting School!

When I start in Nursery, I will need...

- to wear my school uniform which is clearly labelled with my name
- A warm coat (labelled with my name) with a hood to be brought to school each day
- Completed emergency contact and admission form /birth certificate/ tenancy agreement or bank statement with address
- Sun hat and sun cream on hot and sunny days
- Medication/inhaler with my name on to the main school office

**Please bring the above during your child's first day.*

We look forward to meeting you and having a fantastic start to an exciting adventure together.

The Early Years Team