

Alvaston Infant & Nursery School



"We always strive to be the best we can be"

Welcome Booklet

Name:

You will start at Alvaston Infant & Nursery School on:

Your teacher(s) will be:

Session information:

Welcome

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to our Alvaston Infant & Nursery School family. We are really looking forward to getting to know you and your child, as we begin on our school journey together. Hopefully this booklet will have lots of helpful information to help get you started.

Our school website is also full of useful resources to support you, and if you have any questions at all please contact a member of staff using the details below.



Our Contact Details:

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Our Fantastic Team

Please visit our school website to meet our lovely staff. We strive to provide the highest quality of teaching and learning across our provision and our team are committed to each and every child at Alvaston Infant & Nursery School.

www.alvastoni.derby.sch.uk/our-staff

Everyone who works in our School and Nursery has an enhanced DBS check. The safety and protection of our children is of paramount importance to us.



Our Aims

We offer a caring, safe and stimulating environment in which your child can learn and achieve their maximum potential. Each child's individual needs are taken into account and teaching and learning is personalised to support them.

Additional needs: Staff will ensure that you and your child are fully supported with any additional needs. We work alongside many external, professional bodies, ensuring that all children have equal access to our high-quality provision.

"We want every child to achieve their full potential, for their time at Alvaston Infant & Nursery School to be full-to-the-brim with exciting experiences and opportunities to learn and grow." - Miss Allen

Nursery Sessions

We have two nursery buildings, each staffed by one, full-time teacher and supporting, additional teaching assistants.

Bean Tree Nursery: 30-hour provision options:

5 Full Days: 9am to 3pm

3 Full Days: 7.30am to 5.30pm (small charge for breakfast and light tea)

Woodlands Nursery: 15-hour provision options:

Morning Provision: Monday to Friday, 8.50am to 11.50am

Afternoon Provision: Monday to Friday, 12.20pm to 3.20pm

2 Days a week: 7.30am to 3pm (small charge for breakfast)

2 Days a week: 9am to 4.30pm (small charge for light tea)

2 ½ Days: Mon & Tues, 8.50am to 3pm and Weds morning, 8.50am to 11.30am

2 ½ Days: Thurs & Fri, 8.50am to 3pm and Weds afternoon, 12.20pm to 3pm

Stretched model: This can be discussed on a 1-1 basis and subject to availability: 1140 hours delivered through term time and non-term-time. If this is something that you are interested in, then please speak to us!

Please read our Nursery Admissions Policy for more information regarding our waiting list, our catchment area and our flexible session times.

Important:

- Please be on time to drop off and collect your child.
- Please let us know if someone new or different is collecting your child, we will not dismiss children to anyone you have not authorised.
- Please inform us if your child is going to be absent.
- Please telephone school if you are delayed in collecting your child.

School Sessions

We have 90 places in our Reception classes with 30 children in each class. Each class is staffed by a teacher and teaching assistant. *At times, there may be other adults in the classes, for example, volunteers, speech therapists or additional teaching assistants to support specific children with additional needs.*

Session Times:

- Morning: 8.55 – 11.45
- Lunch: 11.45 – 12.50pm
- Afternoon: 12.50 – 3.15pm

Starting in September:

All children will start school on Thursday 1st September 2022... We can't WAIT to meet them all and help them get settled in.

All sessions will include lunch.

Please see 'Snacks and Lunchtime' for more information.

Wrap around childcare: We offer flexible, wrap around childcare for all nursery and school-age children, however, **places are limited.** Please contact the office to book additional hours. *Hours must be paid for in advance, via school money.*

Key Information

School Newsletters

A newsletter will be sent home every half term. You will also receive a knowledge organiser, which will provide a summary of the following half term's learning. This will include ideas of how you can support your child at home.

Class Dojo is an app we use to communicate with our families on a daily basis. We will ask your permission to share information about your child via Class Dojo. It is a great app, which you can download to your phone and use to contact any member of our school team. We send all messages, letters and reminders via Class Dojo and recommend that every parent/ carer has access. Please contact the school office if you need support downloading the app or logging on.

