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Linaker Primary School

Welcome to Linaker Primary School

Nursery Parent Information Booklet 2026 - 2027

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Welcome TO NURSERY

At Linaker Primary School, our children's happiness, well-being and achievements are at the forefront of everything we do. We take care to deliver a progressive and exciting curriculum in an engaging, safe and nurturing environment for all our pupils, so that they can thrive throughout their primary education and beyond.

This excellent start to your child's educational journey begins in our Nursery, where we are offering places for children aged 3-4-years.

Our Nursery children learn and explore within an open plan indoor and outdoor classroom at all times throughout the day. We pride ourselves in promoting an oracy rich environment and place the development of children's communication and language at the heart of everything we do.

Children have daily teacher led carpet sessions, before continuing their learning in the continuous provision with a balance of adult and child-initiated learning through play.

The EYFS curriculum is based on the three prime areas of learning: Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Communication and Language and Physical Development; together with the four specific areas of learning: Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design.

Admissions

Thank you for your interest in applying for a place at Linaker Primary Nursery. Please visit our website www.Linakerschool.co.uk where you will be able to access information about our school, our policies, newsletters, and much more.

Our Early Years Department provides a safe and supportive environment for all our children and we pride ourselves on our warm, nurturing and family-orientated atmosphere. An excellent start to your child's educational journey begins at Nursery, where we are offering places for children aged 3-4-years.

Funding Entitlements

We welcome children to attend our Nursery from the term following their third birthday.
Every parent with children aged 3 & 4 years old is eligible for the basic free childcare entitlement. This is called the Universal Free Entitlement and gives 15 hours nursery education per week. Children of working parents may also be eligible for 30 hours free provision.

3 & 4-year-olds free entitlement – 15 hours

All children are eligible for 15 hours per week free entitlement from the term after their third birthday.

3 & 4-year-olds – 30 free hours

30 free hours will be available to families where both parents are working (or the sole parent is working in a lone parent family), and each parent earns, on average, a weekly minimum equivalent to 16 hours at national minimum wage (NMW) or national living wage (NLW), and less than £100,000 per year. Working will include employed and self-employed and self-employed persons. Parents do not necessarily need to actually work 16 hour a week, but rather their earnings must reflect at least 16 hours of work at NMW or NLW. This includes those parents on zero contract hours who meet the criteria.

Admission Criteria

1.Children in the care of the Local Authority.
2.Children with siblings attending the school at the time of admission.
3.Children who live closest to the Nursery, based on the proximity of their home address to the school. Distance will be measured on an Ordnance Survey map as a straight line.
4.Children who take up the full offer (15 hours or 30 hours)
5.Ten per cent of places for any admission date to be filled at the discretion of the Headteacher, e.g. Children Looked After, Special Educational Needs.

Session Times

Below are the options available for 15- or 30-hours free childcare. Please indicate which is your preferred choice on your application. It is essential that you produce your eligibility code before your child starts. This is verified prior to your child being offered a place. Wrap around care from 7:30am-6pm is also available.

Option	Timings
Option 1: 15 hours	5 x mornings 8.45am – 11.45am
Option 2: 15 hours	5 x afternoons 12.30pm – 3.30pm
Option 3: 30 hours	Monday – Thursday 8.45am – 3.30pm Friday- 8.45am – 11.45am

In addition to the core 15- or 30-hour sessions, the option to purchase extra sessions as additional provision is available. Nursery children are warmly welcome to join our wraparound care, including Breakfast Club and After School Club. Our dedicated experienced staff provide a safe, secure, and nurturing environment, giving your child a fun and supportive start and end to the school day.

Option	Cost
Breakfast Club 7.30am-8.45am	£5
After school club 3.25pm – 5.55pm	£12
Additional AM/PM session (3 hours)	£15

UNIFORM

We wear our Nursery uniform with pride.

The wearing of uniform is encouraged to promote a sense of pride, a sense of belonging, assumed equality, and for Health and Safety.
Please ensure that ALL items of school uniform are clearly labelled.
All uniform can be purchased from school and Whitakers, Southport.

All children receive a FREE Nursery jumper on admission.

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- White polo shirt
- Green Nursery jumper
- Grey jogging bottoms/skirt
- Grey/white socks or tights
- Black trainers or shoes

Start of Session Arrangements

Children enter Nursery via the gate on Linaker Street. The gates will open at 8.45 am for the morning session and 12.30pm for the afternoon session. Parents/carers should bring their child to the ramp in the Nursery garden where staff will greet your child and help them to develop their independence to take their own coat off, hang it up and put away their water bottles before completing a morning activity in the classroom with their friends.

End of Session Arrangements

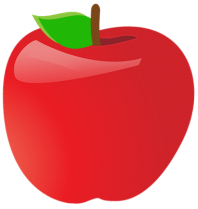
Morning sessions end at 11.45am, afternoon sessions end at 3.30pm. Please wait outside in the Nursery Garden for the teacher to call your child's name one at a time. This ensures that your child is safely handed over.

SNACK

Children receive a piece of fruit and a drink of milk/water each day. In addition, we offer a selection of other healthy snacks such as, toast, cereal, fruit loaf, yoghurt, cheese and crackers.

We ask for a voluntary donation of £1 each week towards snack which should be paid half termly.

We ask children to bring a water bottle each day, which will be returned home at the end of each day for refilling.



DINNERS

All-day and 30 hour children can enjoy a delicious school meal or bring a packed lunch. Our menu offers a wide variety of choices each day and caters for many dietary needs, such as vegan and Halal.

School meals are priced at £2.55 per meal payable via the Arbor App.

You will be able to choose your child's meal choice in advance via the school app.

Attendance and Safeguarding

At Linaker, we are committed to supporting every child's well-being, and part of this commitment involves following our established attendance and safeguarding procedures, even for our youngest pupils. This means that:

If your child is absent, we kindly ask that you notify the school office with a reason as on the first day of absence.
If we do not hear from you, we will follow up in line with our safeguarding policy, which may include a phone call or a home visit.
These steps are in place to ensure the safety and well-being of all children in our care.

Although Nursery-age children are not of statutory school age, regular attendance remains extremely important. Consistent attendance helps children settle into routines, develop key skills, and build strong relationships with staff and peers — all of which lay a vital foundation for their future learning.

PARENTAL COMMUNICATION

- The Arbor school app is our primary source of communication. Important messages will be sent via the Arbor app. If you don't have access to Arbor please speak to the office staff.

- Regularly check the school website for all of the latest news and information.

- Follow us on Instagram and Facebook for regular updates

- 'Linaker's Latest' weekly newsletter

- The school email address is office@linaker.org.uk

- If you need to talk to your child's teacher, please make an appointment at the office for after school.