

Frequently asked questions

Do you have a settling in process?

When new children arrive at Millington Road Nursery School, they are assigned a member of staff to help them settle in and make new friends. Each child's needs are unique and they all settle into Nursery School life in their own way, so our staff work closely with parents and families to make sure the transition is smooth and enjoyable. Our Nursery School is small enough that every member of staff very quickly gets to know each new child. We understand that some children may take longer to settle than others and our staff are happy to discuss parents or guardians staying with their child for a limited period of time until they settle.

What if I need to drop my child off early?

Millington Road Nursery School tries to accommodate all requests by parents where possible. The team can be flexible, and if you need a slightly earlier or later session than the regular slots, Early Birds can be used on a permanent or ad-hoc basis. If you would like to find out more information, one of our members of staff would be happy to discuss this further with you. Extra session forms can be found on the parents' notice board in the hall of the Nursery School.

What is the Nursery School's approach to learning?

At Millington Road Nursery School, we follow the Early Years Foundation Stage framework with a strong emphasis on free play and outside learning. The Nursery School's learning plan can be found on the parents' board in the porch outside and in the Circle and Triangle rooms, along with advice about how you can support this learning at home. We aim to link things that children will learn outside of the Nursery School to their learning at Millington Road Nursery School by providing meaningful activities that relate to their real-life experiences. We know that children show great interest in imaginative play, so we make sure that we follow this up with relevant activities with the children – whether it be a hairdresser, a travel agency, a doctor's surgery or a party.

How do you track child development?

Each assigned member of staff observes, assesses, plans activities and writes reports, known as child profiles, on all the children in their care. Child profiles belong to the family and provide a valuable record of the fun and learning experienced at the Nursery School. We will work in partnership with you to build a record of each child's achievements so that you can be assured that good progress is made. We like to involve the children as much as possible when completing their profiles, in order for them to recognise and record their own achievements.

How does Millington Road Nursery School promote safety?

We provide a range of activities and ideas about staying safe and these link with the Early Years Foundation Stage framework. They are designed to give young children the skills and strategies to help them take an active part in their own safety and wellbeing.

Children's safety at the Nursery School is always paramount and, as a team, we are continually assessing and improving the safety of our environment. Our front gate has an intercom system for parents to ring and when a member of staff identifies your face on the screen you will be allowed in.

How does the Nursery School manage behaviour?

We always promote positive behaviour around the children in our care. We make sure that we discuss the Nursery School's rules regularly with the children so that they become part of everyday activities. We aim to have every child fully engaged in play with as little interruptions as possible which helps. Please speak to the Principal if you have any concerns regarding behaviour.

For further information or to book a place for your child please contact the Principal,
Mrs Mary Field NNEB, BA(Hons), at: 4A Millington Road, Cambridge CB3 9HP

Call: 01223 356 565 email: mary@millingtonroadnursery.co.uk web: millingtonroadnursery.co.uk

Who is allowed to collect my child?

It's important for children to feel like they have a regular and familiar routine, so we recommend that the same person drops off and picks up each day if possible. For each child we have a list of authorised adults who can collect them from the Nursery School, however we understand that, on certain occasions, someone new may need to drop off or collect. If this is the case, please inform a member of staff and write it in the 'who is collecting book' in the hall.

Is there a uniform?

Children do not have to wear a uniform at Millington Road Nursery School, however, we do sell Millington Road Nursery School sun hats, sweatshirts and polos etc. Children need to be dressed appropriately especially for outdoor play. We ask that all children bring their own wellington boots and waterproofs which can be left at the Nursery School. Children love to be outside in all weathers, especially when there are puddles of water to splash in!

What will my child eat during the day?

We do not have catering facilities at our Nursery School and all children bring their own packed lunch. We strongly promote healthy eating, so please be sure to send plenty of fruit and vegetables in for lunch. Children are offered fruit and milk as a morning and afternoon snack at the Nursery School, and water is available throughout the day. Children that are staying late are given a more substantial snack (for example bread and butter, toast or crumpets etc.).

We also aim to make sourdough bread or other cooking activities with the children once a week, which they eat as a snack or take home – a favourite activity for many of the children that come to Millington Road Nursery School! Mealtimes and cooking are part of the learning process at the Nursery School so please bear this in mind when packing your child's lunchbox.

We encourage parents to be involved in the nursery and a rota is displayed in the hall so you know when it is your turn to bring in some fruit or vegetables for snack time and do a small amount of washing or other jobs.

What is the nursery school's policy for food allergies?

We have a no nut policy at Millington Road Nursery School and we also ask that all families avoid sending in kiwi fruit as this can cause allergic reactions.

How does the nursery school manage toilet training?

The staff at Millington Road Nursery School are well trained to support you in toilet training – we know it can be a difficult stage in a child's development journey. Please discuss toilet training with your assigned key person upon arrival at the Nursery School. We prefer for children to progress straight from nappies to pants rather than using pull ups, please feel free to discuss this with your assigned staff member or the Principal.

Is there parking at Millington Road?

Along with the new parking restrictions coming into Newnham Village, Millington Road residents have brought in their own parking scheme, which will be effective from September 2019.

Nursery School parents coming by car may park in the road for twenty minutes while they drop off or pick up their children. If you wish to stay for longer than this (eg during settling-in sessions or if you have a meeting at the nursery) please let us know and we will give you a visitors' parking permit to place in your car during the length of your stay.

Parking in the road without a permit can incur a fine of £85 per day. We hope this will work smoothly so that no one incurs a parking fine but do feel free to ask Mary for further explanation.

The lane leading up to the school belongs to 4B Millington Road and access to the Nursery is allowed only on foot or on a bicycle.

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