



Codsall
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NURSERY

Parent Information Pack



welcome!

Welcome to Codsall Community Nursery. We know just how difficult it can be to decide on the best nursery for your child and we hope this pack provides you with the information you need to start making that decision. We also encourage you to come and see us, take a look around and chat with our Nursery Manager and team of early years professionals to really get a feel for what our setting can offer you and your child.



We provide a safe, warm and nurturing home from home environment for all children, which puts their unique needs at the heart of our practice. Codsall Community Nursery understands how important the early years are for children and we work closely with parents and carers to build strong foundations for future learning. Our enquiry led curriculum allows children to discover and explore the world around them, so that they grow in confidence, make friends and enjoy coming to nursery each day.



Vision, Mission and Values

Our **vision** is for every child to have the opportunity to explore, enquire and investigate in order to develop strong foundations for lifelong learning

Our **mission** is to provide a safe, stimulating and engaging environment, where we scaffold children's learning based on their unique interests. Our enquiry led curriculum encourages children to build on and lead their own learning, carefully guided by skilful caring professionals

Our **Values** are...

- 1** The holistic needs of each child are at the centre of our practice
- 2** We protect our children's rights and keep them safe
- 3** We value learning through play and enquiry
- 4** We are kind and respectful to each other
- 5** We work in partnership with families and our wider community



Our Curriculum and Pedagogy

At Codsall Community Nursery, we offer an enquiry led curriculum, which focuses on being responsive to children's interests in order to create meaningful learning experiences. This philosophy involves active participation, strong attachments and relationship building, child led enquiry and play-based learning. Our enquiry led curriculum starts with the child, follows their lead and provides opportunities for our skilled team of early years professionals to scaffold children's learning further.

Our nursery environment allows children to explore their areas of interest, moving freely around the setting and playing together to develop new ideas. Our equipment, toys and resources are stored at children's level in order for them to be fully accessible to the children, visually and physically. We offer open ended materials which encourage children to experience and manipulate materials in different ways.

We follow the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) framework, which includes four distinct but complementary principles, which shape and underpins our practice;

- A Unique Child – We recognise that every child is a competent learner from birth, who can be resilient, capable, confident and self-assured.
- Positive Relationships – We recognise that children learn to be strong and independent from a base of loving and secure relationships with parents and/or a key person.
- Enabling Environment – We understand that both the physical and emotional environment plays a key role in supporting and extending children's development and learning.
- Learning and Development – We acknowledge that children develop and learn in different ways and at different rates, and that all areas of learning and development are equally important and inter-connected.

Our enquiry led curriculum embraces all seven areas of learning within the EYFS;

- Communication and language
- Physical development
- Personal, social and emotional development
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the world
- Expressive arts and design





Opening Hours & Fees

Our daily fee is £65 per day - (8am – 6pm)

Half days are £38 per session (8am - 1pm or 1pm - 6pm)

We are open all year round, closing over the Christmas period and bank holiday. Parents are not charged when the nursery is closed, however, you will be charged if your child takes holiday or is unable to attend their sessions for any reason.

Our fees include:

- Breakfast: Toast, bagels, croissants, porridge, cereal, and fruit with milk or water
- Morning snack: Fruit, milk, water
- Healthy cooked lunch and Afternoon Tea: Rotating menu of fresh home cooked meals
- Afternoon snack: Fruit, milk, water
- Fresh drinking water is always available
- Weaning menu for babies: Fresh home cooked meals, for our youngest children
- Vegetarian, vegan, and a range of free from foods for any intolerances, preferences, or allergies are all available
- Child centred approach to early years care and education, inline with the Early Years Foundation Stage
- Our unique enquiry-led curriculum enabling all children to explore new and exciting topics whilst following their unique and individual interests
- Our safe, happy and stimulating environment where children can play, explore, and experiment to become confident, inquisitive, and capable learners
- Daily updates and information on your child through our Parent Portal – Nursery Story

Parents / carers will be expected to provide nappies, wipes, sun-cream, spare clothes, weather appropriate clothing (sun hats, wellies, etc) and formula milk for younger babies. We suggest that a minimum of 2 days per week is required to enable your child to fit into a more structured routine and helps with the settling in process.

