

Welcome to Shanklea Squirrels

Children in the Squirrels are part of the Early Years Foundation Stage which can continue through to Shanklea Nursery then onto their reception year.

The EYFS consists of 3 Prime Areas of learning and 4 specific areas of learning:

- Personal, Social Emotional development
- Physical Development
- Communication and Language
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Expressive Arts and Design
- Understanding of the World.

Assessment

Once your child is settled and is in our setting for at least 2 days we will carry out a 2 Year Progress check.

The aims of the progress check are to:

- review your child's development in the three prime areas of the EYFS;
- ensure that you have a clear picture of your child's development;
- enable staff to understand your child's needs and plan activities to meet them in the setting;
- enable you to understand your child's needs and, with support from staff, enhance development at home;
- note areas where your child is progressing well and identify any areas where progress is less than expected; and
- Develop next steps to support your child.

The check will be carried out by your child's key worker the check will arise from the ongoing observational assessments carried out as part of everyday practice in our setting. It will be based on skills, knowledge, understanding and behaviour that your child demonstrates consistently and independently. We take into account your views and contributions and will arrange for a time

convenient with you to share the check and for you to add in your views.

The children's attainment and progress is monitored throughout the Early Years in the Shanklea Squirrels, Nursery and Reception classes.

Key Person

Mrs Laughton is early years lead and oversees the whole of the EYFS unit. Mrs Connelly is the Squirrel leader she is also a key person throughout their time in the Shanklea squirrels, other staff including Mrs Jackson. Each child will work with their key person in small groups focusing on their personal, social and emotional needs for example talking about our feelings, friendships or any other issues that may arise. Working in a smaller group allows the children, who may not feel able to share ideas in front of the whole class, a chance to put forward their feelings and thoughts. Key person time will be planned in to the weekly timetable.

Accident or Illness

In the event of a child becoming ill, or having an accident at school, the school will need to contact the parents quickly. It is most important, therefore that you complete and return to school the Admission Form and also the consent form which is printed on the back of the Admission Form. Please advise us of any changes in telephone contacts ie change of home or work telephone numbers, and/or emergency contact changes.



Milk

Milk is provided free of charge to all children under 5 years of age. Children may bring a bottle of water if they don't like milk. All children will receive a piece of fresh fruit daily as part of the National Fruit Scheme.



School uniform

Uniform is optional however **Shanklea Squirrel jumpers** are available from Cloud 9 if you wish to purchase. Please don't send your child in their 'best' clothes as although aprons are provided they can sometimes still get paint and glue on themselves. We would ask that you provide some spare clothing in a draw string bag that we can keep on the child's peg and use if a change of clothing is required. Please make sure all clothing, bags and footwear are labelled clearly



Toilet Routine

Please dress your child in clothes which they can manage themselves avoiding belts, braces dungarees etc. joggers are ideal. Whilst we understand a lot of children will be new to toilet training and we are naturally on hand to help. A change of clothes in their bag will be used in case of 'accidents'. If a child is sent home in Shanklea clothes please wash and return them as our supplies are limited. If your child is still in nappies this is not a problem and we will work in partnership with home when the time is right to toilet train. You are welcome to provide nappies and wipes in your child's bag if your child should need changing during a session.



Sleep

Although sessions are only 2 hours long we are aware some children may need quiet time to relax or sleep. An area is provided for them where we will constantly monitor them. If your child requires a dummy or comforter please leave it in their bag and if needed we have access.

SAFETY

As you will appreciate, we are very conscious of the children's safety, so we do insist that you inform us if someone other than whom we are expecting is collecting your child. We will ask for you password (which is on the admissions form if we do not recognise the adult picking your child up)

SHANKLEA PRIMARY SCHOOL

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS



Shanklea Squirrels

9:00 – 12:00

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