

### Messy Play

The outdoor area includes a digging area with a mud kitchen, sand and water area, climbing frame and gardening area. We encourage children to explore, investigate and be independent. Please be aware that it is likely that your child's clothing will not come home in a pristine condition! Children will also engage in a range of messy activities and, although we have aprons, they will sometimes come home with messy materials, such as paint, foam or mud on their clothes.

### Snacks and Drinks

At Joseph Turner we try to encourage children to lead healthy lifestyles, educating them about the importance of keeping healthy and how good practices with regard to exercise and eating can contribute to this. Children in EYFS and KS1 receive a piece of fruit every day as part of a Government initiative. In addition to this, we ask that parents provide their children with one healthy snack. This may include:



- A piece of fruit or some raw vegetables
- A cereal bar
- Rice cakes
- Breadsticks
- A piece of toast

These healthy option foods are tasty but low in fat, sugar and/or salt, which is better for your child's health and teeth.

Please let us know if your child is not allowed to eat certain foods.

Before your child's fifth birthday, children are entitled to 190ml of milk per day, but please tell us if your child does not want milk. Children also have access to fresh water or no added sugar squash throughout the day. Please DO NOT send in any additional drinks or drinks bottles.

### Attendance Matters!

At Joseph Turner we have high expectations for all our pupils. In order for your child to achieve their full potential it is vital for them to have good attendance. Routines are important for children and give them a sense of stability and security. It is really important that your child comes to Nursery everyday. If your child is poorly, please call into school and let us know. Every child will have their name on our attendance chart. For each week that is attended in full they receive a sticker on the chart. Children are rewarded with books linked to the number of stickers they collect. **Remember, attendance matters!**



## Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

### Nursery



## Information for Parents

### Welcome!

A very warm welcome to Joseph Turner Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). Your child will be starting Nursery soon and we hope they will be very happy here. It is probably an exciting and yet anxious time for you both! The EYFS team are here to answer any questions or discuss any queries or concerns you may have. This leaflet is designed to give you some basic information in preparation for your child's start date. If you have any questions, queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.

### Nursery Session Times

*Morning Nursery Session: 8.40am to 11.40am*

*Afternoon Nursery Session: 12.20pm to 3.20pm*

### What does a Nursery Session look like?

When children come in, they will have 'Greeting Time' where they can access a few activities and put their name card into a basket. Children will have two 'Family Group' times during the session, one at the start and one at the end. They will have a family group leader (their key person) who will support them during their transition into nursery and play games and sing songs with them everyday. The family group is also a time where children can share their thoughts, ideas and experiences with a small, familiar group of children. Each nursery session consists of a range of child-initiated and adult-led activities. During 'Choosing Time' children are encouraged and supported to explore their self chosen play activities both indoors and outdoors. Children can also access the snack area where they can enjoy their healthy snack provided from home, milk and water. Further information about snack time is detailed on the back page of this leaflet. The rest of the session will include 'Focus Activities' that are adult-led and planned to meet the individual needs of pupils.

### Parents as Partners and Homework

At Joseph Turner we believe that developing a strong partnership between staff and parents is key to children's learning and development. Throughout the year parents are invited into school to engage in curriculum events and activities. There will be opportunities for parents to look at their child's learning journey folders and discuss their achievements and next steps. We ask parents to contribute to their child's learning journey, for example by bringing in work that has been completed at home or commenting on learning. We also encourage parents to work with their child at home by sharing library books and completing homework tasks which are set on Seesaw, details of which will be sent to parents at the start of the year.



### School Uniform

Wearing school uniform is important because it: looks smart, wears well, contributes to a sense of belonging and fosters a feeling of pride. Our uniform consists of the following, of which your child may have some or all:

- Yellow or white shirt (polo shirt or long sleeved shirt or blouse)
- Grey or black trousers
- Grey or black skirt
- Burgundy cardigan
- Burgundy sweat shirt
- Black Shoes (Please provide sensible shoes: many shoes are not suitable for climbing as they have no grips. Velcro fastenings are much easier for children to manage independently.)
- Grey or black shorts (in the summer)
- Gingham dress (yellow or red—in the summer)

**ALL** children's clothing **MUST** be clearly labelled with your child's name.

Uniform with the school logo can be purchased from CC Uniforms in West Bromwich or The School Uniform Merchant in Tipton. Children's items of uniform are also available to purchase from leading supermarkets.

### Physical Education

Children in Nursery will participate in P.E. once a week. The session will last for a maximum of 30 minutes. Children will need a pair of black pumps or similar suitable footwear in a drawstring bag **clearly labelled with your child's name** that they can keep in school.

### Jewellery

Please ensure children **do not** wear any jewellery at any time as it can get caught or lost. If any children have pierced ears, only small studs are permitted. Please ensure stud earrings are removed on P.E days. If you are unable to take your child's earrings out, please cover these with plasters.

### Outdoor Play

In EYFS, children go outside in all weathers. Although we do have a selection of wellies and waterproofs for children to use in school, parents may wish to purchase their own. In the cold weather, children need to wear appropriate clothing and footwear for wet and cold conditions. In warmer weather, children may need to wear a sun hat. If it is particularly sunny children should have a high SPF sun cream applied before they come to school. Please be aware that staff **cannot** apply sun cream.