

Academic Year: 2022-2023 Newsletter : April 2023



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Applications for primary school admission September 2023

Primary school places will be offered on Monday 17 April 2023. As you applied online, you will be sent an email from Birmingham City Council informing you which school has been offered to your child. Emails will be sent on 17 April 2023, and we expect you to receive your email by 4pm. The exact time will depend on your email service provider. You will also receive your child's offer letter from 18 April 2023. Do notify us at nursery of the name of your child's primary school so we can plan the transition process.

Consultation re changes to school day from September 2023

Why are we proposing changes to the timings of the school day?

We would like to change the afternoon session start and end times to 12:15-3:15 Monday to Friday to reduce the number of collection points on site during the afternoon. This will ensure all children access protected group times before home time. Please see the consultation letter for more information. Do contact us on enquiry@hifieldn.bham.sch.uk by 19 May 2023 to share your views on the proposal.

Attendance and punctuality at Nursery

Attending every session means 100% attendance and ensures your child has full access to our curriculum. Missing 10 sessions per year is 95% attendance. Missing 30 sessions is 85% attendance which means a child has missed 6 weeks or half a term of school by the end of the year.

Illness:

Following an episode of sickness or diarrhoea do not bring your child to Nursery for 48 hours after the last episode. This is to ensure the health and safety of all the children.

Call school on the first day of absence on 0121 675 4617. Do ensure that you sign up to receive emergency text messages through our School Life App so that you are kept informed of any changes at nursery.

Every Child has the Right to the best possible Health & Education



Healthy meals

Children have daily access to water/milk and healthy snack (breakfast/fruit) at Nursery.

For children that attend all day there are two options:

1 A healthy balanced hot meal provided by nursery at a cost of £2 per day. See the menu from our external catering company.

2 A healthy packed lunch prepared at home should include the following types of foods everyday:

- A starchy food such as bread, rice, pasta, potatoes, or couscous.
- At least 1 portion of fruit or vegetables, ideally 2.
- A calcium-rich food such as milk, cheese, yoghurt, or fromage frais.
- A food such as meat, fish, eggs, or beans – these contain protein and iron.
- A drink of plain milk or plain water.

Visit <https://startwellbirmingham.co.uk/packed-lunches> or see packed lunch food ideas leaflet for more guidance. Due to a number of children with allergies, to keep all children safe, we would like

to remind parents not to bring any foods containing NUTs in to school.

Parent consultations

Consultations will take place during the school day on a rolling programme so that school remains open. Speak to your child's key person to book a date and time to meet with you 1-1 to discuss your child's progress. For our youngest children we focus on the **Progress check at 2**.

The progress check at age two aims to:

- review a child's development,
- celebrate areas where the child is making good progress,
- identify any areas of concern or where progress is not as expected, so that parents, practitioners and other professionals such as speech and language therapists, physiotherapists or dieticians can put appropriate support in place,
- help parents to understand their child's needs and enhance their child's development at home
- and invite parents to share their unique knowledge about their child, family and culture

For older children we will be discussing transition and how to ensure your child leave nursery with good school readiness.

'What to expect in the early years foundation stage: a guide for parents' can support parents to find out more about your child's learning and development in the EYFS.

<https://www.hifieldn.bham.sch.uk/page/detail/what-to-expect-in-the-early-years-foundation-stage>

Medical conditions

Please inform your key person if your child has a medical condition or an allergy so we can do a care plan to keep your child safe, or if there has been any recent changes to their medication.

If you have any concerns about your child's health or development speak to your child's key person. Our **Special Educational Needs Teacher** (SENCO) is Yvonne Spoons. Please visit the Birmingham local offer website for more information and webinars which offer support on all different areas of child development. <https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/>

Clothing

As the weather is changing please ensure your children are dressed in appropriate clothing with a sun-hat for outdoor learning and apply sun-cream to protect your child's skin. Refer to the letter about sun protection for more information. As children have access to many messy play activities on a daily basis, please bring your child in old clothes. Dress your child in clothes that support independence when toileting eg jogging bottoms rather than clothes with buttons. Please provide spare clothes and personal care items like nappies and wipes in your child's bag and store on your child's peg.

Curriculum Core books Summer term – 2-3 year olds Term 3.1 & 3.2



Core books Summer term – 3-4 year olds Term 3.1 & 3.2



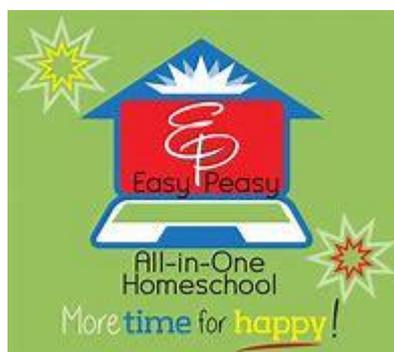
Coming to nursery this term is Musicadoodledo - Music-making with the under 5s

Musicadoodledo is a series of 5 half day workshops led by an early years music specialist. Each half day workshop explores a different theme and is loosely inspired by contemporary classical music. Currently, the five themes are: Music & Movement, Music & Nature, Musicadoodling Musical Conversations, & Musical Textures. Children and parent involved in the project will be invited to attend a concert at the CBSO Centre – Wednesday 21st June – time TBC.



50 Things To Do Before You're Five is a free app offering a menu of low or no cost exciting activities indoors & outdoors for families with young children in Birmingham, giving great suggestions for how to have fun and learn at the same time. You can find the app in the store on any Android or Apple Device or simply scan the barcode on the posters on display in school.

Easy Peasy home school app – download and support your child's learning at home



Home Learning

Please access the 50 things to do App and Easy Peasy app for ideas of how to support your child's learning at home. We would also like to signpost you to our website and Tapestry for more home learning activity ideas to do at home.

Safeguarding - Every Child has the Right to be Safe

Please report any safeguarding concerns to our designated safeguarding lead Sharon Lewis – Executive Headteacher or a member of the Deputy DSL team; Sadia Carter—Mirza (School Business Manager), Yvonne Spoons (SENCO), Nazmeen Shaffique (Teacher), Natalie (TA) or Alisha Rafiq (Office Manager) before leaving the site.

Dates for your diary

| Date | Event | Nursery Provision |
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| Friday 21 April 2023 | Eid | Reduced provision – speak to your child's key person re attendance |
| Thursday 27 April 2023 | Teacher strike | Reduced provision – speak to your child's key person re attendance |

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| Monday 1 May 2023 | Bank Holiday | Closed to all children |
| Tuesday 2 May 2023 | Teacher strike | Reduced provision – speak to your child’s key person re attendance |
| Monday 8 May 2023 | Bank Holiday | Closed to all children |
| 29 May-2 June 2023 | Half-term holiday | Closed to all children – Re-opens Mon 5 June 2023 |
| Wed 21 June 2023 | Theatre visit | Reduced provision –Visit to theatre for music project children & parents |
| 26 July 23– 1 Sep 2023 | Summer holidays | Closed from Tuesday 25 July 2023 at 1:00 pm Closed Monday 4 September 2023 Closed Tuesday 5 September 2023 |