

Llangyfelach Primary School



Nursery Information Booklet

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Llangyfelach Primary School

I am pleased to welcome you to Llangyfelach Primary School and am confident that the years spent here will be happy and successful. This booklet has been designed to help you and your child settle quickly into the life of our school. We strive to provide the correct information so that you are secure in the knowledge that your child will be happy and safe with us in order to start their journey towards reaching their full potential.

Every effort is made to provide a stimulating skills based curriculum, to prepare your child for future education and give them the enthusiasm to pursue learning for the rest of their lives. We are supported by our excellent, committed Governing Body and a highly skilled, enthusiastic and talented team of staff who work hard to ensure our pupils receive the best possible start in life.

We wish you and your child a happy introduction to the school. You are your child's first educators and we want to work in partnership with you to help develop your child's talents and skills. We welcome parental involvement at all levels and if you feel you could contribute to the life of the school in any way we will be very pleased to accommodate you. We already have an excellent and extremely active PTFA who are instrumental to the development of the school and its priorities. However, there is always room for more helpers! You will be made very welcome at Llangyfelach Primary School.

We pride ourselves in our community focused approach, where the school is seen as a central learning hub for the Llangyfelach area. We hope that your association with the school is a productive and happy one.

In readiness for your child's first day, we would be very grateful if you could:

1. Share our social story, My First Day at Nursery, with your child in order to familiarise them with their new surroundings and with what is going to happen on their first day.
2. Please bring with you the Parent Assessment sheet in order for staff to get to know your child's likes and dislikes and to celebrate their skills on entry to Nursery.

Yours sincerely,

Lee Burnell
Headteacher

Meet Our Early Years Staff

Nursery & Wraparound Team



**Miss Gibbs
Nursery Lead**



**Mrs. Lawrence
Teaching Assistant**



**Mrs. Harris-Griffiths
Wraparound Lead**



**Millie Hills
Teaching Assistant**

What can I do to help my child prepare for nursery?

There are many ways in which you can help your child prepare for nursery.

- ☺ **Using the toilet independently is a life skill your child needs to have mastered before starting nursery.** Also encourage them to flush and wash their hands after each visit.
- ☺ Encourage your child to also develop independence in other areas. For example, encourage them to put their coat on and fasten it by themselves or pull on their shoes or wellies without support. Children should also be able to drink from a cup appropriately.
- ☺ You are more than welcome to arrange a visit to the nursery with your child before their start date. This will help you and them familiarise with the nursery setting and staff. Talk to them afterwards about what they saw and what will happen on their first day.
- ☺ Share books, nursery rhymes and counting activities with your child. Encourage them to take turns and develop their talk.
- ☺ Roleplay school routines and snack time to demonstrate and practice opening lunchboxes, containers and wrappers.
- ☺ Share and discuss the Nursery Social Story with your child to prepare them for their first day.

On their first day

The first day can be difficult for you and your child! Below are some tips to help the day go smoothly.

- ☺ Remind your child about the social story that you shared prior to the first day.
- ☺ Allow plenty of time to get to Nursery for the start of the session.
- ☺ Although you may be feeling anxious and emotional, try to stay cheery and confident. Children can pick up on your anxiety, making them feel anxious too.
- ☺ Explain again to your child what will happen and that you will collect them afterwards.
- ☺ A quick kiss and hug goodbye is sometime the best way to leave – your child may cry but very often they will settle quite quickly after a parent has gone.
- ☺ You can always ring us to see how your child has settled and return if there are any problems.
- ☺ Please ask for advice – we are always here to help!

What time does Nursery start?



Morning Session

Starts at 8:45am
Finishes at 11:30am



Afternoon Session

Starts at 1:00pm
Finishes at 3:00pm

Good punctuality and attendance are extremely important to help your child settle and learn. We therefore ask that you make every effort to bring your child to school regularly and on time.

What should my child wear to Nursery?

