



Longshaw Primary Academy
The best in everyone™
Part of United Learning

Welcome to our Nursery!



Information booklet for Parents

Welcome to Longshaw Primary Academy.



Our Ethos at Longshaw Nursery

We are very aware that starting school is an exciting and daunting experience. We aim to make it a happy time for you and your child. Within our Nursery environment we are committed to creating a secure, happy, stimulating self-accessible environment in which promotes thinking and independence. Our main aim within the Nursery is to provide many opportunities learning through play for your child to become little investigators and explorers within their own learning environment.



How your child will start school

During the summer term, you will be invited to join an 'induction meeting' where you will be provided with details of dates and times of your child's first sessions at school. You will have the opportunity to ask questions about your child starting school during this meeting and will have a tour of the Nursery indoor and outdoor environment.

The children will start school in September on a staggered timetable. You will receive a letter with the date and time of your child's first day. This enables your child to slowly become familiar with the new routines of school. It also enables the Nursery staff to develop relationships with the children and make some initial baseline assessments. We will let you know the start date for your child as soon as we can.

Home visits:

Before starting Nursery, we like to visit you and your child in your home. This allows your child to meet us in an environment in which they feel happy and safe. It also provides an opportunity for parents to talk to us about your child and ask us any questions you may have about your child starting school. You will receive a letter with the date of your home visit. Home visits will take place at the start of the new academic school year.

Uniform:

School Uniform is compulsory for all pupils as it makes children identifiable as attending Longshaw Primary Academy. Wearing a school uniform in the school colours and with our badge also provides a sense of belonging and pride in our school.

School uniform is no longer available from the school office and can be purchased directly from Speedstitch www.speedstich.co.uk or by visiting their shop at:

Unit 32,
Walthamstow Business Centre,
Clifford Road,
Walthamstow,
E17 4SX

(opening hours Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, Sat 9.30am-1.00pm).

Tel: 0208 531 4800.

Boys:

- **Polo Shirt:** Plain **white** collared polo T-shirt.
- **Black Jogging bottoms.**
- **Jumper:** **Red** Longshaw Primary Academy jumper.
- **Socks:** **Grey or white** socks permitted.
- **Shoes:** **Plain black** school shoes, no sandals and no laces!
- **Jewellery:** **No jewellery is permitted at any time.** If ears have recently been pierced, plain studs only.
- **Rucksack or Book bag:** This should be brought into school every day along with books and a named reusable water bottle.
- **Outdoor clothing:** Coats may be any colour, but please ensure they are warm and waterproof. All outdoor clothing should be removed in the school buildings. LPA fleece line waterproof coat recommended.
- **Reusable Water bottle:** water bottle to be clearly marked with your child's full name.
- **Hats:** for the summer and winter preferably a Longshaw hat which can be a purchased from Speed Stich.

Girls:

- **Polo Shirt:** Plain **white** collared Polo shirt.
- **Black Jogging bottoms**
- **Skirt/Pinafore dress:** plain **GREY** knee length school skirt or dress.
Red and white chequered summer dress may be worn in the summer months.
- **Jumper:** **Red** Longshaw Primary Academy jumper
- **Socks and tights:** **Grey or white** socks and tights only
- **Shoes:** **Plain black flat** school shoes or black plimsoles/trainers
- **Jewellery:** **No jewellery is permitted at any time.** If ears have recently been pierced, Plain studs only. No Fashion Earrings.

- **Rucksack or Book bag:** This should be brought into school every day along with books and a named reusable water bottle. Longshaw Primary Academy bookbags are recommended!
- **Outdoor clothing:** Coats may be any colour, but please ensure they are warm and waterproof. All outdoor clothing should be removed in the school buildings. LPA fleece line waterproof coat recommended.
- **Reusable Water bottle:** water bottle to be clearly marked with your child's full name.
- **Hats:** for the summer and winter preferably a Longshaw hat which can be a purchased from Speed Stich.

Please ensure that you clearly label your child's uniform.

Snack:



The Nursery children will have a different healthy snack every day. Our snack area is self-accessible to all children during the day. Please provide your child with a water bottle labelled. You will take this home every day and refill. This is an excellent time for the children to develop their social skills whilst eating.



Daily Routines:

Your child will start school at 8.50am. After registration the children will participate in a literacy carpet session. They will then be encouraged to develop their independent exploration in which they will explore both the indoor and outdoor environment. During this time, your child may be involved in a focused task with an adult.

Phonics is taught at 10am to help support children's early reading and writing. This is then followed by outdoor independent exploration time.

Mathematics is taught on the carpet at 11:15am in which the children develop their mathematical language of number, shape, space and measure.

Home time is at 11:45am for the morning (15hr) children. The full time (30hr) children will stay at school for lunch. We encourage the children to eat a healthy school dinner, which would need to be provided by parents. **Please note: WE ARE A NUT-FREE SCHOOL!**

In the afternoon, the children are provided with opportunities to further their learning through child-initiated activities. During the rest of the afternoon, children can choose between the outdoor and indoor learning environments.

Parents collect their children from the afternoon Nursery at 3.10pm daily.

