

Highfield Primary School



Nursery

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Welcome

Highfield Primary School is a co-educational day school for children aged from 5-11 years. It also has its own 26 place Nursery. It is situated in the centre of the London Borough of Hillingdon, in the village of Hillingdon, to the south of the Western Avenue and close to the Uxbridge Road.

The school was opened in 1969 and has undergone major building works to accommodate the growing number of children wishing to join Highfield Primary School. The school is set within extensive grounds which create many opportunities to take learning outside of the classroom and also giving the children space to have fun and play during break times.

Aims and Ethos

Highfield is a small caring school providing a warm and secure atmosphere in which each child fulfils his or her real potential. We prepare pupils for a life in which they will play an active role in their own family, in their secondary education and within the local community.

We see the Foundation Stage as the start of a child's learning journey with us at Highfield and we want to develop a sense of belonging right from the beginning. Therefore, all children wear school uniform. Parents will be able to purchase this from our uniform suppliers PMG Schoolwear.

We expect all of our children to respect others and receive respect themselves. We wish them to be happy in their work and to recognise that the main reason for their being with us is to learn. Close collaboration between individuals is encouraged.

Our expectations of all children, in their learning and in their social development are high.

The curriculum we offer is broad and challenging. Every effort is made to make sure that children work at the level, which is appropriate to their ability.

We value the partnership with our parents to achieve the high standards we all expect. Through termly open days we offer the opportunity for parents to discuss their child's progress with the class teacher.

As a primary school, with teachers liaising closely, we work to ensure that children transfer from class to class each year with confidence and ease.





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Welcome To Our Nursery

A warm welcome to Highfield Nursery. We hope your child will have a happy time in the Nursery and that together in partnership with you, the parents/carers; we will give them the best possible start to their education.



The Members of staff are:

Miss Lewis	Nursery Teacher and Infant Phase Leader
Mrs Norris	Nursery Nurse

The Nursery staff will be supported by other key members of staff.

Times of Nursery are:

Morning Session	8.30am – 11.30am	gate shuts at 8.40am
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At the start of the school day, if a child has older siblings, then parents should drop off the child attending nursery first.



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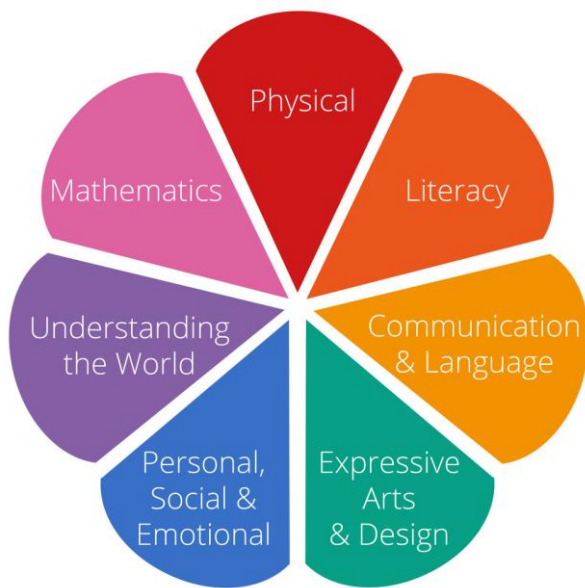
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At Highfield we provide an inclusive, happy, nurturing and positive learning environment which allows all children to develop to their full potential. Pupil wellbeing is the foundation of all learning and personal growth. Our commitment to our children's wellbeing is guided by the five core S.C.A.R.F. values of: Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience and Friendship, which are embedded in daily life at Highfield.

Our nursery curriculum is designed to enable our pupils to explore and thrive through play. We focus on building independence, developing their communication and language skills and supporting them in understanding and managing their emotions.

Through a balance of child-initiated play and adult-led activities, our pupils are able to develop their problem solving, creativity and social skills.

