

# Welcome to Toddlers!

Now that your child is, or is approaching, 2 years old, it is time for them to move to the Toddler room. During their time in Toddlers, Brogan, Sophie, Mel and Frances will be looking after them. In Toddlers we work to a slightly more structured routine than in babies, to promote development and begin to get them ready for more structured learning in the years to come, although we still have plenty of time for free play activities, as we value these just as much. Below are a few things that you need to know about what your child will be doing and need during their time in Toddlers. Any other notices for you will be placed on a bulldog clip on your child's peg in the hall, so please check this regularly. If you have any questions, or would like to know more about what your child has been up to please do not hesitate to come into the room and see Brogan, Sophie, Mel or Frances.

## Routine

The Toddler routine can be found on the toddler room door. We don't always stick strictly to it, but this is the approximate times we do things during the day. For those children who only attend a few sessions each week we will adapt the routine to fit in as many activities as possible, but we cannot promise to cover them all.

## Topic Sheets

As we plan our activities each month, we base them around a topic or theme. In order to promote the continuity between the home and nursery environments you can take a sheet outlining the main activities that are planned so that you can talk to your child about what they've been doing or even try out some of the activities yourself! These sheets will be sent out by email.

## Sleeps

We allow time in the routine for the children to sleep after their dinner at about 12noon. If you would like your child to have more or less sleep, please do not hesitate to talk to a member of staff about it.

## Potty Training

The toddlers have their own bathroom with a low toilet, sink and potties to facilitate potty training. When you feel that your child is ready to start potty training please let us know so we can start training here, keeping the continuity between home and nursery. When they do start we will need you to provide many changes of clothes (including pants, trousers and socks) We usually use a reward system of stickers when they are successful, but if you are using a different reward system at home and would like us to reinforce this in nursery please let us know. It is also useful for us to know how they are getting on at home, so please keep the staff up to date.

Every 3 months we complete your child's development book, which is then sent home to you to comment on and return to nursery.

## Wellies

To keep your child comfortable and able to join in all activities in all weathers, we ask that you provide a pair of wellies, labelled with your child's name, to be left in nursery please.

## Bottles and beakers

In the toddler room we encourage the children to use nursery beakers, so we ask that parents do not send their own beakers or bottles in with their child. We find that this reduces conflict between the children at drink times and makes it easier for the child to progress to open top beakers.