

Two Moors Nursery

(Foundation Stage 1)



Two Moors Primary School



Welcome to the Nursery



Two Moors Nursery aims to provide a welcoming atmosphere for all. We offer an environment where children feel secure and happy, and are able to develop into confident individuals. Fully qualified, caring staff provide an inclusive curriculum tailored to children's individual needs, skills and interests.

The staff in the Nursery are:

Miss Frankie Woodhams (Foundation Stage Teacher and Key Person)
Mrs Laura Potter (Foundation Stage Teacher and Key Person)
Mrs Sharron Strong (Key Person)
Mrs Jenny Tooze (Key Person)

Additional lunch time staff:

Mrs Trudy Gunn
Miss Shauna Searle

Admissions

Your child is entitled to 570 hours free provision per academic year in the term after their 3rd birthday. Funding is available for children who are 3:

on or after	and before	funding starts this term
1 st September	31 st December	Spring
1 st January	31 st March	Summer
1 st April	31 st August	Autumn

Two Moors Nursery admissions panel meets up to three times a year to consider all applications and allocate places. The panel meets;

in Spring to consider applications for an Autumn term start
in Autumn to consider applications for a Spring term start

To ensure that your application is considered, please hand your application form into the school **two terms before your child is due to start Nursery** e.g. if your child is due to start in the Autumn term, then hand in your application form at the **beginning** of the Spring term.

What sessions are available and when is the Nursery open?

You can choose whether you would like your child to have half day sessions or whole days. We encourage children to have a mix of morning and afternoon sessions if possible. The activities we offer them in the morning and afternoon prepare them for the structure of the school day. If you would like your child to take more than their 15 hours free entitlement (your child is entitled to no more than 570 free hours per academic year), and we have spaces available, you are able to buy extra sessions for £12 each (for 3 hours), payable termly in advance.

At present the Nursery opening hours are:

The morning session is from 9.00 - 12 noon

The afternoon session is from 12.15 - 3.15

Full day from 9.00 - 3.15 (including 15 minutes over lunchtime which is not chargeable).

You can choose whether to provide a packed lunch for your child or to buy your child a hot school dinner for £1.60 or a cold school lunch for £1.10 (please book and pay for school dinners in advance).

Foundation Stage Unit

The Nursery works closely with the Reception classes and this means that at times during each term there will be opportunities for Nursery children and Reception children to work together in both bases with staff across the Foundation Stage. This allows for a smooth and happy transition into Reception for those children who join Two Moors Primary School for their statutory schooling.



The Nursery visit

You will be invited to visit the Nursery with your child. This is a lovely time when you can enjoy exploring the Nursery with your child. During the first visit there will be time to talk to and get to know the staff, and find out more about what we do in the Nursery. It will also give you the opportunity to ask any questions and discuss any concerns you might have.

Settling in

Starting Nursery is an important time for both you and your child. Every child is different and some children may settle more quickly than others. For the first week we ask that all children attend for half days only so that they can get to know the staff and learn some routines before staying all day.

On the first day of term we have an 'Open Day' when you can '*stay and play*' with your child between 10.30 and 11.30 or 1.30 and 2.30. Once regular sessions start from the second day of term you are very welcome

to stay with your child for all or part of the first few sessions if you wish. Of course, you may stay for further sessions if your child needs this support.

Before and after school club

This runs from 7.45am - 8.45am and from 3.15pm - 6pm and it is based in the Nursery and Dartmoor Hall.

Registration requires a one-off fee, and you may then use the service by booking as and when you require it. Please ask at the office for more information about charges.

What happens during a session?

At the beginning of a session you and your child will be welcomed into the Nursery and they can then find their name card, with your help, and stick it on the tree. This is a time to discuss with your child what they might like to explore during the session, to choose a book to take home, to look at and talk about displays and photographs and to talk with a member of staff if necessary. After the children have settled your child will gather with other children in their group in their 'group-time area', where they will be joined by their Key Person. Here they will have their group-time activity. They will then explore freely throughout the Nursery environment, playing independently, with other children or alongside a supportive adult. Children choose when they would like to have their snack and they serve themselves, with support when necessary. (See below) The children will then join together at the end of the session for 'altogether time', to share a story or sing a song for example.



What is a 'Key Person'?

Our setting uses a Key Person system. This means that each member of staff has a group of children for whom she/he is particularly responsible. Your child's Key Person will be the person who works with you to make sure that what we provide is appropriate for your child.

Drink/Snack cafe

We have a snack 'cafe' throughout the session where the children are able to help themselves. We promote a healthy eating policy at Two Moors and milk or water is available, along with a selection of fruit. From time to time we will also offer items the children have cooked or that help us celebrate particular festivals.

Keeping your child safe

At the beginning and end of a session you are welcome to come and wait in the entrance area. All children must be brought and collected by an adult. Please let us know if a different adult is collecting your child.



Book Borrowing

Enjoying books of all kinds is the first step to becoming a reader. We encourage children to borrow books from an attractive range of fiction and non-fiction books displayed in the waiting area or in the Nursery book corner. Your child will be given a book bag to carry their books to and from Nursery, and there will be a named card by the books for you to record the book your child has borrowed. Children often like to borrow the same book again and again as they gradually begin to remember the order of events, and the patterns of vocabulary. Please respect their choice even if it's not always yours! We hope that you will enjoy reading the book to your child and spend time talking about the pictures and the story.