The curriculum is organised into the seven areas of learning, within which there are three Prime Areas and four Specific Areas:



Areas of Learning and Development			
Prime Areas			
Personal, Social and Emotional Development • Making Relationships • Self-confidence and Self-awareness • Managing Feelings and Behaviour	Physical Development • Moving and Handling • Health and Self-care	Communication and Language • Listening and Attention • Understanding • Speaking	
Specific Areas			
Literacy • Reading • Writing	Mathematics • Numbers • Shape, Space and Measures	Understanding the World • People and Communities • The World • Technology	Expressive Arts and Design • Exploring and Using Materials and Media • Being Imaginative

Highfield Primary School 2026 - 2027 - Nursery Topics Overview

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Me and My Family	Traditional Tales	People Who Help Us	Animals	Places To Visit	Fantasy



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The School Day:

Morning Routine:

- **8:30 – 8:40 Nursery Automatic Gate is open**
- **Soft Start - Arrival & Self-Registration:** Children are greeted at the door, hang their coats on designated pegs, and find their name cards to "sign in"
- **Morning Meeting:** The class gathers for a welcome song, to discuss the day of the week or weather, and to set goals for their learning.

Play and Core Learning:

- **Continuous Provision (Free Play):** Children choose their own activities across various indoor and outdoor stations (e.g., building blocks, arts and crafts, role-play corners).
- **Adult-Led Group Time:** Practitioners hold short, focused sessions in smaller groups to introduce early concepts like phonics, numbers, or simple science experiments.
- **Rolling Snack:** Children are encouraged to visit the snack area independently or in small groups to wash their hands and grab fresh fruit, milk, or water.

Home Time

- **Story Time:** The day ends with a whole-class story, a rhyme session, or singing before doors open for collection.
- **11:30 – Collection**

Getting Ready for Nursery

(Ideas for how parents/carers can support their children)

- **Build Independence:** Encourage your child to feed themselves, wash their hands, and put on shoes with Velcro instead of laces.
- **Read and Roleplay:** Read books about starting nursery to familiarise them with the routine and help them practice separating.
- **Talk About Feelings:** Acknowledge that it is normal to feel nervous or excited, and reassure them that you will always return to pick them up.
- **Practice Goodbye Routines:** Develop a quick, loving drop-off routine at home to reduce separation anxiety.





Key Information relating to School procedures

Crisps, biscuits, chocolate bars and sweets are not permitted.

Please note that we are a 'Nut Free School' as some children are allergic to nuts or nut based products and they can have a severe reaction to them. Therefore, we **DO NOT** allow any nuts or nut based products at school.

The school provides milk and fruit for snack time. However, parents may provide an alternative healthy snack such as fruit or a yoghurt in a named lunch bag with your child's name clearly written on the outside of the bag.

Children may not bring sweets or cakes into school to celebrate their birthday.

We encourage all children to bring a re-fillable water bottle into school each day. Please note we are a **WATER ONLY** school.

Absence from School:

If a child is absent from school for any reason then could you please notify the school office via email office@highfield.hillingdon.sch.uk.

Health and Welfare:

To ensure your child is safe at school, you must inform us of any allergies or other health problems. During the day, the children will eat a snack and lunch. It is important that we provide the children with foods that are safe for them to eat. We need to know if your child has any allergies or other health problems, to ensure we can care for them properly.

We need to know a suitable form of contact for you if your child is ill, so please make sure that we have up to date information, please let the office know if there are any changes.

Equalities and Diversity:

Across the school (children, parents, staff, governors and friends), we treat everyone with respect and make no distinctions between gender, age or race.

School Reports and Parent/Teacher Meetings:

Parent Meetings are held each term to discuss your child's progress. As teachers, we foster an open door policy and welcome communication with parents.



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Clothes:

School uniform can be purchased from our uniform provider PMG Schoolwear, who are based in Uxbridge. During busy times (July to October) it is by appointment only. Our page on their website can be found here:

https://www.pmg-schoolwear.co.uk/advanced_search.php?skl_id=76529&pager=view_all

Remember that children will be playing inside and out so please ensure your child comes to school with a coat in the cold weather and sensible shoes for climbing.

Nursery children will use the hall for a P.E./Movement lesson. Children require a PE Kit, which should be worn on their PE days. The kit includes a Highfield blue PE shirt, also available from PMG Schoolwear, a black pair of shorts and a pair of plimsolls with a **Velcro fastening (no trainers or laces please!)**

Please Label all of your child's clothing including coats and shoes.

Children may wear small stud earring. Other jewellery should not be worn for health and safety reasons. It can be dangerous and can easily be lost causing anxiety for the child. **Earrings must be removed before school on the days that children have PE lessons.**





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I look forward to welcoming you and your child to Highfield in September.

Ms L Corrigan Headteacher