

Welcome parents/carers of.....
to Birkby Infant and Nursery School.

Nursery teachers – Mrs Walsh and Mrs McCre

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School website : <http://www.birkbyinf.com/>

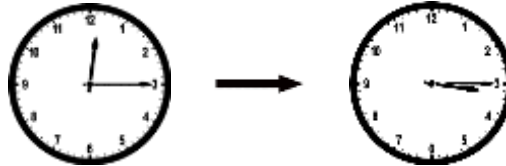
Address: Blacker Rd, Huddersfield HD1 5HQ

Nursery times – morning session 8:30 – 11:30



Arrive at Rainbow gate, pick up black gate.(see below)

Afternoon session – 12:15 – 3:15



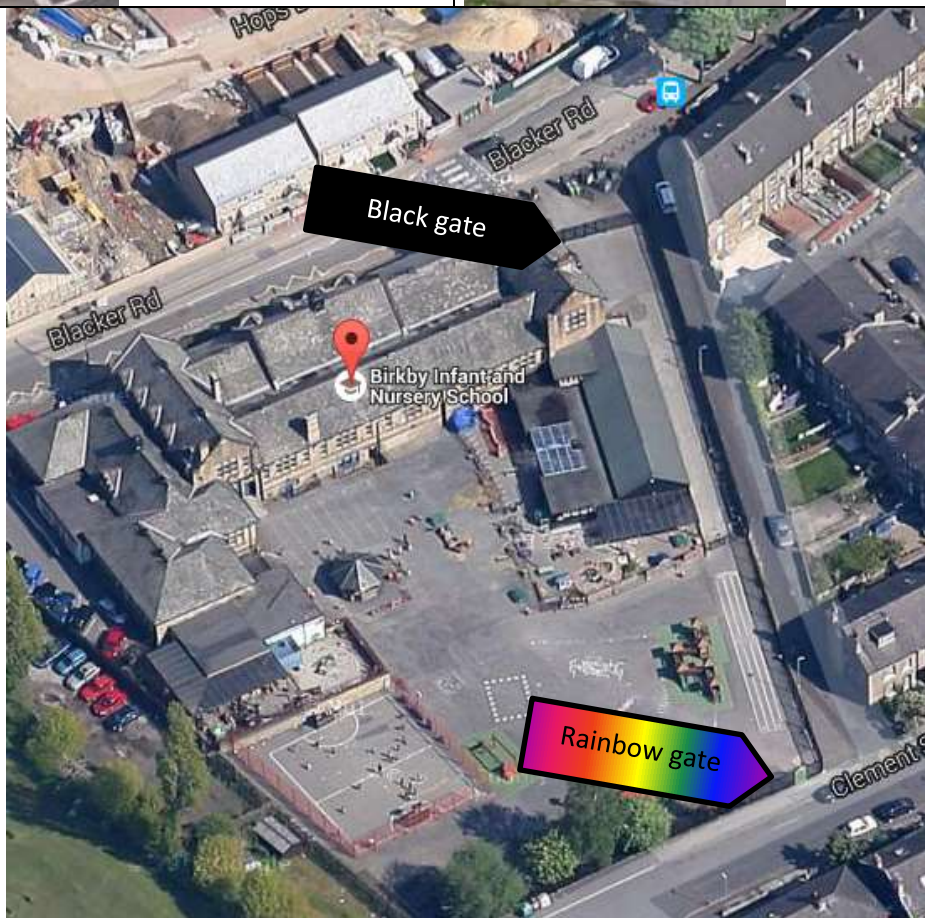
Arrive black gate, pick up through rainbow gate.(see below)



Black gate on Blacker Road



Rainbow gate on Clement Street



PLEASE ARRIVE ON TIME WHEN DROPPING OFF AND PICKING UP YOUR CHILD, IT'S VERY UPSETTING FOR CHILDREN TO BE THE LAST TO ARRIVE OR TO BE SAT WAITING WHEN EVERYONE ELSE HAS GONE HOME



Contact details – please keep us up to date with new mobile numbers and addresses.



