

St Anne's Nursery

Learning and Development information for starting Nursery

Child's name:

Dear parent/carer,

We place great value on your input to your child's learning and development within our Nursery, your knowledge and experience with your child is fundamental to making the transition to Nursery a positive one. The questions below allow us to understand your child's current learning and development stage on entering Nursery. It allows us to start building on their learning at the right stage for them.

Is this your child's first experience of nursery/pre-school? How does your child react when separated from you? How is the best way to sooth them if they get upset when you leave?

Has your child socialised with other children, adults, family members etc recently? Have they socialised in large groups of children or only small groups? Have they had experience of sharing toys with others etc? (This is to help us understand what support they may need in the environment of pre-school).

Does your child understand simple instructions? Can they express their needs clearly? Do they have a good range of vocabulary or will they need support in expressing what they may need or want? Can your child speak one language or more?

What does your child enjoy doing? What is their favourite song, book, toy? What is most likely to settle them if they need distracting, i.e. from being upset? Do they like to play on their own or in a group? Are they confident in their play and use their imagination, do they need prompts from adults to join in or find something to play with?

Does your child enjoy outdoor play? Do they like competitive games like football or quieter games like board games? How are their fine manipulative skills, can they hold a pencil correctly, can they thread beads etc?

Can your child put on their coat? Go to the toilet by themselves? Feed themselves with utensils? Put on their own socks and shoes? Have they experience of tidying up?

What do you think your child may need support in pre-school with? Are there any particular areas you think they need to develop?