



Brinsworth Whitehill Primary School

Foundation Stage 1

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We are committed to supporting every child to become the very best that they can be.

Welcome to

Brinsworth Whitehill Primary School

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At Brinsworth Whitehill Primary School, we pride ourselves on being a warm, caring, and welcoming community where every child is known, valued, and supported to thrive. With a strong family atmosphere at the heart of our school, our children are at the centre of everything we do.

Our vision is to help every child grow into a happy, confident, independent, and responsible learner. We work in partnership with parents, carers, and the wider school community to ensure that each child reaches their full potential. Through a nurturing, safe, and inclusive environment, we celebrate individuality, embrace diversity, and encourage children to recognise and respect the strengths and differences of others.

We are delighted to welcome you to the Whitehill family and look forward to sharing this exciting journey with you. We hope this welcome pack provides all the information you need as your child begins their time with us, and answers any questions you may have along the way.





We strive to create a learning environment where all children can thrive, and feel safe, happy and confident in their learning to achieve their full potential.



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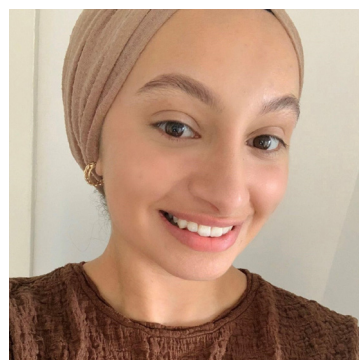
WORKING TOGETHER, LEARNING TOGETHER, ACHIEVING TOGETHER

Meet the Team

Teachers

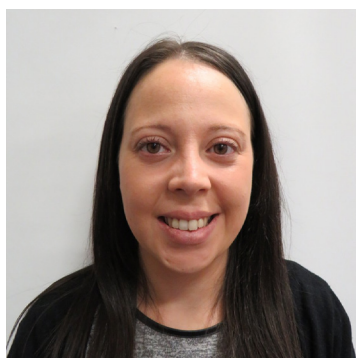


Miss Pearson
Teacher, Bumblebee
Mon, Tues, Weds



Miss Ayub
Teacher, Bumblebees
Thurs, Fri

Teaching Assistants



Mrs Haynes



We Instil
in Our
Children;
Respect,
Resilience,
Pride,
Aspiration &
Independence

What We Offer

All 3 to 4-year-olds in England are entitled to 570 free hours of childcare per year.

At Brinsworth Whitehill, this equates to 15 hours a week for 38 weeks of the year.

Your child will stay for either a daily morning session or a daily afternoon session, or you can split these hours over the week to times / days that suit you.

Parents can also chose to pay for additional childcare:

- Cost for additional hour's childcare over lunch period – £3
- Cost per additional session (morning or afternoon) – £13

We also offer 30 hours of childcare.

30 Hours

You may be able to get 30 hours of free childcare a week through the Free Childcare for Working Parents scheme.

To be eligible for Free Childcare for Working Parents, you (and your partner if you have one) will need to be in work or about to start a new job. You (and your partner) will also need to earn over a certain amount.

You will need a National Insurance number to apply.

Please note, should you wish for your child to stay at school for the full 5 day sessions this equates to 32.5 hours. Therefore, there will be an additional cost of £10 for the extra 2.5 hours. Should you not wish to pay for the extra hours, please collect your child by 13.00pm on Friday afternoons.

Timings of the School Day

- Morning sessions: 08:45am – 11:45am.
- Afternoon sessions: 12:05pm – 15:05pm.
- Full day: 08:45 – 15:05pm Monday – Friday
- The school day will finish at 13.00pm on Fridays for children doing 30 hours, unless you have paid for the extra session

Areas of Learning

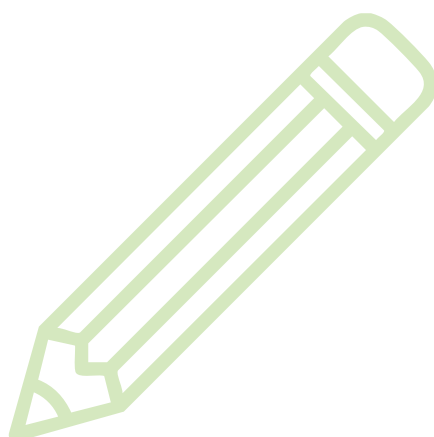
There are seven areas of learning and development in The Foundation Stage Curriculum. All areas of learning and development are important and inter-connected.

