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Dear Nursery Parents/ Guardians,

Welcome to Nursery!

We are very pleased to have your child in Nursery at Park House English School and we hope your child will settle quickly and spend a happy and progressive year. We look forward to working with you to build upon the good work you have already done with your child at home.

Central to the school's philosophy is the belief that every child is unique with extraordinary and almost limitless potential to be discovered and nurtured. Our aim is to provide a stimulating, multicultural and international context, in order for your child to benefit from a well-rounded education, which encourages the highest academic standards.

We follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum at Park House English School, which offers holistic learning and development designed to address the specific needs of young children.

The staff are experienced and caring and will do everything possible to work with you, to ensure success for your child throughout the year. Healthy children are generally happy children, so we ask you to ensure that your child comes to school, well rested and nourished, so that your child can cope with the varied programme we offer to Nursery children.

At home, please start the habit of reading and listening to stories with your child. Encourage learning by giving praise when it is deserved and maintaining a positive attitude to your child's progress. Please be aware of what is going on at school, and remember that the teachers are happy to discuss your child's progress.

I view the Early Years Foundation Stage as the most important phase of a child's education, for a love of learning in the first tender years, paves the way for all future success.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs A De Wet  
**Head of Early Years**

## Useful Information

### School Time

The Nursery school hours are from 7.40 to 12:00 pm after which the children will have some resting time. The side gate next to the Early Years Department will be open from **12:00pm to 12:15 for early collection**. Children that are waiting for siblings and resting **must be collected at 13:30**.

Please drop off and collect your child at the **outside doors** of the classroom punctually. Should you arrive early, please don't leave your child unattended within the school grounds.

### School Uniform

School uniform is compulsory. Nursery children do not need any school bag, only a lunch bag to carry their lunch box in. As our cubbies are too small for bags, no bags will be allowed.

Please make sure that all your child's clothing and belongings are clearly marked with your child's name.. Please refer to the school website [www.parkhouseschool.com](http://www.parkhouseschool.com) for uniform details.

### Lunch Box

Your child will need a small lunch box containing a healthy snack e.g. **cut up** fruit, vegetables, a sandwich / pasta, a fruit juice (box with straw) as well as a water bottle. Please **do not send** treats like chocolate, candy, cake, crisps or biscuits.

Only send yoghurts if your child is able to eat independently without spilling too much.

### Illness

Please inform the school office if your child is ill. Sick children should remain at home for the well-being of the child and to prevent the spread of germs. Medication can be administered at school, by the school nurse, if a parent has provided approval in letter form.

### Transition

Our aim is to ensure that the children experience a smooth transition from the small Nursery setting to PHES, following the EYFS curriculum. Learning through play will continue to be an important part of the school day, but we will also offer some structured lessons, where the children will work in small focus groups or as a class on Literacy and Mathematics activities, to prepare them for Reception.

### Nursery follows the English Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum which concentrates on:

1. Personal, Social and Emotional development
2. Communication & Language
3. Literacy
4. Problem solving, Reasoning & Numeracy
5. Knowledge and Understanding of the world
6. Physical development
7. Creative development

The following Topics and International Primary Curriculum Units (IPC) enable us to cover all aspects of the curriculum.

#### Term 1

- Settling into School
- All about Myself
- Autumn
- Healthy Living
- Nursery Rhymes

#### Term 2

- Winter
- Animals
- Growing Plants
- Spring
- Mini Beasts
- Life Cycles – Chicken, Frog & Butterfly

#### Term 3

- Opposites
- People who help us
- Going Places
- Transport
- Up & Away
- Summer
- Holidays

Tell me and I forget,  
teach me and I may remember,  
involve me and I learn.

*Benjamin Franklin*