

What Will My Child Learn in the Foundation Phase Nursery?



Foundation Phase Nursery Guide for Parents

What is Foundation Phase Nursery?

Foundation Phase Nursery is a general term used to describe the time your child spends in the Foundation Phase during the ages of 3 and 4 years. This is a very important phase in your child's life as it lays the building blocks for their future learning and is part of the current and future curriculum.

What are the Benefits of a Foundation Phase Nursery for my Child?

A Foundation Phase nursery takes place both indoors and outdoors and allows children to learn through play.

The curriculum gives every child the opportunity to be at the center of their learning.

Your child's interests will be taken into account and they will be encouraged to make choices about their learning. Qualified staff will be observing children, working with individuals, small groups, or at times the whole group to extend and develop the learning. This results in a learning experience which is practical, fun and full of hands-on activities which are known to develop positive attitudes to learning.



Learning Through Play

A Foundation Phase nursery is built on the principles of learning through play. Research proves that play is essential to the educational development of all children, and evidence shows that learning through play is a powerful tool which can help children to develop and extend their language and communication skills. It allows children to use initiative, take risks and make mistakes without fear of failure. Play is how young children make sense of the world. There are many forms of play that support the Foundation Phase curriculum. Examples include role play, construction play, creative play, exploratory play and imaginative play.



Foundation Phase nursery is designed to deliver a fully inclusive education system for learners in Wales, a system where needs are identified early and addressed quickly, and where all learners are supported to reach their potential.

Every school nursery will have an Additional Needs Coordinator (ALNCO). The ALNCO is responsible for managing Additional Learning Needs (ALN) within the nursery setting.

A learner with ALN may have...

1. A significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of others of the same age or...
2. Has a disability for the purposes of the Equality Act 2010 which prevents or hinders him or her from making use of facilities for education or training generally provided for others of the same age?

Foundation Phase nursery settings provide inclusive practices that can be tailored to meet the needs of children with ALN.

Speak to the nursery ALNCO or alternatively the Early Years ALN Lead Officer in Blaenau Gwent. All enquires can be emailed to...

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