

Purley CE Primary School

Early Years Foundation Class

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Is your child nearly 3?

Why not join our lovely village school's Foundation Stage 1 Class the term after they turn 3?



We are offering 6 funded places for 5 mornings a week, term time (9 a.m to 12.00 noon)

Places available for January 2024

Our Values: Love, Courage and Wisdom

What our FS1 parents have said...

"Purley FS1 has been a wonderful intimate and magical start to our daughter's education. It is small enough to concentrate on individual needs but big enough to ease them into the next stage of education. It's nurturing ethos and fun learning environment has been a key stage in our daughter's development."

"My daughter can't wait to go to school every morning and is always telling us what she has learnt and has done with her friends.

She has grown in confidence and made friendships that she will continue to see when she starts full time school."

Why not see for yourself and book a visit by contacting the school on 0118 9842384 or email: office@purley.w-berks.sch.uk

EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE CLASS

We follow the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum

We use the framework to guide our practice so that your children have the opportunity to learn and develop in a safe and stimulating environment. The learning will be linked to the children's interests and they will be encouraged to develop important life skills, broaden their emerging language, challenge themselves and manage risks.

We work to the four themed principles of the framework:

Theme	Principle
A unique child	Every child is a unique child who is constantly learning and can be resilient, capable, confident and self-assured.
Positive relationships	Children learn to be strong and independent through positive relationships.
Enabling environments which	Children learn and develop well in enabling environments, in their experiences respond to their individual needs and there is a strong partnership between practitioners and parents and carers.
Learning and development	Children develop and learn in different ways and the framework covers the education and care of all the children in the early years provision.

We record their development and achievements in the form of observations made by staff, and these are added to individual Learning Journeys, which parents are encouraged to contribute to.

The children in Hedgehog Class will be supported in the seven areas of learning:

Personal, social and emotional development

Physical development

Communication and language

Literacy

Mathematics

Understanding the world

Expressive arts and design



How to help prepare your child for school:

Share lots of stories and rhymes

Encourage their independence with personal hygiene

Encourage them to put on their own coat and shoes

STRUCTURE

Hedgehog class is an Early Years Class following the Early Years Foundation curriculum.

It combines FS2 and FS1 (nursery).

FS1 - places available from the term after their third birthday

FS2 - beginning of the academic year the child becomes 5

There are 6 places for FS1 and 15 places for FS2 making a total of 21 children.

The class is led by a teacher who is trained to teach in early years accompanied by two other members of staff. There is a minimum ratio of 1:13

GENERAL INFORMATION

Settling in: We visit you and your child in your home where we can begin to build a relationship. It is safe and familiar environment for the child so they can just focus on the new people that they are meeting.

Uniform: Children to wear school jumper or cardigan with logo. Bottoms can be school grey trousers/shorts/skirts or loose grey/black jogging bottoms/leggings.

Items with logo can be purchased by contacting Smart Impressions:
Laura Clifton, Smart Impressions, [m] +44 (0)7572 192043,
[e] lc@smartimpressions.group, webshop: <https://www.smartimpressions.group/contract/purley>

Snacks: Your child may choose a snack from a selection of fruits, milk/ water free of charge



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ADMISSIONS TO FS1 (Foundation Stage One/Nursery)

Admissions to FS1 are subject to separate admission arrangements from those of the rest of the school. The responsibility for applying the admissions arrangements to FS1 at Purley Primary School rests with the Governing Body Admissions panel. This will consist of the Headteacher and two governors.

Attendance at FS1 does not guarantee a place at the school and a separate application must be made for a school place in FS2.

REGISTER OF INTEREST

Parents can register an interest in a FS1 place with the school from their child's 2nd birthday. However a registration of interest is not a guaranteed place in FS1.

SESSION ALLOCATION

- Available part time places number: 6
- The core entitlement will be 15 hours per week, 5 mornings 9 - 12 o'clock. This will only be offered flexibly if agreed with the parent and the setting.
- Parents normally take up the maximum entitlement.
- Applications will be considered on a termly basis if spaces are available.
- Allocated spaces must be accepted within 2 weeks or the offer will be withdrawn and reallocated.
- The place will be available until the parent withdraws the child or the child reaches compulsory school age.
- There will be no right to appeal but parents will be given the opportunity to receive an explanation from the Headteacher in writing or personally as requested.
- Applications will not be considered on the length of time on a waiting list/register of interest or by date of application.
- Parents will not be able to defer taking up a place to a following term; if the offered place is not taken up the application must be considered afresh, with the child remaining on the waiting list.
- Any child with unauthorised absence for a period of 15 school days may have their place withdrawn.
- No application will be considered without completing the application form available from the school and returned to the school by the deadlines set out below.
- Where there are more applications than places, the same oversubscription criteria will be used as for the rest of the school as set out by West Berkshire Council Admissions (<https://info.westberks.gov.uk/article/29713>)

Term to commence in FS1	Application deadline date
Autumn	1st May
Spring	1st November
Summer	1st February

- Waiting lists will be established for those who have not been offered places and prioritised in the same order as the oversubscription criteria. Waiting lists will be amended with in term and non-compulsory school age applications; including 5 year olds of non-compulsory school age with the above criteria applying similarly.
- Places will be allocated termly.