

A Parent's Guide: Why Nursery Attendance Matters

Why Nursery is Important

Going to nursery helps your child:

- Play and learn with other children
- Make friends and learn to share
- Follow simple rules and routines
- Get ready for school



Children learn best through play. At nursery, they learn how to talk, listen, take turns, and be part of a group. These skills help them do well when they start school.

Getting Ready for School

Nursery helps your child get used to:

- Going to school every day
- Being on time
- Following a daily routine

When your child is compulsory school age (the start of the term after they have turned 5) going to school every day becomes the law. Starting good habits early makes school easier and more fun.

Children who go to nursery often are more confident and do better in school later on.

How You Can Help

1. Make Attendance a Habit

- Show your child that going to nursery is important

- Help them feel safe and happy in a routine
- Support their learning and friendships

2. Create a Daily Routine

- Have regular times for waking up, eating, and sleeping
- Keep mornings calm and simple
- Try nursery-like activities at home (like reading or playing together)

3. Talk to Nursery Staff

- Tell them if your child is sick or can't come in
- Share any worries or needs
- Ask for help if you need it



Holidays

- Try not to take holidays during term time
- Missing nursery can slow down your child's learning
- Holidays in term time are not allowed and will be marked as "unauthorised"
- There are 190 school days a year—plan holidays outside of these



We're Here to Help

We know things don't always go to plan. If your child is unwell or you're finding it hard to get them to nursery, please talk to us. We're here to support you.



Contact Us

If you have any questions, speak to your child's key worker or contact:

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