



**Sully Primary School**  
**Ysgol Gynradd Sili**

## **Nursery Welcome Booklet** **Croeso i'r Meithrinfa**



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## **Croeso / Welcome**

The Governors and Staff would like to welcome your child and your family to our Nursery. We hope you find this information booklet a useful guide to your child's first experience of school.

## **Useful information**

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### **Nursery Staff:**

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Nursery Teacher  
Teaching Assistant (TA)  
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Dear Parent/Carer,

I look forward to welcoming you to Sully Primary School and the wider Sully family. Alongside your child receiving an outstanding education, our hope is that parents and pupils develop lifelong friendships.

During your child's time in Nursery, you will witness how quickly they develop socially, emotionally and academically over a short period of time. This is only possible through the partnership we look to foster between home and school and I thank you in advance for your support.

Our aim is to provide an environment where your child feels happy, safe and secure and which is full of warmth, care and respect for each other.

Our Nursery offers a stimulating and fun environment with child-centred and adult-initiated play which promotes children's learning and develops enquiring minds and happy learners. The aim is for our children to form solid relationships and build the foundations to become lifelong learners.

We understand that sending your child to Nursery and watching them take their first steps in education can be an emotional time. It is very natural to have questions/queries. Please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the Nursery team who will be more than willing to assist you.

Kind regards,

Andrea Waddington



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## Starting Nursery

Intake into the Nursery is staggered across the year depending on the age of the children. Children who are three years of age before August 31st will enter Nursery in the September intake. Children whose 3rd birthday lies between September 1st and December 31st will enter in January. Children whose 3rd birthday lies between January 1st and March 31st will enter in April. Children will stay in Nursery until they are four years old, starting Reception the September after their 4th birthday.

At the beginning of each starting point, children will come into Nursery on their first day in small groups. This allows them and their parents to get the individual attention they need whilst settling in. We appreciate that this can be a difficult time for some children, but our experience tells us that a calm front from both parents/carers and Nursery staff assists greatly in this transition. We usually find that children settle far quicker if they are left with the Nursery staff.



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## Nursery Times

We are mindful that you may have more than one child within our school and have organised session times to enable you to drop off and collect children from other areas of the school.

Morning Session 9.00am - 11.30am

Afternoon Session 1.00pm - 3.30pm

We would be grateful if you could bring your child and collect them at the right time. Sometimes, children get a little fretful when they are collected late and like to leave when they see others leaving.

## What to Wear

Some of our children wear school uniform (white shirt/blouse, blue skirt/trousers, blue and white checked dress) in the Nursery but this isn't expected. It is more important for children to wear clothes they can easily and independently remove and put on. Clothes with elasticated waists and velcro-fastening sensible shoes are ideal.



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## **Illness**

If your child is poorly they are better off staying at home, away from the noise and busyness of the Nursery environment. We do however, politely request you telephone the school office to inform them of any absences. If your child has suffered sickness or diarrhoea, please keep them at home for 48 hours after the last incidence.

Please do not send antibiotics or painkillers into the Nursery, we would prefer you to work out the doses around session times. We do administer certain drugs such as asthma medication and all necessary medicines are stored safely within the Nursery. Asthma pumps should be clearly labelled. A consent to administer medicine form needs to be completed for all medicines that may need to be administered. This is available from the school office or can be downloaded from the school website.

## **Toileting**

It would be extremely helpful to us if your child is able to go to the toilet with little or no assistance. If your child has an accident they will be changed in a sympathetic manner with minimum fuss. We ask for all children to bring in a spare set of clothes for such instances.

If your child is not yet using the toilet please provide us with all the information we need to help them. If for any reason, you are struggling with toileting your child a very helpful website to visit is <https://www.eric.org.uk>

## **Achieving Good Behaviour**

At Nursery we encourage positive behaviour and encourage children to share, take turns, be kind and tolerate each other. Please let us know in advance if your child has any behavioural patterns we need to be aware of. This information will be dealt with sensitively and we will work together to plan and implement a personal behaviour plan.

