

Going to Primary School - Sept 2018

Even though many of our children are just settling in to nursery, it is time for parents to be thinking about applying for a school place next September. Many parents are surprised at how far in advance they need to apply for a school place for their child who may only be 3 years old at the time of applying. Applications are invited every Autumn term (Mid-September/early October) and the closing date for submitting applications is 15 January each year. If you live in Sheffield you will receive a leaflet and covering letter from the Council in October explaining how to apply for a place.

Children are able to enter Reception for the first time from the September after their 4th birthday. If your child was born between 1 September 2013 to 31 August 2014 your child will start school in 2018/2019. You can apply online now at

www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/schools-childcare/apply-school-place

It is recommended that you apply on line as it is quick, safe and secure. You will receive an immediate acknowledgement via email to confirm receipt of your application and you will be emailed by 16 April 2018 with which school your child has been allocated. **The online portal is open until 4 December 2017.**

The closing date for paper applications is 15 January 2018.

There is a display by the office door with a copy of the Guide for Parents: Entry into Primary School 2018/19. Lots of schools hold open days so that you can go and have a look at what they have to offer your child - with our display is a folder of posters listing the dates of the different open days. We have also put copies of the application forms with the display for you to take. If you are applying for a place at a church school you will also need to fill out an additional form and send it directly to the school where you would like a place. Feel free to ask in the office for help or advice about the process of applying for a place.

If you feel that your child will not be ready for school in September 2018 then they can stay at Broomhall for longer. You can request to defer entry until later in the academic year such as January or after Easter (but they must be attending fulltime from the beginning of the term after their 5th birthday). Parents wishing to defer entry until later in the academic year, should discuss this with their child's school after allocations are confirmed in March/April.

If your child is born in the summer term e.g. between 1 April and

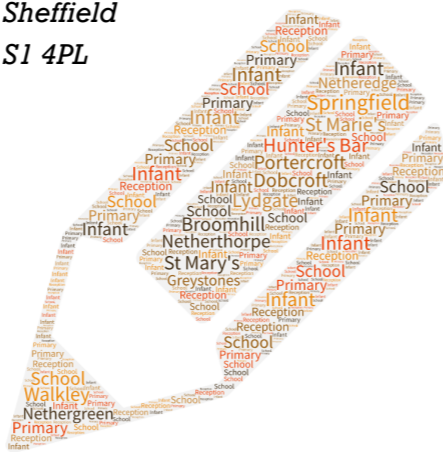


31 August, you can also request to delay admission into school until the term after their 5th birthday (statutory school age). Parents of summer born pupils currently have the right to request that their child's admission into full time education is delayed until the following September which is the beginning of a new academic year.

Parents wishing to consider this option will then need to decide whether they wish their child to enter full time education in Y1 (child's chronological year group) or Reception (education out of year group)

Any request must be made in writing to:

Nichola Furniss
Principal Admissions Officer
Moorfoot Building
Floor 5
Sheffield
S1 4PL



Important Dates

- 12 OCT 1pm: Afternoon Tea for parents & carers in the staff room.
- 17 OCT 9am: Coffee Morning for parents & carers in the staff room.
- 18 OCT: Tempest Photography taking children's individual portraits.
- 27 OCT : Nursery closed for staff training.
- 30 OCT–3 NOV: Nursery Closed for Half-Term Holiday
- 6–10 NOV : Parent Consultations
- 16 NOV: Parent workshops
- 19 NOV: Children In Need Day. Come to Nursery wearing something spotty
- 19 DEC: Children's Christmas Party/Santa Visit
- 21 DEC: Christmas Singing
- 22 DEC: Last day of term
- 8 JAN: First day of Spring Term.



BROOMHALL NURSERY NEWS

October 2017

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Welcome

It has been a pleasure to welcome our new children and their families to Broomhall. The children have settled really well. Parents who are new to nursery, including many who are new to Sheffield, might welcome the chance to join us at one of our regular Coffee Mornings or Afternoon Tea in the staff room. It is a chance to chat with other parents and get to know a



bit more about nursery and what is on offer in the area. You are sure of a very warm welcome from our Nursery Governors: the two Helens, Marilyn and Suad who host these informal sessions. The first **Afternoon Tea** is on **Tuesday 12 October at 1pm** and the first **Coffee Morning** is on **Tuesday 17 October at 9am**. Do join us if you can. There may even be cake or breakfast pastries to tempt you in!