The Prime Areas of Learning - areas that lay the fundamental groundwork for all future development:

- **Communication and Language** – listening, attention, understanding and speaking
- **Physical Development** – gross motor and fine motor
- **Personal, Social and Emotional Development** – self regulation, managing self and building relationships

The Specific Areas of Learning - areas that build upon the Prime areas to provide essential skills and knowledge:

- **Literacy** – comprehension, word reading and writing
- **Mathematics** – numbers and numerical patterns
- **Understanding the World** – past and present, people, culture and communities, the natural world
- **Expressive Arts and Design** – creating with materials and being imaginative and expressive



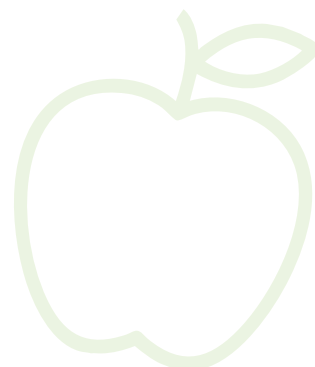
What Children Need to Bring

We ask that children bring the following to school on a daily basis:

- **Spare change of clothes:** Just in case your child has an accident, gets wet during water play, or needs a change for any other reason. This can be kept on your child's peg.
- **A labelled water bottle:** Filled with fresh water - this will stay in the classroom so it is easily available to your child throughout the day. Please make sure their name is clearly marked!
- **An extra drink for lunchtime:** If your child is bringing a packed lunch, they will need an additional drinks bottle to take to the dining hall with them.

What Children Should NOT Bring

- **Toys from home:** We know how exciting it is for children to show their friends their favourite toys! However, we ask that toys stay at home so they don't get accidentally broken or lost.
- **Snacks:** Please do not send any snacks from home. We have children with severe allergies and we want to ensure everyone stays safe. Don't worry, we provide fresh fruit daily for all children, entirely free of charge! (Note: If your child has a specific medical diet, please chat with a member of staff so we can make an agreed plan).
- **Nuts:** We are a strictly nut-free school. Please ensure that no lunchboxes contain nuts or any products containing nut ingredients. Thank you so much for helping us keep our pupils safe!





We make every effort to make sure new pupils are made to feel **welcomed!**

Lunchtime

Lunchtime is 1 hour – they have 30 minutes designated time in the dining room and 30 minutes outside play.

Please be sensible with what you pack your child in their lunch box.

We suggest that children have a sandwich, a packet of crisp, a biscuit, a yoghurt and a piece of fruit. Having too much in their lunch box means that they become overwhelmed with the amount of food that they have to eat, however you know your child best and know what they are capable of eating in the time given.

School Uniform

At Brinsworth Whitehill Primary School we believe that our children should be able to wear uniform that is affordable. Whilst branded items are available, these are not compulsory and parents / carers are free to purchase uniform from any suitable retailer.

We have a school uniform which all children should wear. It consists of:

- Black or grey trousers, joggers, skirt or shorts
- White or pale blue polo shirt
- Royal blue jumper or cardigan with or without logo
- Flat plain black shoes or trainers with velcro (no heels or flip-flops)
- Blue gingham summer dresses can also be worn.

Please ensure that all clothing is clearly marked with your child's name. It is incredibly difficult to reunite lost items with their rightful owner without a name label!

Uniform Suppliers - in order to assist parents and pupils in complying with the school's uniform policy, we have identified the following recommended suppliers who we feel represent quality and value for money.

[School Trends \(online\)](#) | Asda | Marks & Spencer | Tesco | Sainsbury's



Communication

We love staying in touch with our families! To keep you updated and connected, we use the ClassDojo app. Here is how we manage communication:

ClassDojo Hours: The app is monitored between 8:00am and 4:30pm. Outside of these times, the app is set to 'quiet hours' so our staff can switch off.

During the School Day: Because our main priority is teaching and looking after the children, we aren't able to reply to messages during the school day.

Weekly Updates: We will post on ClassDojo every week to share all the wonderful things your child has been learning. Please note that we use this for general class updates rather than individual weekly catch-ups.

Urgent Concerns: If you need to get a message to us urgently during the school day, please contact the main school office and a member of the team will get back to you as soon as possible.

Open-Door Policy: If you have a quick question or a minor concern at any other time, please feel free to speak to a member of staff on the door at drop-off or pick-up. If we can't chat right away, we will gladly arrange a suitable time to meet up and discuss things properly with you.



Important Information

To help us keep our records accurate and your children safe, please take a moment to review these important reminders:

Up-to-Date Contact Details: Please ensure that any paperwork the school currently holds is up-to-date, particularly your home address and telephone numbers. It is vital we can reach you in an emergency!

Medical Requirements & Care Plans: If your child has any specific medical needs such as severe allergies where an EpiPen may need to be administered please book an appointment with the school office. This ensures we can put a dedicated care plan in place before your child starts school.

Birthday Celebrations: We absolutely love celebrating the children's birthdays in school and singing Happy Birthday to them! However, due to a number of severe allergies and dietary requirements in our classes, we kindly ask that you **do not** send any sweet treats or cakes to share with the class.



Preparing Your Child for School

It is not expected that children are reading and writing. Give plenty of opportunities to enjoy mark making, such as painting and share books together.

Good personal skills are important, try and encourage your child with turn taking, sharing, asking for help and interacting with others.

Supporting your child to become more independent will help them to cope in the new school environment

Important skills include:

- Using the toilet independently
- Turning on taps, washing and drying hands
- Wiping their own nose, putting used tissues in the bin, catching coughs and sneezes and then washing hands
- Dressing and undressing
- Taking their coat on and off
- Recognising their name
- Learning nursery rhymes and sharing stories (these are really important!)

We are looking forward to welcoming your child to Brinsworth Whitehill Primary School!







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