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Discover the Magic of Early Learning at Fairfield Nursery

At **Fairfield Nursery**, we believe that the early years are a time of wonder, growth, and endless possibilities. Our nursery is more than just a place to learn - it's a warm, welcoming environment where children are nurtured, celebrated, and inspired to reach their full potential.






A Nurturing and Inclusive Environment



Every child is unique, and at Fairfield Nursery, we embrace and celebrate those differences. Our experienced and caring staff create a safe and inclusive space where every child feels valued, supported, and confident to explore the world around them. Relationships are at the heart of everything we do, and our team takes the time to get to know each child and family, ensuring every child feels seen, heard, and understood.

Supporting the Prime Areas of Learning

We place a strong focus on the **three prime areas of learning** that are vital to children's development. Children need to develop strong skills in these areas in order for them to become good academic learners.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development: We support children in understanding their feelings, building friendships, developing resilience, and gaining independence - all vital skills for life.



At Fairfield Nursery, our top priority is ensuring that your child is happy, safe, and well cared for. Our dedicated staff are committed to nurturing each child and supporting them as they transition into our setting. We hold high expectations for both ourselves and our children, and we establish clear routines that reflect these standards. Our School Values underpin everything we do, guiding children's behaviour in a positive and supportive way.

We place a strong emphasis on developing independence and fostering independence in children is a key part of their development. Through daily routines such as dressing themselves, tidying up, and making simple choices, children build confidence and learn

essential life skills. Practitioners support this growth by encouraging problem-solving, promoting self-help techniques, and providing a safe environment where children feel empowered to try things on their own. These experiences lay the foundation for resilience and self-reliance as they move on to the next stages of their education.



We believe that children thrive when they are encouraged to try things for themselves in a safe and supportive environment. At Fairfield, we foster a 'have a try' attitude, where children are not afraid to make mistakes and are celebrated for their efforts.



Children are supported to develop essential self-care and independence skills such as toileting, handwashing, zipping coats, putting on shoes, wiping noses, collecting snacks, and choosing their own activities. We also help them learn to identify and communicate their needs confidently, empowering them to express themselves and seek support when necessary.



Communication and Language: Through songs, stories, conversations, and role play, we help children develop vocabulary, listening skills, and confidence in expressing themselves.

Talk underpins all learning, which is why it forms the foundation of everything we do in nursery. Our staff model rich and varied vocabulary through stories and daily interactions during play. We believe that children should be immersed in language - through storytelling, conversations about their experiences, imaginative play, and singing.

Reading to your child every day is essential in fostering a love of books and storytelling. Singing songs and nursery rhymes also plays a vital role in supporting your child's development, particularly in building their understanding of rhyme - an important skill for learning to read in Reception.

To support children's language development, we use a range of targeted interventions, including **Story Dough**, **Scribble Club**, **Talk Boost**, and **Read Happi**.







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Physical Development: From running, climbing and dancing to developing fine motor skills with threading and mark-making, our children are active every day — building strength, balance, and coordination.

Children need to develop a range of fine and gross motor skills to build coordination, strength, and control. These skills are essential for their overall physical development. Throughout the day, children are given opportunities to engage in a variety of activities both indoors and outdoors, helping them to explore and practice these skills in meaningful ways. Additionally, we have a dedicated PE session in the school hall once a week, led by our sports coach, where children can focus on developing gross motor skills such as running, jumping, balancing, and throwing.





Learning Through Play



At Fairfield, we know that **children learn best through play**. Our carefully planned enhancements and child-led experiences are designed to spark curiosity, encourage problem-solving, and promote creativity. Whether they are building, exploring nature, painting, or role-playing, children are constantly learning, experimenting, and making sense of the world around them. As practitioners we immerse ourselves in the play with the child to move their learning on.

Developing Independence

We actively support children in becoming more independent, helping them develop important life skills such as:



- Using the toilet with confidence
- Blowing our own nose
- Washing our own hands
- Selecting snack independently
- Communicating their needs effectively
- Zipping up their coats and changing their shoes
- Taking responsibility for their belongings
- Recognising our own name

These everyday achievements build children's self-esteem and prepare them for the next stage in their learning journey.

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Understanding Emotions with the Zones of Regulation



Emotional development is a key part of what we do. We use the **Zones of Regulation** framework to help children identify and understand their emotions in a simple, visual way. This empowers them to manage their feelings, recognise how others are feeling, and respond in healthy, respectful ways - building strong foundations for emotional intelligence.

Positive Engagement, Every Step of the Way



At Fairfield Nursery, children are happy, motivated, and engaged in their learning. Our indoor and outdoor environments are thoughtfully set up to encourage exploration, challenge, and joy. We work closely with families to ensure consistency between home and nursery, keeping communication open and positive.

Tapestry – Online Learning Journey

When your child joins Fairfield Nursery, they will be set up with a **Tapestry** account. This platform is used to share your child's learning journey with you. We will also use it to send reminders and provide important support information.

We kindly ask that you press the **'like'** button after reading any updates. This helps us know that you have received and seen the information.

Star Learner Focus

At Fairfield, each child will be celebrated as a *Star Learner* once every half term. During their designated week, staff will observe and document their learning experiences and interactions with adults. These observations, along with photos and videos, will be shared with you via Tapestry at the end of the week.

In addition to these insights, you will receive suggested next steps to support your child's development over the following half term. When your child is not the Star Learner, you will still receive a weekly overview, via Tapestry, of nursery activities, including a selection of photos capturing a variety of moments involving all the children.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to Fairfield Nursery, being part of their journey, and helping prepare them for school.