



Ysgol Gynradd Cefn Fforest Cefn Fforest Primary School



**‘Living and Learning
Together’**

**Nursery Prospectus
2026-27**

Welcome to Cefn Fforest Primary Nursery



Dear Parents/Carers,

The Governing Body and Staff welcome you to Cefn Fforest Primary Nursery and the start of your child's school journey. You are probably familiar with the expression "learning the 3 R's" - well in Nursery, we will be dealing with "the 3 C's".

This involves building up your child's:

Confidence

Concentration and encouraging his/her

Conversation with adults and classmates.

Here at Cefn Fforest Nursery we understand that starting Nursery is a huge milestone for both your child and yourself. We hope this booklet answers some of the questions you may have regarding this time. If you have any concerns, worries or unanswered questions, no matter how small, please do speak to us - if it is important to you then it is important to us as well.

With this booklet we also aim to give you some idea about our routines and expectations, as well as a bit of a background to the way your child will learn in Nursery. If your child is relaxed, happy and playing at Nursery then they are learning!

The Nursery Team are really looking forward to meeting you and your child so please do come along and enjoy yourselves.

Mrs J Farmer
Headteacher

Mrs S Mitchell
Nursery teacher

Our Staff



Nursery Teacher	Mrs S Mitchell
Headteacher	Mrs J Farmer
Deputy Headteacher	Mrs Jayne-Willis
Support Staff	Miss L Hibbert Miss K Parry
School Secretary	Mrs B Phillips Mrs E Jones

Daily Routine

Morning Nursery

9.00am – 11.30 am

Afternoon Nursery

12.45pm-3.15pm

Drop off and Pick up point.

The school is split onto two sites; The Nursery and Infants are based in the newer building and Key Stage 2 are in the Victorian building across the road. Your Nursery drop off is at the gate on Central Avenue, to the left of the bus stop as you look at the school site. You can enter through this gate and the pathway will lead you to the Nursery Entrance, where there will be staff to greet you on entry. On visiting the school please report to the main office in the Junior Block where all visitors must sign in. If you need to pick your child up early at any time, please report to the Main Office where, staff will then arrange for you to collect your child. Please do not enter the Infant site unless you have reported to the school office.

General Points about Nursery life

- ❖ Please could all items of clothing be labelled.
- ❖ Sometimes our Nursery children are enjoying themselves so much, they forget to go to the toilet, please understand if your child comes home in a change of clothing.
- ❖ We play in the Nursery garden everyday (except in extreme weather conditions). Please could your child bring in a warm coat in the colder weather.
- ❖ Where possible, please encourage your child to dress independently and show him/her to do up buttons and zips
- ❖ Children often like to bring to Nursery a toy from home. These precious things can however get lost or damaged so we ask that the children leave toys at home.
- ❖ If you would like to view the nursery environment, please give us a ring to make an appointment or, you can see photos of the areas on our school website.

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Snack Time

Snack time is an important social communication time where children have the opportunity to sit with friends and chat about what they have done during the session. Children are provided with milk, (water can be provided if your child is intolerant to milk) We provide a piece of fruit on a daily basis at a cost of £1.25 per week. Please could you send fruit money in on a Monday in an envelope with your child's name on.

Uniform

Nursery uniform can be made up from the following list:

- Yellow polo shirt (with or without the Nursery logo)
- White shirt/blouse
- Grey skirt/trouser/pinafore dress
- Red jogging bottoms
- Red jumper/cardigan (with or without the Nursery logo)



All uniform is available from Bargoed CC Sports.

Although school uniform is not compulsory in Nursery, it is recommended. Children have fun exploring in the sand, water, dirt and paint, and as a result may often come home looking a bit 'messy'.

Keeping us informed

Please notify staff if your child is to be collected by someone other than yourself.

If there are any changes to home circumstances which might affect your child at school, please let us know so that we can keep an eye on them. Of course we will treat any information sensitively.

Please notify us of any medical conditions, permanent or temporary, which may affect your child at school e.g. asthma, allergies.

Attendance

If your child is unwell or absent for any reason please inform the school office at the first available opportunity. If no reason is given for your child's absence upon their return, you may receive a letter from the school office asking you to confirm the reason for absence. If you are taking your child out of school for a holiday, please could you complete a holiday form, which can be obtained from the school office.

It is important to arrive and collect on time.

The children are only here for 2 ½ hours, and we really want them to make the most of their time here with us.

At the end of the session we ask that you are patient, we will sit the children on the carpet, and a member of the Nursery team will call your child to the door when they either see yourself or your named collecting adult. This way we can be sure of your child's safety at this busy time.

Wraparound - Rising Stars Childcare

We are able to offer both morning and afternoon wraparound, as we work closely with our all-day Quality Childcare provision - Rising Stars.

Staff will escort children through the school for both sessions. Children attending morning Nursery will go to Rising Stars childcare room at 11.30, where all wraparound children will eat together supervised by Rising Stars staff, therefore, all children using the wraparound service will need to be provided with a packed lunch.

Rising Stars are also able to offer Flying Start places, supported places along with fee paying morning and afternoon places. For more information please contact Helen or Jenna on: 07307167156 or

Email: risingstarschildcare19@gmail.com

Working with Parents

We look forward to working closely with parents. During the year, we will be inviting you into school to share our Christmas concert, Sports day and on many other occasions. We love to see you in school - the children always adore performing and sharing with you their Nursery activities.

