

# Preparing for our transitions to school



Attending Sherwood Green Nursery helps children develop into confident individuals who are eager to learn as they grow and thrive. Alongside the early years curriculum, Sherwood Green Nursery offers engaging opportunities that enhance children's learning, development, and overall well-being.



Starting school is one of the most important transitions in your child's life and Sherwood Green has the experience and knowledge to ensure your child is prepared.

# Our Sherwood Green Pre-school

Our Pre-School is a well-designed classroom meeting the needs of children aged from 3 years until they move on to school

Our practitioners involve the children to work together in a productive environment with quality resources where they are constructively engaged. It is the role of the practitioners to observe, facilitate and challenge the children and the environment supports this. The pre-school surroundings help the children to interact, learn, and promote good values, for example walking feet indoors and showing respect for the resources and equipment by using and looking after them properly.



When children leave our Pre-Schools, they do so as confident and independent individuals that are ready for the next stage in their learning. For example, they are able to use the toilet independently, dress themselves and have an understanding of expected behaviour. They can share and take turns, are able to sit still for short periods of time and are able to communicate needs and listen to others, learn actively and think critically. These essential skills will help your child to feel confident and self assured as they embark of the next exciting part of their story.

# Seamless Transitions

Starting nursery for the first time and then progressing through the base rooms as a child grows and develops before moving onto school are often considered as a normal part of the lives of children.

However, transitions are milestones for children and have a definite impact on their learning, development and well being. These milestones mark exciting change for children along with being introduced to new experiences and opportunities

For some children, transitions can bring uncertainty because their environment is not the same. Expectations, routines and rules are different and faces are not yet familiar. Ensuring transitions are seamless is essential for every child and should not be seen as a single event that just ‘happens’.

Transitions should be viewed as a process rather than an event that involves children, practitioners and parents together. Transitions can be better described as an ongoing journey rather than a destination



A Transition Sheet is a summative record that is completed using information collected during your child's time at nursery. You, your child and your child's Key Person will each contribute to this, with the aim of providing a holistic picture of your child; reflecting all of their unique and individual qualities along with an overview of their learning and development.

The information in the document helps to ensure your child settles as well as they possibly can by sharing detailed information from the nursery and yourself as parents to support their transition. Your child's Key Person will arrange a suitable time for this document to be completed before your child leaves nursery to start school.

Your child's new teacher will arrange a time to come into the nursery setting to get a copy of the transition sheet and also to introduce themselves to your child.

# Ideas for parents to help support school transition

As well as the amazing activities your child's Key Person will be carrying out in nursery; there are lots of ways that you can help your child prepare for their school transition at home. Below are a few ideas to help:

## **Talk with your child about starting school.**

Ask them what they think it will be like? What are they most looking forward to? Is there anything they're unsure or worried about?

- **Look at the school's brochure, prospectus or website together and talk about the pictures**
- **Where possible visit the school with your child before they start. As well as the formal open days.**
- **Practice the school morning routine as much as possible, including getting dressed and eating a good breakfast in time to leave.**
- **If your child has a comforter, try to get them used to being without it during the day.**

**Read books together about starting school.**

**We have included a list of books below to help with the transition to school:**

- **I am too Absolutely Small for School (Charlie and Lola) by Lauren Child**
- **Starting School by Janet and Allen Ahlberg**
- **Topsy and Tim Start School by Jean and Gareth Adamson**
- **Harry and the Dinosaurs Go to School by Ian Whybrow and Adrian Reynolds**
- **Come to School too, Blue Kangaroo! by Emma Chichester Clark**
- **Going to School Sticker Book and Starting School Sticker Book – Usborne**
- **Sharing is Caring by DK**
- **Please and Thank You by DK**
- **Pens Special: Starting School by Alexa Tewkesbury**