#### Uniform

Nursery Children wear a green jumper or cardigan with a white polo shirt or shirt. Pupils can wear grey trousers, shorts, skirts or a dress. Black school shoes are required. Please send a spare change of clothing including socks and underwear in your child's drawstring PE bag in case they have an accident.

Please ensure all items are named!

#### What to do if you are running late or your child is poorly

If you arrive at school after 8.55am, please go to the school office to sign your child in. If your child is too unwell to attend school, please call the school office 01543 227175 before 9.30 am if possible.

#### I need to talk to an adult in school

Staff are more than happy to help! Please speak to the member of staff at the Nursery entrance each morning or at the end of the session.

If it's a general query, the school office staff may well be able to answer it for you or you could email office@pyegreen.staffs.sch.uk



### Daily Essentials

Your child will need to bring a water bottle (please ensure this is labelled) If your child wears glasses, these will also need to come to school each day with a case.

Please keep toys at home as they can get damaged or lost.

#### Afternoon Nursery

Nursery Timings

Morning Nursery

Pupils must arrive at 8.45am

Pupils must be collected at 11.45am

Pupils must arrive at 12.30pm Pupils must be collected at 3.30pm

If you are entitled to 30 hours provision these hours are-8.45am-3.15pm everyday

#### PE

Please send your child into school on a Wednesday in their PE kit. This consists of tracksuit, t shirt and trainers (which your child is able to put on and take off themselves)



Our Nursery children Are known as Little Acorns

## Medication and Allergies

If your child requires medication or has a medical need, please inform staff using the forms provided. All children with asthma will need two named inhalers and a spacer in school. A care plan will be created with you by a member of staff.

## 30 hour lunch provision

If you child is a staying all day they can bring a healthy packed lunch from home in a named lunchbox.

#### Fruit and Milk

We have fruit and milk together every day. All children will have free milk & fruit provided each day.

Milk and fruit time is an important social time to learn good manners and engage in conversations with their peers.

#### Keeping in touch

Each week we will send home our 'Nursery Newsletter' to update you on what we will be learning next week and how you can help.

We have a parent's only Instagram page where we share pictures from the week and information @pyegreennursery

We also use an app called Tapestry to share your child's learning journey

Nursery email is nursery@pyegreen.uwmat.co.uk

## Which staff will work with my child?

Mrs Edwards (Nursery Lead)
Mrs Jones (teaching assistant)

What about lunchtime? (30 hours)

Dinner ladies will take care of your child during lunchtime which will be 11.45-12.30pm

#### Come rain or shine!

In Nursery we love to explore the outdoors no matter the weather. This is so children can learn and explore in the outside area when the weather is cold & warm. Please send them with a weather suitable coat everyday so that they can spend time learning outside.





# How will I know how my child is progressing?

Staff will talk regularly to you during your child's time at school. We will share the brilliant things they do and talk to you if your child is needing some extra support.

Parents' Evenings are held throughout the year and your child will receive an end of year report updating you on their achievements in the year.

#### How does learning take place in Nursery?

Your child will learn through structured play and some more formal, short learning sessions.

Children are given lots of opportunities to work and explore independently as well as working in groups with their teachers and with friends. Your child will have chance to learn indoors and out every day.

## How can I help my child to be 'school ready'?

Talk to your child about how exciting school will be and that it is okay to feel a little nervous to start with!

Please help them to be as independent as possible to learn how to do the following:

- Put on and take off their school shoes and socks
  - Put their coat on and fasten it
- Learn how to get dressed and undressed ready for PE
  - Say please and thank you
- Play turn taking games and learn to tidy
   away
- Go to the toilet independently and wash their hands with soap

Please use the Green Heath Road entrance.

You will be directed by a member of staff.



## How will my child learn at Little Acorns at Pye Green Academy?



All of the staff at Little Acorns at Pye Green Academy are qualified early years practitioners. The nursery follows the 'Statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage' which starts from birth and continues through their time at nursery till the end of their Reception year at school. All of the staff in the nursery are highly skilled in planning and delivering a range of activities for the children. All of these activities are delivered through a balance of child initiated and adult led activities.



The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) is based upon four principles:

#### A Unique Child

At Pye Green Academy we recognise that all children are unique and all develop at different rates, however we believe that all children are competent learners who can be resilient, capable and confident when they have positive attitudes and dispositions to learning.

#### Positive Relationships

Children learn to be strong and independent from secure relationships.

During your child's time at nursery we hope to develop caring but professional relationships with the children and their families and encourage positive relationships between the children and their peers. We have a key person policy in place to ensure that these relationships are formed.

#### **Enabling Environments**

At Pye Green we recognise that the environment plays a key role in supporting children's learning and development. The nursery environment is designed to allow the children to explore and learn safely. The environment supports the children to become independent and children can choose to move between the indoor and outdoor environment freely.

#### Learning and Development

At Little Acorns we understand that children develop in different ways and different rates.

The Early Years Foundation Stage has seven areas of learning. All of the areas of learning are equally important and are all interconnected.

There are three Prime areas in the EYFS, these are: • Personal, Social and Emotional Development • Physical Development • Communication and Language

The four specific areas are: • Literacy • Mathematics • Understanding of the world • Expressive Arts and Design

#### Prime Areas

#### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We support children in creating relationships and making friends. We help them to have a positive sense of themselves, develop respect for others and manage their feelings

and behaviour. Together we encourage children to have confidence in themselves and their abilities



#### Physical Development

We provide opportunities for children to be active and develop their co-ordination, movement and control. We support them in negotiating space and handling tools effectively. In nursery we help children to understand the importance of health, physical exercise and staying safe.











Communication and Language

Within our nursery children have the opportunity to experience a rich language environment. Nursery staff have a good understanding of speech and language development and support children in developing their confidence to express themselves. We help them to gain the skills to speak to others and listen with increasing attention.









### Specific Areas

#### Literacy

Books and stories are a very important part of our curriculum. By providing children with access to a wide range of reading materials linked to their interests, they develop a love of reading. At nursery we provide opportunities that encourage children to link sounds and letters to support them in the process of learning to read and write.







Understanding the World

We support children in making sense of their physical world and their community. We provide opportunities to explore, observe and find out about people, places, technology and the environment.







Mathematics

We provide children with opportunities and experiences that develop their skills in counting, understanding and using numbers. We encourage them to solve problems, including those that include addition and subtraction. In nursery we support children in using everyday language to talk about and describe shapes, spaces and measures.









#### Expressive Arts and Design

Children in nursery have the opportunity to explore and play with a wide range of media and materials. Opportunities are provided and encouraged for children to share their thoughts, ideas and feelings through a variety of activities in art, music, movement, dance, role-play and design and technology.











Key person

During your child's time at Little Acorns each child and family will be allocated a key worker. This person will be a valuable link into settling your child into nursery and for communication throughout your child's time with us. Your child's Key worker will also be responsible for compiling your child's Learning Journey.





Learning Journeys



We keep a record of your child's progress and achievements. These records are collected through observations of the children throughout their time at nursery and shared with the parents regularly throughout the year. We encourage all parents to be involved in your child's learning journey and welcome your comments, photographs and stories from home. This special book is for you to keep when your child leaves nursery and we hope you treasure it for years to come.

