Welcome to our nursery

Where children learn, grow and shine together

A warm welcome to
Dickory Dock Nursery

We are delighted to welcome you and your child into our caring nursery family. Together, we nurture today for brighter futures tomorrow.

Learning | Belonging | Growing

Our Nursery Family

A nurturing, inclusive place to belong

Our Ethos

Every child is unique and capable. We value kindness, respect, curiosity and confidence, and celebrate diversity in a safe, happy environment.

Our Vision

To inspire confident, independent and resilient learners who are ready for their next steps in learning and life.

Our Aim

To work in partnership with families, providing high-quality experiences that support every child to grow, develop and thrive.

Our EYFS Curriculum

Learning through play, every day

Our curriculum follows the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). Children learn best through play, meaningful experiences and thoughtful teaching. We support all seven areas of learning and development.

Communication and Language

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Physical Development

Literacy

Mathematics

Understanding the World

Expressive Arts and Design

DICKORY DOCK

NURSERY

A Day at Dickory Dock

A familiar rhythm, with room to explore

Welcome and settle

Warm greetings and child-led play

Group time

Stories, singing, language and friendships

Learning through play

Adult-led activities, maths and free-flow exploration

Snack and personal care

Healthy snacks, hygiene and toothbrushing

Outdoor movement

Active games, climbing, running and fresh air

Lunch and rest

Meals, quiet moments and individual rest

Afternoon discovery

Creative play, yoga, stories and reflection

Our routines are flexible and adapted to each child, including individual sleep, feeding and care needs.

Home-time transitions

Sharing achievements and saying goodbye

Our Wonderful Team

Caring, qualified and committed

Key Person Approach

Every child has a dedicated key person who gets to know them well, supports their individual journey and celebrates their achievements.

Working with Families

We build warm, trusting relationships with parents and carers, sharing progress and working together to help children feel safe and valued.

Additional Support

Our three trained SENDCos support children with additional needs. Please speak with them if you have any concerns about your child's development.

Getting Ready for Nursery

Little things for a comfortable day

Our Uniform

Red or white tops with black bottoms and suitable shoes for play. Please label clothing and choose comfortable, practical items.

What to Bring Each Day

A named change of clothes, a suitable coat for the weather, outdoor shoes or wellies when needed, a labelled water bottle if preferred, and comforters or dummies if needed.

Personal Care

Please discuss nappies, wipes, creams and other care requirements with the nursery team. We will help you plan what your child needs.

Healthy Little Learners

Food, health and wellbeing

Meals and Snacks

We encourage balanced eating, fresh ingredients and positive mealtime experiences. Additional nursery meals are charged at £2.25 per meal.

Packed Lunches

Families may provide a healthy packed lunch. Please avoid nuts and nut products, and provide water or milk rather than sugary drinks.

Optional Daily Consumables

An optional £2 charge per attending day covers nappies, wipes, breakfast, fresh fruit at mealtimes, afternoon snacks and other everyday consumables.

Keeping Everyone Well

Children should attend when fit and well enough to enjoy the nursery day. Please follow our illness and infection-control policy.

Funding and Fees

Flexible options for families

15 funded hours	Term-time only: 38 weeks
11.5 funded hours	Stretched across 50 weeks
30 funded hours	Term-time only: 38 weeks
22.5 funded hours	Stretched across 50 weeks

Additional Charges

- Extra hours outside funding: £10 per hour
- Optional snacks and consumables: £2 per attending day
- Extra meals: £2.25 per meal
- Late payment: £30 per month while balance remains unpaid
- Late collection: £10 per 10 minutes

Keeping Connected

Your child’s journey, shared with you

ParentZone

We use ParentZone to help families stay informed and involved in nursery life.

What You Can See

Bookings, observations, photographs, learning stories, important messages, menus, activities and calendar updates.

Keeping Details Current

Please use ParentZone or speak to our office team to update your contact information and other important details.

Working Together

We value open communication and welcome questions, updates and conversations about your child’s learning and wellbeing.

Important Information

Please provide these details before your child starts

Parent information
Parent National Insurance number; parent date of birth

Forms and permissions
Completed nursery permission forms

Health information
Allergy details and medication information

Child identification
Photo of your child’s birth certificate

Immunisation records
Photo of your child’s immunisation record

Dental information
Dentist registration details

Missing documents may delay your child’s start date. Please contact the nursery office if you need help.

Frequently Asked Questions

Helpful answers for nursery families

Do you provide nappies and wipes?

Yes, through our optional snacks and consumables provision.

What if my child is unwell?

Please keep them at home and follow our illness policy.

Can you support allergies?

Yes. Please tell us about all dietary and medical needs.

Can I provide my own food?

Yes, a suitable packed lunch is welcome.

How can I update details?

Use ParentZone or speak to the office team.

Do children go on outings?

We plan appropriate local experiences and outdoor learning.

When should I arrive?

Please follow your child’s booked session times.

Thank You

For being part of our nursery family

Together we nurture today...

tomorrow’s brighter futures.

Thank you for choosing Dickory Dock Nursery. We look forward to sharing your child’s discoveries, friendships and milestones.

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Follow our nursery updates through ParentZone.