Each term we develop our work through a chosen topic. Sometimes we will ask you to help your child reinforce the skills and knowledge being developed in school by doing something or making something simple at home, in a 'Home/ school task'. These tasks are a great opportunity to work with your child and show off their skills. We love to see your child's work.

At the beginning of each term we will send out a newsletter with important dates and information for the coming term. We will also include an overview for the term's topic.

You can keep up to date with information by following the school website and twitter accounts.

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Class Dojo - (details to follow)

Seesaw - (details to follow)



During the Nursery sessions and activities, photographs will be taken of the children learning. These photographs may be used outside the classroom or school premises, and on the school website/twitter account. Please let us know if you do not wish for your child to be photographed, or for their photos to be used in this way. Please also be aware that photos taken at school events, for example during the Christmas play, should be used for personal use only and not shared on social networking sites.

Assessment and Record Keeping

Each child's language, mathematical and personal skills will be assessed during his or her first term in school.

The curriculum

The new Early Years curriculum is about enhancing the learning experiences which enable children to be creative, imaginative and to have fun whilst learning.

Children will be given opportunities practical activities which are fun and enjoyable and relevant to their stage of development.

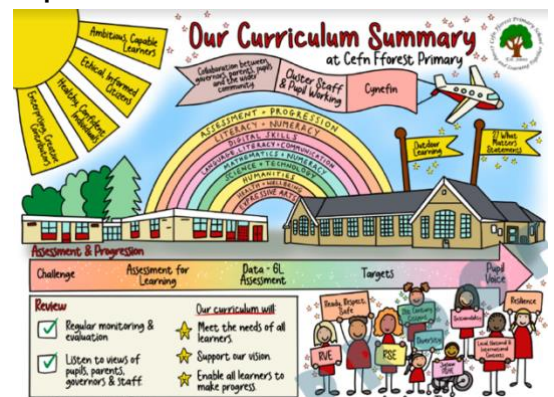
The curriculum places greater emphasis on:

- developing and promoting self-esteem and self-confidence to experiment investigate, learning new things and form new relationships.
- activities in the outdoors where they have first-hand experiences of solving real life problems



Learning Indoors and Outdoors

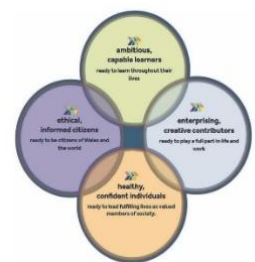
Indoor and outdoor environments that are fun, exciting, stimulating and safe promote children's development and natural curiosity to explore and learn through first-hand, real life experiences.



At the heart of our Curriculum here in Cefn Fforest, are the **Four Purposes** - the starting point and aspiration for every child and young person in Wales. Pupils can explain how everything they do, leads us towards achieving them.

Our staff here in Cefn Fforest have worked extremely closely with other schools within the Blackwood Cluster to develop a Cluster approach to Curriculum Design

So, whilst we have our own Cefn Fforest Curriculum that is relevant to our pupils and local community, we have also ensured that all of our pupils are experiencing a consistent approach for a smooth transition to School.





Outdoor Learning

Outdoor learning is a key part of our New Curriculum for our pupils at Cefn Fforest.

We truly believe that when pupils have a healthy mind they are able to learn more productively.

Learning in the outdoors and animal care has been a big part of our investment here.

Nursery pupils are catered for within a purpose-built area with extensive space, outdoor areas and soft surfacing.

All pupils have access to our Outdoor Learning area, which houses chickens, rabbits, fire pit, log circle, polytunnel and varying allotments.



Writing in Nursery

How can I help my child?

Please give your child many opportunities for using a variety of writing equipment and value all of their efforts for writing as well as drawing.

Let your child watch you when you write. It might be:

- filling in forms
- letters
- birthday cards
- notes
- bills
- shopping lists

Children like doing all of the above things for themselves.

Talk about what you are writing and whom it is for. Show your child that you can make mistakes and start again.

Please do not teach your children to write using capital letters.

Children will be taught the letter sounds in preparation for reading and writing. It is important to call letters by their sound rather than their name.



Maths in Nursery

Learning about maths does not only happen at school. There are many ways of beginning to understand numbers.

All of your child's mathematical experiences count, not just those in school.

You can help your child to think and talk about maths everyday by using the numbers around them, using games to develop early maths and using important mathematical words in everything you do e.g. big, small, biggest, smallest, more, less, heavy, light etc.

Play with maths outside

You might play counting games as you go around your area. On trips to the shops you can use counting games to:

Go up and down steps.

Count groups of things you see - red cars, lamp posts, friends etc.

There is a lot of mathematical language you can use while playing in the park with your child. On the swings and see saw you can talk about up and down, high and low, heavier and lighter and going round on the roundabout.

Playing outdoor games such as skittles, skipping or hopscotch will help your child to recognise numbers and know the order of numbers.



Playing with maths at home

There are numerous opportunities to introduce your child to maths at home. Helping to bake a cake, counting the stairs as they go to bed, counting songs and rhymes, laying the places at the table and sharing counting books are just a few examples.

We look forward to meeting you and your child very soon.

The Nursery Staff Team

Welcome to Nursery