Clothing – must be comfortable, practical and not too special!



I can manage my clothes in the toilet



I need to run and climb



I need to be warm and dry

No jewellery can be worn at Nursery,



Attendance

It is important that your child attends Nursery every day to make good progress and make friends.

If your child is ill please phone (01484) 223969

If they vomit or have diarrhoea they must stay at home for 48 hours after.

Coughs and colds are normal for children starting nursery.



Medical needs

Children should be able to go to the toilet independently and not be wearing nappies (unless your child has special educational needs then you will need to see Mrs Todd).

You must tell us if your child takes medication, has any allergies or any other medical conditions.

For example....



Independence and Behavioural expectations.

We expect children to separate from parents/carer easily within a few days.



We expect children to drink from a cup.



We expect children to use the toilet and wash their hands by themselves.



We expect children to be able to put on their own coat and attempt to fasten it.



We expect children to choose their own play activities with enthusiasm.



We expect good behaviour for the majority of the time.



We expect all children to follow the Rainbow Rules.

We are always kind and gentle to each other.

We always listen to each other and follow instructions from teachers.

We always look after our toys and tidy them away when we have finished.

We always walk indoors and use quiet voices when we play inside.



What to expect.....

Our curriculum

At Birkby Infant and Nursery school we deliver a curriculum based on the Framework for the EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE. This describes the seven areas of learning and development which *"must be implemented through planned, purposeful play"*.

The framework also states that *"Practitioners must respond to each child's emerging needs and interests, guiding their development through warm, positive interaction"*. We have a team of adults who put this into practice every day.

In addition the framework describes "three characteristics of effective learning"

1. *Playing and exploring*
2. *Active learning*
3. *Creating and thinking critically*

This is exactly the approach we take to learning in our Nursery.

Our routine

Children arrive at nursery and self-register; they will then be free to choose what they want to do. They can access the outdoor area continuously during the session, whatever the weather, which is why appropriate clothing is essential throughout the year. Near the end of the session they will tidy up and then sit down as a nursery group for Rainbow time (songs, rhymes, dancing etc.). They then go to a group time where they enjoy sharing achievements, stories, singing, counting etc. It is then time to go home.

Stay and Play

Towards the end of every term we hold a Stay and Play session where parents/carers can stay with their child and find out what they like to do at Nursery. This is also a good opportunity to talk to staff and ask any questions.

Focus Week

Your child will be a focus child once a term. Prior to this week we will give you a sheet to fill in, giving you an opportunity to tell us about your child and ask any questions. We ask you to return this on the Monday of the focus week. During the focus week, the teacher will record extra observations of your child using the online system called Tapestry. You will receive details of how to log in when they start nursery. You will also get to meet with the teacher to discuss your child.



Outdoor play

All children will be given the opportunity to play outside whatever the weather; therefore it is important that they wear the correct clothes to match the weather. Children will get wet, muddy and messy when they play outside, we teach them how to minimize how messy they get and they do get better but it is part of their learning and development.

Getting wet does not cause us to catch a cold. If the cold virus is around, we will pick it up regardless of whether we are wet or dry.



Warm and waterproof for cold and wet weather.



We have a selection of all-in-one waterproofs and wellies for children to put on.

Sunhat and sunscreen for sunny weather.



We also can provide sun hats. T-shirts are probably better than vest tops to keep shoulders protected.

Tips

Simple things you can do at home with your child:

- Have conversations with your child. This may sound so obvious, but it is probably the most valuable thing that you can do.
- Read stories together every day. Look at the pictures and talk about the story, in either English or your heritage language.
- Sing songs and nursery rhymes, including number rhymes. Make up your own rhymes using your child's name.
- Get out and about and have fun! (That way you have something to talk about too!)