



Welcome to Dobwalls School Nursery!

Dobwalls School Nursery is a friendly, caring nursery, providing a happy, safe and stimulating environment where children are enabled to thrive and learn. We offer full day care to children aged 0 - 5 years for 39 weeks of the year, provided by highly qualified, dedicated, early-years practitioners.

“The nursery has been brilliant. The staff are amazing and my little one can’t wait to come and see everyone. She obviously feels safe and really enjoys her time there.” (Parent Survey Comment, December 2022).

Meet the Team



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Pediatric First Aid Trained



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Our nursery is located securely within the primary school's stunning grounds and includes a substantial, outdoor learning area, making the most of the surrounding, natural environment.



We believe young children learn best through activities that are fun and enjoyable. We take pride in getting to know each child, to channel their interests and to cater for their individual learning needs.

We work closely with parents / carers to ensure your child receives the best possible care and early years' education. The nursery team also works closely with the staff of Dobwalls Community Primary School to enable a smooth transition when the time comes.



Our nursery practitioners plan two-weekly, according to each child's interests, next steps and upcoming celebrations or events. Any interests that your child displays during their attendance will be added to our planning and implemented into our daily play.



Government funding and Support

Funding and support available:

You can get up to £500 every 3 months (up to £2,000 a year) for each of your children to help with the costs of childcare. This goes up to £1,000 every 3 months if a child is disabled (up to £4,000 a year).

If you get Tax-Free Childcare, you'll set up an online childcare account for your child. For every £8 you pay into this account, the government will pay in £2 to use to pay your provider.

You can get Tax-Free Childcare at the same time as 30 hours free childcare if you're eligible for both.

Your eligibility depends on:

- if you are working
- your income (and your partner's income, if you have one)
- your child's age and circumstances
- your immigration status

For full information and details on how to apply can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>



A Little More About Us ...

Settling In Sessions

We believe it is extremely beneficial for your child and you to book in weekly sessions of 'stay and play'. This will allow us to get to know one another and provide the best possible start to your child's new journey. This time will ensure we are able to create strong positive relationships with one another, making your child's new journey as positive and enriching as we can. Our settling in sessions are free of charge to allow as much time as needed to ensure your child feels safe and confident when they start their full sessions.

Birth to Five Matters

The nursery currently follows the Birth to Five Matters document. This is written in the context of the world that your child is growing up in. For example, the guidance includes sections about the positive use of technology, sustainability, equality and inclusion. Following the COVID-19 pandemic, many parents are concerned about their children's emotional wellbeing and mental health. Birth to Five Matters has an important section which focuses on nurturing care and complements our ethos of forming close bonds with the children in our care.

Key Worker System:

At Dobwalls School Nursery, we allocate a key worker to each child to help them feel as safe and comfortable as they would at home. Your child's key worker ensures your child's needs are met to the highest possible standard. They will carry out termly observations, progress reports, planned activities and highly support your child's learning and development.

Safeguarding and Child Protection

Dobwalls School Nursery is committed to safeguarding children's welfare whilst meeting their individual needs. The local governing committee is dedicated to a practice which protects children from harm. The governors and staff accept and recognise their responsibility and role in safeguarding children. Our safeguarding policy can be found on the nursery's website.



Healthy Under 5s:

At Dobwalls School Nursery, we continuously strive to achieve the best next steps for all children in our care. We follow the Healthy Under 5s guidance: encouraging healthy lifestyles from an early age. We do so through exploring healthy foods, encouraging physical activity and promoting oral health. We would love your support in providing a healthy start at nursery through the provision of a toothbrush and toothpaste and the contribution of a healthy snack each month.

What to Bring with You:

Please provide your child with a named bag containing the following items:

- a set of spare clothes (including socks);
- a water bottle (**containing water only** – we are a juice-free zone);
- weather appropriate clothing (e.g. sun hat, sun cream, waterproofs/splash suit, wellies, gloves or mittens, woolly hat);
- nappies, wet wipes and nappy cream if needed.

Snack and Lunch:

At Dobwalls School Nursery, we provide snack for children aged 2 – 5 years old; however, being a smaller nursery, we do not have the facilities to offer hot lunches. Please provide your child with a healthy packed lunch if they are staying all day.

Outings and Visits:

We love to explore our surrounding areas and go on outings with all of our nursery children. We often explore the surrounding field & woodland and are hoping for a visit from the police and fire station crew soon.

Links with Dobwalls Community Primary School

We have close links with Dobwalls Community Primary School. Sharing a site with the school helps our nursery children to transition smoothly into school. The Early Years' teacher from the school visits nursery most days to spend time with the children in their final nursery year and to teach a dedicated 15-minute phonics session. Embarking on their phonics journey and getting to know their new teacher early helps the children to be 'school ready'. During the summer term, our children take part in regular visits to the school as this familiarisation helps to alleviate any anxiety.



Additional Information



Payment and Invoicing:

The Trust SMART Services team will deal with all of your finance queries. The finance team will provide you with a letter containing instructions for setting up a ParentPay account which will be used for invoicing fees. Nursery fees are currently charged at a rate of £4.50 per hour. Fees will be invoiced monthly in arrears, at the beginning of the following month and should be paid promptly through ParentPay unless you are paying through the Tax Free Childcare (TFCC) scheme, in which instance, please provide the nursery with your TFCC reference number. You will still be invoiced for the fees (for your information) but a manual adjustment to reflect that they have been paid will be made on receipt of the TFCC monies.

Fees will be charged for the hours you have booked in each month. **Any missed sessions will still be charged for**, to secure your future places and to cover the staffing costs associated with ensuring the correct expected adult : child ratios.

Opening Hours:

Dobwalls School Nursery is **open Monday – Friday, 8am – 5pm during term time (39 weeks of the year)**. Our core day for funded hours is 9am – 3pm; however, you can choose to attend just morning sessions (9am – 12pm); just afternoon sessions (12pm – 3pm) or a mixture of both to suit your needs.

Term dates can be found on Dobwalls Community Primary School's website by following this link:

<http://www.dobwalls.cornwall.sch.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=74>

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