

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 (from 8.15am) 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 or please use our Family app to make a request.

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 children also regularly come together to choose a topic which interests them and our practitioners then use this to plan our resources and activities, ensuring we meet all areas of the curriculum. We also run regular Forest School sessions with our trained and qualified practitioners. We have a strong commitment to encouraging sustainability, awareness of environmental impact and how we can look after our world. In addition, the Nursery has regular visits from external teachers who support us in particular areas such as music, yoga and sport.

How do you track child development?

Each assigned member of staff observes, assesses, plans activities and writes reports on all the children in their care, via our online app, Family. This allows us to communicate to you the progress the children are making and how we can, in partnership with you, build upon their 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. Please speak to the Principal if you have any concerns regarding behaviour.

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, ideally via our Family app secure messaging.

Is there a uniform?

Children do not have to wear a uniform at Millington Road Nursery School but need to be dressed appropriately especially for outdoor play – and it is wise to bear in mind how easy it is for them to get to use the toilet independently if they are toilet trained.

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! It's a good idea to have a few changes of clothes left here, including spare pants and socks.

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.

We also aim to promote greater understanding of food and healthy living via cooking activities with the children once a week, which they can bring home at the end of the day.

Parents take turns to provide fruit (or a small donation towards this) for the children's snack – this rota is displayed in the hall and will be sent out to you via Family.

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

We have a strict **no nut** policy at Millington Road Nursery School because of the risk to those children who are allergic. Children may have serious allergies to other common foods and given this we may occasionally share this with the nursery parents so that you can kindly avoid sending in certain foods.

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?

As a private road, Millington Road residents operate their own parking control scheme. 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. 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.