



# Welcome to Princess May Primary School

## Nursery Parent Information



We know that coming to school is a big step for your child and we want you and your child to feel secure and happy with us. This handbook aims to give you an understanding of what you can expect here in the Nursery at Princess May Primary School.

## Getting started

We currently offer Morning and Full time places. All children at Princess May Nursery are entitled to a Full-time school place, regardless if they are eligible for the government extended offer. Please see our school website for further details.

## Your child's first days:

- We aim to get every child settled as soon as we can. We stagger entry to Nursery to give children time to get to know us and to begin to feel comfortable at school.
- Please be prepared for settling in to take a little time as each child is unique.
- **Regular attendance** – Please attend every day. This helps your child settle quickly and make rapid progress. If your child is unwell, please call the school to let us know your child cannot attend.

## Uniform

Your child must wear uniform to Nursery every day. This comprises of the school jumper and tie, white shirt and black trousers/skirt and black shoes. The school will give you a £30 pounds voucher to purchase the school jumper/cardigan at our uniform supplier, which is Rough Cut Casuals- 16 Chapel Market, London, N1 9EZ.

**Please make sure your child's name is written on any clothing they might take off at school.**

Item Name/Description	Prices – Subject to change
School Jumper with Logo Sizes 22"-32" School Jumper with Logo Sizes 22"-32"	£15.95
School Cardigans with Logo – 24"-32"	£16.95
Bottle Green Book Bag with School Logo Bottle Green P.E. Bag with School Logo	£5.50 £3.95
White Cotton Shirt 	Available at supermarkets and discount retailers Typical price: £3.50 pack of 2 (Matalan)
School Tie 	Clip on: £5.00 Elastic: £3.50
Black shoes or plain black trainers - no high-top boots 	Available at supermarkets and discount retailers Typical price: £14 (Tesco)

## P.E

P. E. lessons take place weekly. You will be informed via a letter when the lessons will commence and on which day. The children are expected to wear white t-shirts and black shorts, leggings, or jogging bottoms. Trainers or plimsolls are the only acceptable footwear. Your child is expected to come to school in their P.E kit, so that they can be ready for their lesson.

PE shirt 	£4.00 Typical price for pack of 3 (Sainsbury's)
PE shorts 	£4.00 Typical price for pack of 3 (Sainsbury's)
PE shoes 	Typical price: £4.00 one pair (Matalan)

## Book Bags

A book bag will be given to you when your child starts Nursery and they must bring their book bags to school every day. Please remember to sign and

comment on your child's engagement and learning in the reading diary. The reading book will be changed twice a week on **Monday and Fridays**.

### **Encouraging a love of reading**

Spending 10 minutes a day reading to your child develops a love of books/stories as well as developing their language skills, social and emotional skills, knowledge and imagination.

## **What to bring to Nursery:**

- Please bring in a bag with spare clothes (does not need to be school uniform) especially socks and underwear in case your child needs to change. Please leave the named bag on your child's peg.



- If possible, please bring a pair of Wellington boots so your child can play outside in the puddles/ engage in water play. Please make sure your child's name is written clearly inside their boots. The boots can be left in school under your child's coat peg.



## The Curriculum:

The Nursery makes up one part of the Early Years Foundation Stage and the second year of learning is in the Reception Class. The curriculum comprises 7 areas of learning.

### Prime areas of learning:

- Communication and Language
- Physical
- Personal, social and emotional development



### **Specific areas of learning:**

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the world
- Expressive arts and design



If your child is working at expected levels in all these areas when they leave Nursery, then he or she will be an investigator, an artist, a builder, a story teller, a singer a dancer, a gardener and a problem-solver.

When children are not working directly with an adult, they choose how they spend their time. Through planned and child initiated play, we develop children's capacity to think critically, to communicate, to solve problems and to enjoy new learning. We aim to support your child to develop great learning habits which will stick with them through their lives.

### **The Observation Cycle**

Your child will be a focus child about once a term. We observe and record your child's interests and learning. We will ask you for information about their interests at home and we will invite you to talk about his/her progress and the next steps of learning. In addition to this, you will have access to an online learning journal called Tapestry, where you will be able to view observations (learning) of your child at school and contribute to this at home. Information and log in details will be given to you when your child starts.

## Learning at home

- **Talk** with your child – listen to what they say, engage in conversations and answer their questions.
- **Support independence skills** –Encourage your child to use the toilet, put on their own coat and shoes, eat and drink by themselves and blow their own noses with a tissue.
- **Read** - make sure your child gets a bedtime story every night. Share your child's book from school; its ok to read the book more than once as your child may join in with you! Please sign your child's reading record.

**We look forward to working in partnership with you.**

**Ms Jane Bailey – Class Teacher**  
**Mrs Kathy Kelly – Early Years Educator**  
**Ms Shamina Rayan – Teaching Assistant**

**Please feel free to ask any questions as we welcome you and your child to our Nursery.**