Christmas Celebrations

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY AND VISIT FROM SANTA

Tuesday 19 December

Festive fun and games for all of our children including party food and a special visit to meet Father Christmas in his magical grotto. Children who do not normally attend on these days are still welcome to come and enjoy the festivities either between (9.30-11.30am) or (1.30-3.30pm). Please talk to a member of staff in your child's class nearer the time to arrange to come in.

CHRISTMAS SINGING

Thursday 21 December

Each year we invite parents to come and listen to the children sing and to join us for refreshments beforehand. Refreshments will be served in the staff room from 10.45am and 2.45pm and the concerts will start at 11.15am and 3.15am. Do join us!



INVOICES

May we remind you that all childcare invoices should be settled within 14 days of issue. Failure to settle your account on time may result in paid for sessions being withdrawn until the debt is settled.

We would like to encourage parents to pay their invoices by BACS where possible but please remember to include your child's name and/or invoice number as the reference. Thank you.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Parents and carers are always welcome to chat with their child's keyworker regarding their progress at nursery or to talk about any concerns. We also more formal parent/carer consultations every term.

The next consultations will take place in the week commencing 6 November. Nearer the time, there will be a 'sign up' chart outside your child's classroom for you to select a convenient time to come in and chat with your child's keyworker and to look at their Learning Journey record.

The Learning Journey is accumulated from observations that staff make on a regular basis with the children. The information is gathered via iPad and relates to their development according to the Early Years Foundation Stage. These progress records eventually form part of the transition documentation that goes to primary school.

Parent Workshops Thursday 16 November

Dear Zoo



Rod Campbell

Our regular parent/carer workshops are a chance for you to get a first hand taste of your child's learning at nursery. From 8.45am-9.45am and 12.45pm-1.45pm you can be a pupil at Broomhall and find out all about our Core Books and how they are used to support literacy development. Our Core Books are particularly supportive for children who are learning to read because they have lots of repetition; can be learned by heart; have a sense of rhythm and rhyme; have clear, supportive illustrations; draw attention to the way books work; support children's vocabulary development and are linked to children's predictable interests (such as animals).

Individual Photographs Wednesday 18 October

Tempest Photography will be visiting nursery on Wednesday 18 October to take individual portraits of the children. The photographs will be available to purchase in various combinations with packages starting from £14.50. These high quality photographs make excellent gifts for friends and family as well as being beautiful mementos of your child's time at Broomhall. If your child does not normally attend on a Wednesday or you would like them to be photographed with their siblings then please bring your child/children in at either **9.00am** or **12.45pm** to have their photos taken.



Things to Remember!

With lots of new children and families in Nursery it is useful for us to remind everyone of some of the simple rules we have at nursery to keep everybody safe.

Please can all parents and carers remember:

- mobile phones are not to be used in nursery or in the grounds at anytime.
- to close the gate, slide the bolt and lift over the safety catch when you enter and leave nursery
- to be patient when waiting for the office staff to buzz you through on the gate or door
- to phone us in the morning BEFORE 9.30am if your child is sick or not attending nursery that day.

We are required to monitor absence for the Free Early Learning Team at Sheffield City Council. If your child has a hot lunch we will cancel it and you will not be charged if you call before 9.30am.

- the Free Early Learning regulations state that children can have up to 4 weeks holiday in term time each year. If more than 20 days are taken then childcare fees will apply. It is important to note that attendance at nursery is important for your child's learning and development and missing weeks at a time can affect their attainment and friendships.
- to label your child's clothes with their name. It is not uncommon for two children to come to nursery wearing

the same or similar coats.

- talk to a member of staff if you have any concerns - we are here to help.
- not to bring snacks containing NUTS into nursery (including peanut butter and Nutella). We have a child who has a serious nut allergy.
- to park safely and considerately around nursery. Do not park on double yellow lines or the zig zag white lines outside of our gate - this is illegal and dangerous for your child and for other people's children. Please do not park in the resident's only bays on Wharncliffe Road - we want to be good neighbours. Pick up a parking permit from the office to see where you can park safely and for free!



On Friday 19 November we will be supporting Children in Need. Children are invited to come to nursery dressed in spotty clothes. Even children who normally don't like dressing up can join in the fun by donning a pair of spotty socks or a spotty T-shirt or even a pair of Pudsey ears. There will be a collection bucket in the foyer for children and families to donate their pennies and pounds to this amazing charity which does so much good work for children and young people in the UK. Currently, there are thousands of UK children living with poverty, abuse, disability and overwhelming responsibilities. Children in Need want to change that; to ensure that every child in the UK has a life that is safe, happy and secure and which empowers them to achieve their potential.