Fees are paid monthly in advance. To register your child, a non refundable booking fee of £50 plus your first months fees are required. We offer funded places for 2 and 3 year old eligible children and accept tax free childcare vouchers.

*terms and conditions apply



Our Environment

Codsall Community Nursery is set within the community hub, on Wolverhampton Road, Codsall. We offer a truly enabling environment, which feels like a home from home. As part of the community hub, we have a whole host of facilities to enjoy. The library is directly opposite our nursery, meaning our children can access the library at any time to support their learning and development. Our preschool children will have regular library time to choose books to take home and share with parents. Onsite GP services, police and wellbeing provision enables our children and staff to be well cared for when at nursery. The onsite cafe and host of shops on Birches Bridge provide a range of learning experiences and you may spot our children in their hi-vis vests out and about in our community, buying fruit for snack, having the occasional treat in the cafe, and visiting the shops for resources.

Our eclectic mix of furniture, comfy sofas, and inviting cosy corners, invite children to relax and enjoy being in the nursery. Spaces are provided for children to explore, engage and learn at their own pace across all seven areas of learning. Our resources are an eclectic mix too, sharing beautiful and real life items with children for them to use and enjoy. Children's meals are served on china plates and they drink from china and glass cups in order for them to learn how to take care of the resources around them. At snack time, they are encouraged to peel and chop their own fruit, and wash up their own plate and cup when they are finished. All of these skills are supported by skilled professionals to ensure children engage in them safely. Through our play with children, we embed learning across all areas, counting the change in our role play shop, weighing and measuring the ingredients for a mud pie, and making marks with a range of tools for pre-writing practice. All of our exciting activities and the learning that has taken place will be shared with you via our parent app - Nursery Story.

Our youngest children start their nursery journey in our baby room, a warm and comforting base for children to grow both physically and emotionally. Our baby room staff have specific training on supporting the learning and development of children aged under two. Your baby's individual routine will be followed in the setting, and we work closely with you as this changes over time. As babies start to grow in confidence and become more independent, they will venture out into the toddler area of the nursery, exploring more resources and learning new skills. The baby room area is always available for them to retreat back to as and when they need to, supporting their transitions and individual needs.



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Children aged over 2 come together in our larger area, learning and playing along side each other. This mixed age approach has significant value for children, including:

- Strengthening children's social skills, communication and flexibility when interacting with others, fostering a sense of community
- Learning to lead and follow; both the young and older children have an opportunity to navigate both roles as they mentor each other during play and structured activities
- The idea of 'monkey-see, monkey-do'; younger children are able to observe and mimic skills exhibited by other children in the class resulting in a richer learning environment for skill building
- Opportunities to practice and develop empathy occur organically as children interact in their play
- Opportunities to explore and develop new lines of enquiry, adding new concepts as they play and learn together.

Children will have free flow access to the bathroom, encouraging independence and confidence in self care. They will also have free flow access to our outdoor area, where they will find a range of exciting learning opportunities, such as planting, sand and water play, and the much loved mud kitchen!

The emotional environment is as important as the physical one and children are encouraged to name and share their emotions, understand the feelings of other and have kind hands and kind words. We know how hard it can be for some children, to settle into nursery and we work with parents/carers to meet the child's unique needs. Our key person approach means that all children will have a key person with whom they develop strong attachments and professional love. This key person will work with you to really get to know your child, their needs, interests, routines, likes and dislikes, developing a strong bond in order to support their learning and development. Cuddles, high fives, hugs and positive praise are all used to build confidence, resilience and a feeling of being welcome and at home in the setting.



Come and see us!

Whilst we hope that the information within this pack is useful, we know that the best way find out about our setting is by visiting us.

Please do make an appointment to view the nursery, ask questions and find out if Codsall Community Nursery is the right nursery for your child.

To make an appointment, visit codsallcommunitynursery.co.uk or email us: hello@codsallcommunitynursery.co.uk