It's a good idea to send your child to nursery wearing comfortable clothes which you don't mind them getting a little dirty from time to time! We would encourage you to send your child to school in our school uniform. However, please ensure that your child wears something that will support their independence for toileting, e.g. Joggers. You are able to order various items of uniform and book bags etc. from the school office.

Whatever the weather, we try to make the most of our outdoor area and provide a range of activities outside the classroom. Therefore, on rainy days we ask that your child brings a waterproof coat to school. During the summer it is also important that your child wears sun screen and a sun hat to nursery.

Muddy Monday

Every Monday the children will spend their time outdoors. Waterproof clothing will be provided but we ask you to provide wellies.



Splish, Splash Splosh!

What else does my child need to bring to school?

There is very little your child needs to bring to nursery on a daily basis, other than a **healthy snack and drink**.

Please do not send in anything if you are worried about it being damaged or lost.

It is helpful if your child is able to bring a bag to school containing spare clothes in case of an accident. You will be notified of your child's PE day. On this day, please could your child come to school wearing their PE top and jogging bottoms or shorts.

Please make sure anything brought in, including clothing, has your child's name clearly printed on it.

If your child is ill

If your child is unwell and unable to attend Nursery then please inform the school office on 01792 771497 or by email at llyngyfelach.primary@swansea-edunet.gov.uk

If your child becomes unwell in school, we will contact you to come and collect them. For this reason, it is important that the contact details we hold for you are up to date. Please inform us of any changes as soon as possible.



First Aid & Medication

We ask that a 'Medical Consent Form' is completed should your child require medication in school. **Please note - we can only administer medication that has been prescribed for your child by a Healthcare professional.**

Please update us of any medical issues your child may have so that we ensure we meet their needs.

Basic First Aid is carried out by qualified members of staff and the parent/guardian is always informed.

Wraparound Childcare Service

Llangyfelach Primary School provides a Full Day Care Service for families in the local area. We are CSSIW registered and can provide families with child care from 7:30am to 5:30pm every day. We take children from the day after their third birthday and up to the age of 12 years. This facility is available for any family and all children as Llangyfelach Primary Wraparound is a childcare service. Therefore, please tell friends and families about our new service even if they attend other schools.

In addition to cash and cheque payments we also accept childcare vouchers. Please contact Lynda Phillips or Heather Akerman on **01792 771497** for details on how to set up your payments.

30 Hours Free Childcare

The Welsh Government provides 30 hours a week of early education and childcare for working parents of 3 to 4 year-old children in Wales, for 48 weeks of the year.

The number of childcare hours a parent can receive will depend on the number of hours Education Nursery provision they will receive. For example, a child who receives 12.5 hours per week of Education Nursery school provision will be entitled to 17.5 hours of free childcare in our Wraparound setting.

If you would like to know more about the Welsh Government Funded Childcare Offer, please contact the main office at the school or use the following website address:

<https://www.swansea.gov.uk/childcareoffer>

Communication

We communicate with our families in a number of ways to ensure that information is always received in a timely manner:

- ☺ By text message – please ensure we have your up-to-date mobile number.
- ☺ By email – please ensure we have your up-to-date email address.
- ☺ On our school website e.g. newsletters, homework etc.
www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk
- ☺ Primarysite App – please download from your app store to your smartphone and select your class and any additional groups. You will receive important notifications via this app.
- ☺ Social Media – please follow us on Facebook and X for news and events.

Quick Reminders

- ☺ Ensure your child is in school as much as possible and arrives on time – this will give them the best possible start and help them when they move to full time school.
- ☺ Encourage independence in your child, particularly in essential self-help skills such as toileting.
- ☺ Remember how important you are in your child's learning and remember we are here to help you in that role.
- ☺ Keep your contact details up to date so we can contact you if needed.
- ☺ Let us know if someone else is picking up your child other than you.
- ☺ You can ALWAYS approach us – we are here to listen and to help.

Many thanks for your support and reading this information booklet. We all look forward to working with you and your child for the start of their exciting education journey.