How will my child be learning?

Each child is an individual with a different starting point. We value these differences and aim to build on their early home experiences in partnership with parents. Young children learn best when they are playing with something that interests them and when they are doing things for themselves. We aim to provide a range of experiences and activities which will interest your child, to introduce new ideas at the right time and challenge them to go that bit further with their discovery.

Nursery provides an introduction to the Foundation Stage, a specific phase of early education, and in our school for children aged 3-5 years old. All parents are invited to a presentation about the Foundation Stage by the Foundation Stage teachers. The Foundation Stage curriculum comprises seven areas of learning and development;

The Prime Areas

Communication and Language

Physical Development

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The Specific Areas

Literacy

Mathematics

Understanding of the World

Expressive Arts and Design

All of the planned experiences and activities in the Nursery ensure the provision of these seven areas. At the end of each term parents and carers are invited into the Nursery to share their child's 'Learning Journey'. This is a collection of photographs, written observations and samples of children's work which have been gathered over the term. They act as a means of showing the experiences your child has had in the Nursery and what progress they are making.

Please visit www.4children.org.uk to view or print the document '*What to Expect When?*' This is a document designed for parents which will give you information about the Early Years curriculum along with practical ideas to support your child's learning.



Inclusion

We welcome children with additional needs and we endeavour to ensure that their Foundation Stage experience is appropriate for them. When necessary, we will have designated Learning Support Assistants to provide appropriate support. We also welcome children from all social and cultural backgrounds. All children are treated equally at Two Moors Nursery and we actively celebrate similarities and differences and support children and families with English as an additional language.

What should my child wear?

Please send your child in comfortable, easy-to-manage clothes as this will help them to manage the toilet independently and to move comfortably during physical activity. You can buy a Two Moors sweatshirt for your child at the School office if you wish. It is very helpful if clothing is named, and essential for sweatshirts and coats. Please send a spare set of clothes, plastic bags for wet or soiled clothes and flushable wipes in case we need to change your child. If your child borrows spare clothes from Nursery, we appreciate it if you can wash and return them as soon as possible. If your child is still toilet training you will need to provide your own nappies, wipes and nappy bags.

Illness

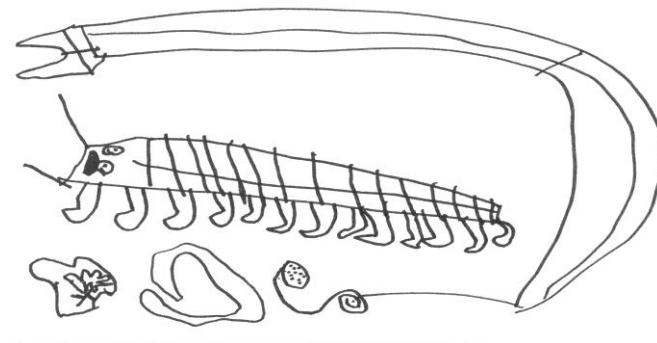
If your child is feeling unwell, has bumped their head or has had an accident which requires medical attention we will contact you immediately. We are unable to administer medicines unless they are prescribed, but we will help a child with their inhaler, for example, once you have signed a consent form. Also please contact Nursery of any absences. Please ensure that you keep us informed of any changes in contact details for yourself and for any other named contacts in case of emergencies.

Visits

Sometimes we will take the children out of school for planned walks or visits. We will always notify you of this in advance and ask you to sign a consent letter giving more details.

Environmental learning

We make full use of our extensive and exciting school grounds. During their time at Nursery the children will work in the school grounds to explore the wooded area and the kitchen garden. The children look for changes in the plants, pond, trees and wildlife. It would be helpful if you could send in your child's wellies, named and pegged together, to keep at school (although we do have some wellies and over-suits to borrow).



Toys

We would prefer children not to bring their toys from home as they can easily get lost or broken, or cause upset among friends. Please tell your child not to bring toys to Nursery. We are happy to see interesting objects, photos or books from a holiday or special visit.

Story-trails

Each term finishes with a story-trail where parents, carers and younger siblings are invited to join us for a story in the Nursery, followed by a walk in our school grounds where we search for story characters. They are great fun and have proved a popular way to end the term!

Intimate care

If a child wets or soils themselves while they are in the Foundation Stage, it is important that measures are taken to have them changed (and if necessary cleaned) as quickly as possible. Our staff will do this if you wish, or if preferred, we can contact you to ask you to attend to your child's needs without delay.

Children's Centre

We have a Children's Centre on site and staff here can offer advice and support on many family and child care matters. The Centre also runs many regular activities for children and their families to enjoy. Please call [01884 254044](tel:01884254044) for more information about the services on offer.

Information

Please look at our information boards regularly. This will show you our planning, information about special events, visits, copies of letters to parents and the school newsletter. You can access our school website at www.twomoors.devon.sch.uk and if you click on 'Nursery' you will find a direct link to our blog.



Finally, we would like you and your child to have a happy time with us. When young children feel happy and secure, they are confident to join in with activities and are eager to learn. If ever you or your child has any concerns or anxieties, please let us know. We hope to work in partnership with you, working together to help your child have a positive and rewarding Foundation Stage experience.