



# Nursery Welcome Pack



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# Meet the Staff

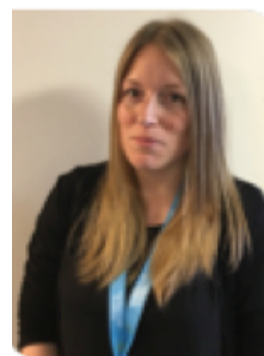
Lots of people work in our school. These are the people you will see everyday.



**Miss Howard**  
Nursery Teacher



**Miss Williams**  
Early Years  
Practitioner



**Miss Davies**  
Early Years  
Practitioner

Here are some people you may see at other times



**Mrs Albery**  
Head Teacher



**Miss Fleet**  
Early Years Lead  
Teacher



**Mrs Walton**  
SENCO &  
Maths Lead Teacher



**Miss Waters**  
Learning Mentor



**Dr Kate Margaron**  
Behavioural Health  
Lead

# Starting Nursery

## Nursery Times

Children attend either a morning, afternoon or full day session in nursery.

Session times are as follows:

Morning session – 8.50 – 11.50

Afternoon Session – 12.10 – 3.10

Full day session- 8.50 – 3.10

Lunch begins at 11.30 and the children are given as long as they need to eat.

Starting nursery is a new and exciting experience. However, both parents and children can sometimes feel apprehensive about the changes ahead. At Yarborough Academy, we aim to make this transition as smooth and as positive as possible. Below are some of the things we do to support your child's move into nursery and some suggestions of what you might like to do as parents.

## Seedling Sessions

Before your child starts nursery, we will invite you and your child along to a stay and play session in nursery. This usually lasts for around 45 minutes and is an opportunity for you and your child to meet the nursery team and become familiar with the environment before starting nursery. It also allows you and your child to meet other parents and the children who will be joining our nursery the same time as your child.

During the session we will also arrange a time to visit you at home.

## Home Visits

Miss Howard along with Miss Waters will arrange to visit you and your child at home before they start nursery. This is an opportunity for nursery staff to meet you and your child in a relaxed and familiar environment. During the home visit you will be able to chat to staff about your child, including their previous childcare experiences, their general development, their interests and about any other relevant information or concerns you have about them starting nursery. All information about the school will be provided and the starting forms filled out.

As parents, you can help prepare your child for the move to nursery in the following ways:

If your child is not used to spending time away from you, try leaving them for short periods of time with relatives or friends. This will get them used to being with others.

Encourage independence such as putting their coat on and taking it off, going to the toilet, washing their hands, doing small jobs around the house, sharing toys and taking turns, putting their toys away and using a tissue to wipe their nose.

If your child is not yet toilet trained, you will be able to let staff know on their home visit. We will work together to support this and help your child with any hygiene needs they have until they are able to do this independently.





# First Days

During the home visit a date for your child to start will be agreed. We sometimes stagger the entry of new children to nursery over a few days so staff can give them individual attention and help them settle.

Staff welcome children into the classroom at the start of each session. On arrival, children hang up their coats and then find their photograph to complete self-registration. They then find an activity in the classroom which they wish to complete.

## Clothing

We ask that you send children in school uniform. This usually consists of a red jumper/cardigan, white polo shirt and grey or black trousers/ pinafore/ skirt. We also ask for you to send a spare set of clothes in a bag in case of any accidents. We encourage children to be independent and manage their own coats and shoes, so styles, which are easy for children to manage independently, are encouraged. Children are not required to wear uniform with the school logo- however if you wish to purchase this, it can be purchased from Uniform Direct- the link to the website is below.

<https://www.uniform-direct.com/acatalog/Yarborough-Academy.html>

Alternatively you can visit the shop.

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Grimsby.  
DN31 1BL



## Files

Your child will be given a file during their first week at school. This will contain the weekly newsletter and activities they have been involved with at school. We ask that you add things from home such as shared learning, pictures of special events, work they are proud of, certificates or photographs of their weekend. We then share these files in our groups throughout the week. This helps children with their speaking and listening skills. When your child has finished nursery you will be able to keep the file as a lovely memory of their time in nursery.

## Learning and the Curriculum

In our nursery class at Yarborough Academy we carefully prepare our children with the skills they need for the project-based learning curriculum that we deliver throughout the rest of the academy. We do this by providing exciting opportunities and experiences within the classroom and outdoor environment to engage the children based on their own interests. We follow their ever-changing interests on a day-to-day basis to provide and extend learning opportunities and teachable moments.

Using this approach we are able to plan in the moment play opportunities for the children, which immerse and inspire them into their very own miniature projects. These miniature projects may include things such as making rockets, putting on performances based on stories the children have enjoyed, or solving real life problems like fixing a leaking roof- the opportunities are endless!

## Nursery sessions are outlined as follows:

- Self registration/ weather/ group time/ sharing red folders
- Free exploration- in the moment opportunities
- Snack
- Play dough disco/write dance/ regulation activity
- Lunch (all day children) or home time (morning children)

This is then repeated in the afternoon. The approach to planning followed within nursery allows us to provide different opportunities and experiences for the children who stay all day so that they are not just repeating what they have already done during the morning session.



# About School

## Finding out about your child's progress

We operate an 'open door' policy at Yarborough Academy so parents are able to talk to staff when they drop off and pick their children up. If you need to talk with staff for a longer period or in private, please arrange a meeting with any of the Nursery staff. We encourage parents to share any concerns with us as early as possible so we can work to resolve matters and/or offer support.

Staff make regular observations of children in Nursery by using a web based app called 2Simple. These are then linked to the seven areas of learning in the Foundation Stage curriculum. During the home visit staff will ask for your email address, you will then receive the observations.

We also have regular stay and play sessions which parents are invited to. These will show you ways of supporting your child at home with their learning.

## Twitter

We also have a class Twitter account where we post daily updates of our learning. Our Twitter account is @Ash\_Yacademy



## Safeguarding

During the home visit we will collect details of the people who will normally collect your child from nursery. If for any reason you require someone else to collect your child we ask that you let us know in advance. We will then provide you with a password, which you can share with them. We will ask them for the password before allowing them to collect your child.

## Drink and Snack

Nursery children are entitled to free school milk and a variety of fruit. We make snack time as fun and purposeful as possible such as singing snack songs and using Numicon to count milk. If your child has any dietary requirements please let us know during your home visit.



## Lunch

Children who attend nursery for the full day eat their lunch in the classroom with their friends. **There is a cost of £2 for your child to stay at lunch as funding hours are not covered during this time.** We make this time of the day very calm and a lovely social time to chat with each other. Children are required to bring a packed lunch for this part of the day.



## Yarborough Academy

If you would like to know more about our school please visit our website:

<http://www.yarboroughacademy.co.uk/about-our-academy/our-staff/teaching-staff/>



# Funding and Wrap Around Care

## Funding

In nursery we offer both 15 and 30 hours funded places. Every child is entitled to the 15 hours however if you would like your child to attend 30 hours then you will need to apply for the 30 hours funding via the government website. All information is available on the website. Scan the QR code for a direct link to the government website.



**30** hours  
free  
childcare

## Wrap Around Care

In school we offer a breakfast club.

### Breakfast club

Session times and prices for nursery children  
7.30-8.50- £5  
8.00-8.50- £3.50

### Additional Nursery Sessions

If you are not entitled to the 30 hour funding we offer extra sessions for all children however these must be paid for. For an additional morning or afternoon session the cost is £12. If you would like these additional sessions they must be booked and paid for in advance. In addition to this there is also an extra cost of £2 if you would like your child to stay and eat their packed lunch at nursery.