Attendance

It is very important that your child is on time for every session and this is a legal requirement for school-age children. Regular attendance is essential for successful learning progression. Attending school EVERY DAY helps us to be the best we can be!

Absence and Illness

If your child is poorly, please inform school, as soon as possible. If your child is ill with sickness or diarrhoea, they will need to stay at home for 48 hours after the last incident. If your child has asthma, has an epipen or any other reason for requiring regular medication, you must inform school and complete a medicines form. Headlice is a common childhood ailment, please inform us if your child has headlice.

Snacks and Lunchtime

Children are given a free, daily fruit or vegetable snack. Milk is provided free of charge until your child turns 5 and then an 80p weekly charge to cover the cost. This is optional and children may bring their own (or additional) healthy snacks. Nursery children will need to bring a packed lunch if they are joining us over lunchtime. Children from Reception to Year 2 will receive a free cooked meal every day.

The dinners are freshly cooked and provide children with lots of opportunity to try new foods and enjoy a healthy and balanced diet. If you would prefer to send your child with a packed lunch, then please let us know. You will need to review whether your child would like a cooked dinner or a packed lunch on a 1/2 termly basis, they cannot swap and change across the 1/2 term.



The NHS 'Change 4 Life' website has lots of ideas for creating delicious and healthy lunchboxes and has activities, recipes and resources to encourage your child to make great choices!

If it is your child's birthday they may bring in treats to share with the class, however, these will be handed out at the end of the day in line with our school policy.

Please remember to inform of us of any allergies.

Key Information

School Uniform

It is optional to wear uniform at Nursery, however, we do request that you provide a set of spare clothes for children to change into if/when required. We also kindly request that all nursery children have a pair of slippers and wellington boots that can be kept at nursery. We love to be warm, comfy, wet AND windswept all in the SAME day!

All school age children are required to wear uniform:

- red / blue sweatshirt
- white polo shirt
- grey or black trousers, jogging bottoms or shorts
- red & white checked dresses (if it's warm enough!)

On PE days, children will be asked to arrive in their PE kit. This includes a plain white t-shirt, grey or black leggings or jogging bottoms, trainers and their school cardigan or jumper.

School logo sweatshirts and polo shirts are available from:
www.uniform-direct.com

Please take note of the following:

No jewellery of any kind, unless of religious significance

Velcro shoes, unless your child can tie their own laces

No belts, as this makes it difficult to go to the toilet independently

Dress appropriately for the weather, from sun hats to bobble hats!

Tie up long hair, for safety and fun!

School Rules

Please remember to **close the school gates** when entering and leaving the grounds. This is paramount for the safety of our children.

NO dogs are allowed in the school grounds, unless they are assistance dogs.

Please **do not let your children play on the school play equipment** - including the trim trail and climbing frame. Children **MUST** be supervised by a member of staff, during specified school hours.

School Website

We do not like to send home any unnecessary printed materials. The information in this booklet has been selected to give you a glimpse of what to expect at Alvaston Infant & Nursery School. However, our website holds SO much more that we'd love to share with you... Visit www.alvastoni.derby.sch.uk for the latest policies, term dates, videos, resources, links and newsletters. Details of ways to contact the school, our governors, to share a complaint or suggest an improvement to our provision can all be found on our website; we look forward to hearing from you.

Please remember to keep your contact details up to date and let the office know of any changes.

Our Curriculum

Education of children from Birth to 5 years old is called the “**Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum**” or **EYFS** for short.

Children in Nursery (*Foundation Stage 1*) and Reception (*Foundation Stage 2*) work towards the Early Learning Goals, detailed in the curriculum. These goals are achieved through child-initiated play and adult-led activities.

There are **7 areas of learning**; 3 prime areas and 4 specific areas.

Prime areas are fundamental in the Early Years and create the foundations to learning. They work together, and support development in all the other areas of learning:

1. Personal, social and emotional development
2. Communication and language
3. Physical development

Specific areas include essential skills and knowledge for children to participate successfully in society. They provide important contexts for learning.

4. Literacy (*Reading and Writing*)
5. Mathematics (*Numbers, space, shape and measure*)
6. Understanding the world (*People, communities & technology*)
7. Expressive arts and design (*Exploring and using media and materials*)





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