Reading Books:

All children will need to be provided with a book bag for Nursery. It is important that this bag is brought to school every day. Your child's first reading book will be a school library book. This will be issued every Monday. Please share this book with your child and discuss what is happening on each page, as these are the first skills required for a successful reader. Your child's reading bag will also contain a reading record book. This book is for parents/carers and staff to sign when your child has read. We ask you to read with your child every night at home to ensure your child makes the expected progress.

Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum

From September 2021, the new Early Learning Goals are now compulsory in every school. Longshaw Primary Academy are 'Early Adopters' of the new Early Learning Goals, so we have a full year's experience of implementing them.

The Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum is based on three Prime Areas and four Specific areas.



The Prime areas of learning:

Communication and Language

Physical Development

Personal, Social and Emotional
Development



The Specific areas:

Literacy

Mathematics

Understanding of the World

Expressive Arts and Design



How do children learn in the Early Years Foundation Stage?

The children will access the Early Years curriculum through a variety of play-based activities. There will be a balance of teacher led and child-initiated activities. The Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum values your child as a unique child and will therefore be encouraged to develop their own interests, with the support of the experienced Early Years staff.

The environment is planned and set up to enable children to make their own choices and select their own resources. When children are able to make their own choices a deeper level of engagement is evident and the level of involvement is much higher. The adults within the Nursery are there to support children's learning by encouraging, modelling, questioning, narrating, modelling language, recalling, facilitating and challenging. The children will be able to access all nursery resources from when they arrive for the session. The children can move freely between the indoor and outdoor environment for most of the session.

We recognise that a strong partnership between home and school is vital to your child's development and learning. When your child starts in Nursery, the class teacher will monitor your child's development and ensure their needs are met.

Please see the EYFS Curriculum page for more information!

Recording your child's learning and development:

At Longshaw Primary Academy, we use an online assessment tool called 'Tapestry' to record children's achievements throughout the year. Tapestry is a secure online Learning Journal to record photos, observations and comments, in line with the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum, to build up a record of your child's experiences during their time with us. This system allows us to work with parents and carers to share information and record the children's play and learning in and outside of the classroom.



This will include photographs and videos, adult observations and pieces of work that your child has created. From these observations, the teacher will be able to monitor your child's progress and plan the next step for your child's learning.

How does Tapestry work?

Tapestry provides each individual child with their own Learning Journal held online. Parents and carers are given their own log-in using their email and password (which is pre-set by us but can be changed by you to make it more secure). All our staff are given a secure log-in. They can then upload observations, photos or videos; recording children's achievements and assessing their learning in reference to the EYFS curriculum.

As parents/carers you can access Tapestry by letting Nursery staff know any e-mail addresses that you wish to link with the system (limited to 2 per child).

We highly recommend that parents and carers are involved in their children's learning and development by uploading and commenting on their child's development and are regularly checking their child's Tapestry accounts. Please feel free to share and upload any fantastic home learning in which your child does.

Parental involvement in Nursery:

To give your child the best start at school, it is important that parents/carers and staff always work together, sharing their knowledge of your child. The Nursery team are always available for a brief word in either the mornings or after their morning or full session. Throughout the school year we hold parents evenings/telephone consultation meetings when you will be able to see your child's work and speak to the staff about their progress. If at any other time you have concerns and you need to discuss them with us, please let us know and we will make an appointment for you to see the teacher as soon as possible for a meeting. During the year the Nursery children will take part in a Sports Day, a Christmas Nativity, International day, Easter Bonnet parade and an end of year celebration. You will be invited to all these activities.

Toileting:

Please ensure your child is TOILET-TRAINED, ready for Nursery.

What does that mean?

- NO nappies/ pull ups
- Can pull down their own clothes and pants and sit on the toilet.
- Can wipe themselves (we can help with poo, if needed!)
- Can get on/off the toilet by themselves



Nursery aged children should be able to manage the toilet independently! Please do speak to us if there are any queries and worries, otherwise your child should be arriving at nursery in pants! Remind your child to ask for help if needed. They won't be in trouble if they have an accident! This is perfectly normal! 😊

Please encourage your child to use the toilet independently, we will discourage the use of nappies or pull ups during their Nursery session. For advice and tips please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/pregnancy-andbaby/potty-training-tips/>

How can I help my child before they start school?

- Encourage your child to walk where possible and reduce the use of pushchairs. This will keep your child fit and healthy.
- Enjoy story time with your child - this is a great way for children to learn the structure of stories and new vocabulary.
- Sing nursery rhymes/number songs with your child.
- Play games with your child, this is a great way to teach your child the skill of taking turns and following instructions.

- Encourage your child to help with cooking, this is a great way to incorporate maths into your daily routine i.e. Can you give me 5 apples please?
- Please provide your child with lots of spare clothes! We get very messy - sometimes it shows we have had a great time learning!
- Talk to your child about starting school- this is a really exciting time!

If you have any further questions or queries, please feel free to contact any member of our Nursery staff at any time via the school office:

Longshaw Primary Academy
Longshaw Road
Chingford
E4 6LH

Telephone the school on 020 8529 5693

Email the office at office@longshawprimaryacademy.org.uk for the attention of Miss Raybe.

I am so excited to meet you all very soon!

Miss Raybe

