



Forest Lodge Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for applying for a Nursery Place at Forest Lodge Academy.

Your child has been offered a **Morning** Nursery place for the next academic year 2025/26.

Please see enclosed an invitation to an induction event where all key information will be given. However, we have tried to answer a few of these below. The dates of these meetings will be confirmed soon, however in the meantime if you do have any queries or concerns then please email forestnursery@forestlodgeacademy.co.uk .

We will also be arranging dates to come and visit your child in their home environment in the Autumn term (August 26th/27th), where you will have the opportunity to meet the staff and ask any questions if you are unsure of anything.

Following the home visit, children are invited in to join us for an hour session on Thursday 28th August with a parent/carer, and then an hour session by themselves, on 29th August to help them familiarise themselves with the Nursery setting before they start for their 3 hours on Monday 1st September 2025..

If you could please call the school office on 01162871220 or email ForestNursery@forestlodgeacademy.co.uk as soon as possible to let us know whether you are accepting the offered place.

WHAT TIME ARE THE NURSERY SESSIONS?

Start time 8:50
End time 11:50

WHAT DOES THE NURSERY CLASS LOOK LIKE?

We have one Nursery classroom that runs consisting of 31 children in the class. The Nursery has two Class Teachers and two Teaching Assistants.

All children in the Nursery have access to a very large outdoor area and usually (weather dependant) children have the opportunity to go outside during their free play. We do try and offer access to the outdoor environment in all weathers so it would be great if you could provide your child/ren with named wellies and a waterproof coat that they can leave in school and that you don't mind getting dirty. If you would like to view a virtual tour of our nursery then please go onto our website.





WHAT WILL MY CHILD NEED READY TO START SCHOOL?

School Uniform

The school uniform has been chosen to be smart, practical and to enable a sense of belonging. The school uniform is outlined below.

You can purchase items of uniform from Uniform Direct which can be found on Humberstone Gate or it can be bought from their online shop www.uniform-direct.com. Plain red tops can be bought from any shop, including the main supermarkets.

Girls	Boys
Red Sweatshirt/cardigan White blouse/polo shirt Grey Skirt/ pinafore White socks Black shoes Dress in the summer (preferably red) Black or grey trousers in colder weather (optional)	Red Sweatshirt White shirt/polo shirt Grey or black trousers/shirts White or grey socks Black shoes

P.E Clothing

At the start of the year we do not ask children to get changed for PE as we do it in the classroom, or we do Balance-ability (bike training) with the children outside. However, towards the end of the year we will be asking children to bring in their PE kit and will explain what they need then.

[We ask parents to label all children's clothing and belongings to prevent things being lost.](#)

WHEN WILL MY CHILD START AND WILL THIS BE A STAGGERED ENTRY?

We are hoping to do home visits for all new nursery children before they begin their 3 hours session on the 1st September on the following dates 26/08/2025 and 27/08/2025. You will receive a time slot for these visits and they will consist of a Teacher and a Teaching Assistant coming out to your house, play with your child and also make sure you are happy with all of the arrangements and are ready for them to start school. This will give you an opportunity to discuss any concerns you may have and also give the staff any information about your child that you deem necessary.

Although we don't operate a staggered start we feel it is important to bring the children in gradually over two days, enabling the children to become used to the environment in a much smaller group. Following your home visit we will invite your child in for a 45 minute session with a parent or carer accompanying them on Thursday 28th August and then the next day they will return for another 45 minute session on their own (Friday 29th August). You will receive the times for these sessions before we break up for the summer holidays. Once this has happened children will begin their 3 hour morning session on Monday 1st September 2025.





WHAT CAN I DO AT HOME TO HELP PREPARE MY CHILD FOR STARTING IN NURSERY?

There are lots of things you can do at home to help you and your child prepare for them starting school. Talking about it a lot and being very positive about this experience will definitely help your child, even if you are feeling nervous yourself.

Here are some other things you can do to help your child have the best possible start to Nursery life at Forest Lodge Academy:

Read books. Spend time reading books about preschool, such as "Maisy Goes to Preschool" by Lucy Cousins, "Llama Llama Misses Mama" by Anna Dewdney, "Little School" by Beth Norling, or "The Kissing Hand" by Audrey Penn.

Work on self-help skills. Going to Nursery marks a big developmental leap for your child and independence will become a larger focus. Help your toddler master self-help skills like washing her/his hands, using the toilet, putting shoes and socks on, and using utensils at the table.

Express and acknowledge feelings. Beginning Nursery is an exciting adventure, but it's normal for both of you to have feelings of anxiety. To help your child deal with the change anxiety, allow your child to express those feelings. Listen closely and acknowledge your child's fears. At the same time, acknowledge to yourself your own feelings.



For more information about our school and to keep up to date with information shared please follow our Facebook page (Forest Lodge Academy)



Also please visit our website www.forestlodgeacademy.co.uk where you will find lots of information about our school.

We look forward to meeting you and will be in touch with more information as soon as we are aware of any changes to the current situation.

Yours sincerely

Claire Caldwell
Headteacher

