Bligh Primary
A School with Heart

Bligh Nursery



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Bligh Way, Strood, Rochester, Kent, ME2 2XJ

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Welcome

Welcome to Bligh Nursery!

Bligh Nursery is a two class nursery catering for 2, 3 and 4 year old children in the Strood area. It provides a highly supportive early years environment which encourages your child to play and have fun, developing a love of learning under the guidance of qualified teachers.

We accept applications via our website or school office for 2, 3 and 4 year olds - we recommend you do this as places are filled quickly!

We open at 08.30am and care is available until 3:15pm during term time. We offer 15 hour places across Monday to Friday. These can be taken as 5 morning sessions from 08.30-11.30 or 5 afternoon sessions from 12.15pm to 3:15pm this depends on the age of your child. We also offer 30 hour full time places for (8.30am - 3:15pm) and also 30 hour (6 hour per day) places - details available on request.







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Curriculum

We provide a nursery environment which enables children to engage with things that interest them, stimulate their curiosity and encourage them to try new experiences. Our priority is to support children to develop socially and emotionally, to be confident and independent little learners. We focus on developing children's communication and language skills, as they underpin so much of a child's future learning. The children have the opportunities to learn across 2 indoor classrooms and 3 exciting and different outside spaces, including our woodland area.

We have a highly skilled early years team, led by teachers. They value each child as unique and will develop a caring relationship with your child and endeavour to work in partnership with you to help them thrive. They will celebrate what children know and can do and will carefully plan for their next steps.

When children are ready we will focus on teaching them the skills to support them to be ready to move into Reception. These will include early phonics and maths skills which will develop secure foundations for children to build on as they move through education to become confident readers, writers and mathematicians.

Bligh nursery is a great place for all children to grow and develop . To play with other children and share, to engage in exciting new activities and get ready for going to school. Whether your child loves to run around outside, get messy, play quietly inside alongside others or a mixture of these - our nursery will help them learn.







Hours

Bligh Nursery operates term time only and currently we have a few part time and full time spaces available. Please contact the school office to find out what sessions we have available.

The hours that Bligh Nursery operates is as follows:

Day	Hours
Monday	AM: 08.30am -11:30am PM: 12:15pm- 3:15pm Full Time: 8:30am- 3:15pm
Tuesday	AM: 08.30am -11:30am PM: 12:15pm- 3:15pm Full Time: 8:30am- 3:15pm
Wednesday	AM: 08.30am -11:30am PM: 12:15pm- 3:15pm Full Time: 8:30am- 3:15pm
Thursday	AM: 08.30am -11:30am PM: 12:15pm- 3:15pm Full Time: 8:30am- 3:15pm
Friday	AM: 08.30am -11:30am PM: 12:15pm- 3:15pm Full Time: 8:30am- 3:15pm

Additionally, we are able to offer our parents who have a 30 hour code the option of a 6 hour per day place - more details available on request

Price

Place Type	Price
For 2 and a half year-olds:	• Some children are entitled to free early education and childcare starting the term after they turn 2. • If you're eligible for working family funding, the government may offer up to 30 hours of childcare per week. However, due to our current setting, we can only offer 15 hours per week until the term after your child turns 3. • You can choose either 5 morning or 5 afternoon sessions with us. You are also welcome to split the 30 hours between us and a childminder if you wish.
For 3 and 4-year-olds:	• All children aged 3 and 4 are entitled to 15 hours of free childcare per week from the term after their 3rd birthday. • Subject to spaces within the nursery, you are able to purchase extra hours. Extra sessions are £16.50 • Some families may be eligible for 30 hours of free childcare. To check if you qualify, please visit: www.childcarechoices.gov.uk
Fees	• If your 2-year-old child is not yet eligible for funding, the cost is £23.00 per session. **Please note:** • The 30-hour funding only covers sessions until 2:30pm. If your child stays beyond this time, there is an additional charge of £5.00 per day. • Fees still apply even if your child misses a session due to illness or holiday. This ensures their place is kept open. • Non-payment of fees may affect your child's continued place at the nursery. • If you would like to purchase extra hours for your 3- or 4-year-old child, the cost is £16.50 per session.

Staff



Ms M Larner

Nursery Lead



Mrs A Beaumont



Mrs M Osaja



Mrs S Dawson



Mrs N O'Brien

Helping your child settle at Nursery

Starting Nursery

Starting nursery is a big step for both you and your child. We want to make the transition into nursery as smooth as possible and we will make every effort to work with you as parents to make this happen. Before your child starts you will be invited in with them to get to know the staff and the environment. Staff will then decide, in consultation with you on the induction process into the nursery for your child. We recognise each child and family is unique and therefore adapt our processes to meet each child's needs.



Once at nursery we value highly your role as parents and will share with you via an online journal information about your child's learning (Tapestry). There will be many opportunities to share and join in with nursery activities and learn together.

How you can help before they start:

1. Help them to become independent in using the toilet, washing their hands etc.
2. Read stories together, sing nursery rhymes and talk to your child when you are out and about.
3. Take children to places where they can interact with other children and learn to take turns and share.
4. Enjoy being with your child and having fun together!

Time to Play!

Come and join in our weekly stay and play session at Bligh School! A session of fun and educational activities, songs and rhymes for under 4s led by our Qualified Nursery Teacher. Our Sessions run every Tuesday morning in term time from 9.00 - 10.00 am

