

Welcome to Norcot Early Years Centre



One vision – four teams

“Be inspired by our creative learning adventure...”

- Hillside
- Meadowside
- Star Room
- Waterside

Safeguarding

- We have very rigorous procedures for safeguarding your children.
- Vetting of all new and existing staff.
- Staff trained to know what to do if they are concerned.
- Risk assessments.
- New online monitoring system CPOMS



Teaching and Learning

- One Curriculum - the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)
- Whole centre planning – 7 areas
- Topics
- Ways to help your child at home



Teaching and Learning

- To provide a safe, stimulating, caring and secure environment in which the child can develop as a whole person.
- To encourage confidence, self-control and independence.
- To promote learning through shared experiences.
- To prepare children for the next stage in their learning
- To build cultural capital

Communication

- We communicate with you in a number of ways.
 - Website
 - Facebook
 - Text messages
 - E-mails
- Questionnaires, yellow slips, or come and talk!
- Information boards in circulation areas.
- head@norcot.reading.sch.uk
- admin@norcot.reading.sch.uk for general enquiries



Settling in

- All children are individuals, some find the transition to nursery easy, some take time to get used to the routine



Gates and Doors

- We ask you to ensure gates and doors are shut and only your child goes through with you.
- Please park sensibly in surrounding roads - we value the friendship of our neighbours. Please ensure your car is left in gear and you put the hand break on if you park on the hill.
- Please make sure that children are not left in the vehicle.
- Please do not park in front of the double blue electronic gates, if blocked emergency vehicles will not be able to gain access .

PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR



**MOBILE PHONE AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES
WHILE IN THE BUILDING**





Clothes

- We do have aprons which we encourage the children to use
- Try to dress children in old clothes as mess tends to be part of the work they do
- Please remember to name all clothes, if they have a name they will find their way back to their owner!
- Please check your child's bag and pockets to ensure that no unsuitable items are brought into nursery.

Sweatshirts and T-shirts



Shoes





The Garden

- Children need to be active to learn and develop
- All children use both gardens
- We use the garden in all weathers so warm coats, raincoats, wellies, sunhats are essential items for health and comfort



Extended Learning

- Child led
- Informed by text
- Learning through Nature- Local parks and woodland
- Woodside
- Library
- Soft play room
- Interventions- individual or group

School fund

- Enriches children's everyday experiences
- Enables us to give your child additional opportunities
- Donation boxes are outside each of the classrooms
- £1 per week
- Direct debit, regular standing order £10 a term
- Lump sum of £30 a year

Library



Drinks and Snacks





Profiles - Learning Journals

- Tapestry is our online monitoring system.
- Each child has their own record.
- Log in details
- You can access it from home and add comments.
- Ofsted report - Please contribute to it regularly.



Supporting families

- All staff/ key workers
- Individual support
- Workshops for parents
- Website/ handouts - suggestions on how to help your child at home



Holiday and wrap-around care

- Breakfast club 8.00 – 8.30
- Lunch club 11.30 – 12.30
- Snack club 3.30 -4.30
- Tea club 4.30 – 6.00
- Holiday club
- From April 2020- advanced termly booking
- Monthly payment



Primary school registration

- This is arranged centrally and registration forms are posted to you at home or sent to you through nursery.



Please ask questions!