## **Partnerships with Parents**

Daily contact takes place during drop off and collection times where questions can be raised and answered. We also hold two more formal parent consultations every year where your child's progress is discussed. Please feel free to contact the Nursery at any point in the year if you have any concerns.

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### **Equal Opportunities**

We make every effort to meet the needs of all children, considering their cultural, religious and linguistic background and any physical and learning difficulties.

### **Snack Time**

A weekly contribution of £1.50 is collected on Mondays. This is used to buy food for snack time and cooking activities. Snack money can also be paid on a weekly or termly basis.

A variety of healthy foods and snacks are offered daily and the children are encouraged to taste a range of different foods. **Please ensure Nursery staff are made aware of any allergies your child may have.**

### **Nut Free Policy**

Although we recognise this cannot be guaranteed, we aim to protect children who have allergies to nuts. As such, we do not allow nuts or nut products in school lunch boxes or for breaktime snacks. This includes packs of nuts, peanut butter sandwiches, fruit and cereal bars containing nuts, chocolate bars or sweets containing nuts, sesame seed rolls, cakes made with nuts.

### **Safeguarding/Security**

The Nursery staff are aware of the need to safeguard our children at all times. Please be patient when collecting your child as the children are dismissed individually into the care of their permitted adults. Please inform us immediately of any changes to contact details (telephone numbers/address). Please also inform staff if anyone different will be collecting your child.

### **Book Borrowing and Toys**

We invite parents/carers and children to borrow books from the boxes in the cloakroom to enjoy at home together. We would prefer for your child to leave their personal toys at home. We have topic tables, which the children can bring in objects for when requested.

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## The New Curriculum

We have recently started teaching towards the new curriculum and as such, we are organising our school around progression steps. At the end of each progression step a child's progress will be assessed against achievement outcomes relating broadly to expectations at these ages.

Progression Step 1 (Nursery & Reception - age 3 years - 5 years)

Progression Step 2 (Year 1 - 3 - age 5 years - 8 years)

Progression Step 3 (Year 4 - 6 - age 8 years - 11 years)

Our curriculum, based on the four purposes, is designed to develop our children into:

- ambitious, capable learners, ready to learn throughout their lives
- enterprising, creative contributors, ready to play a full part in life and work
- ethical, informed citizens of Wales and the world
- healthy, confident individuals, ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society

As well as encouraging a love of learning some of the skills our children learn in Nursery include:

- Learning to be away from parents
- Learning to work with teachers and other adults
- Learning to work alone, being independent and not afraid to ask for help
- Learning to share and take turns
- Learning to select and choose
- Learning simple rules and routines
- Learning to complete tasks and activities
- Learning to ask and answer questions
- Learning to talk about mine and my family's experiences with others

Through play activities children will learn maths skills such as:

- Recognising the numbers around the Nursery
- Matching numbers to the correct number of objects
- Learning number rhymes that help me count and say numbers in the right order
- Learning about the names of shapes and colours
- Sorting and matching different objects
- Learning to put things in order from smallest to biggest
- Learning about size and weight, more, less, big, small, heavy, light
- Learning about position - in, on, front, behind, through, under, above

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To prepare our children to read and write we:

- Provide plenty of opportunities for children to make marks with pencils, crayons, paints, chalks
- Encourage correct pencil grip
- Allow plenty of time for children to scribble and make shapes
- Teach letters and words e.g. children's names
- Teach correct letter formation
- Share picture books
- Read plenty of stories
- Sing songs, learn rhymes and play games
- Talk and ask questions that deepen understanding

Our approach to Nursery education is based on the belief that children learn best when they feel comfortable and are having FUN!



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### **Social Media and School Website**

We have our own school website and twitter page. We regularly update our website and twitter with information and photographs to provide our families with an insight into school life. We send out a weekly Nursery newsletter and school newsletter to all our families through ParentPay. We also use a digital platform called Seesaw. Through this we can send and receive messages, share photographs and videos and provide homework opportunities. You will be sent a Seesaw login code at the beginning of the year and it is important to sign up to get the full benefits of Seesaw. This is particularly important in the current climate of lockdowns as this is the platform we use to provide our children with learning opportunities. **We will seek your written permission prior to uploading photographs of our child onto any form of social media.**

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