

Preparing for Portfields



My Starting School Book 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Starting school is an exciting time for both you and your child and it can be a scary time too. But with a little preparation and encouragement, most children will settle in easily at school.

Here is a leaflet to share with your child, about starting school.

We hope this will help both of you start school with a smile!

This is what some children in Portfields Early Years

Foundation Unit have said:

"I like playing outside in the garden."

"I love literacy and maths."

"We have people who look after us and help us."

"I can play with my friends."

"I like phonics because it helps me to read and write."

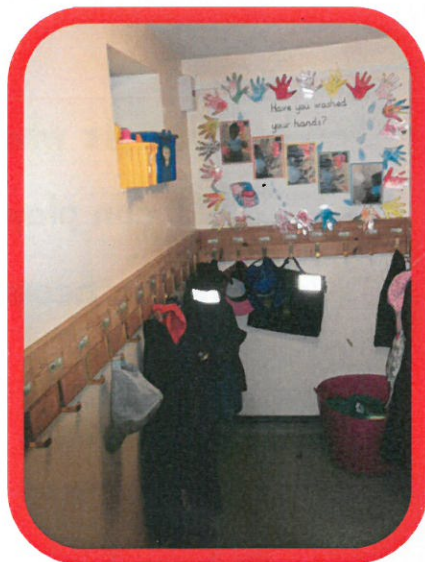
"We have fun days like 'Outdoor Learning' and 'Easter Bonnet Day'."

"I have learned lots of new things."

When you come to Portfields

The school gates open at 8.45am and close promptly at 9.00am. Your grown up can help you find your peg and drawer.

Your grown up can come to talk to the teacher or share a story book with you.



Meet the teachers who will be here to help you.

*Mr Lucas
(Oak class)*

*Mrs Connolly
(Elm class)*



*Miss Hughes
(Chestnut class)*

Meet the teaching assistants who will be here to help you.

Miss Head

Mrs Clayton



Mrs Revitt

Mrs Robinson

This is our school uniform



Please ensure every item of clothing, including shoes, are clearly labelled with your child's full name.

We will help you find the toilets
and show you where to wash
your hands.



We will show you where to eat your
lunch.



You may have a hot dinner...

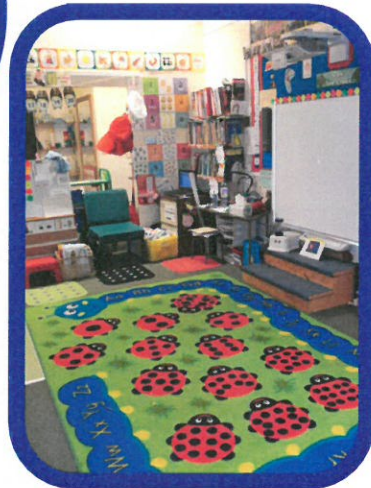


Or a packed lunch.



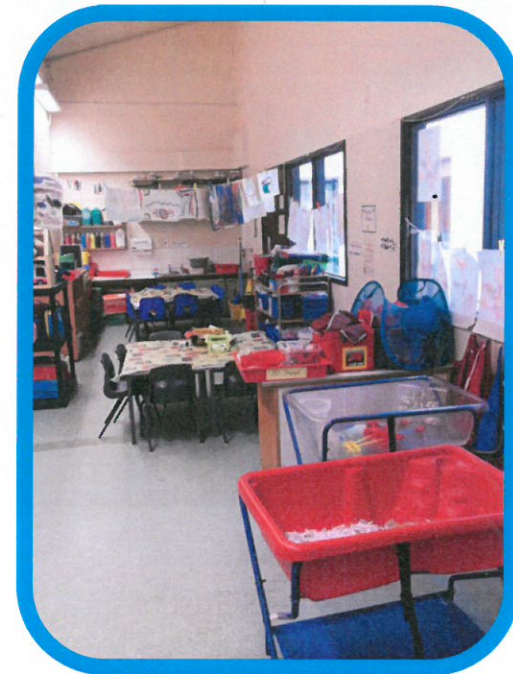
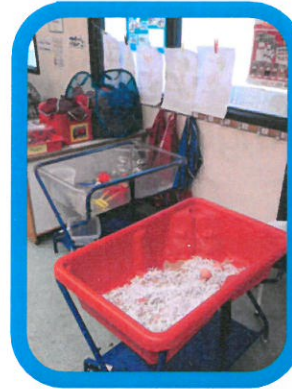
At school you will learn lots of new things

Here is Oak classroom. You can use the computers or play in the home corner.



This is the workshop, you can come here to paint

or to play with sand or water.



Here is Chestnut classroom. You can make something at the creation station or you can build your strength using the finger gym!



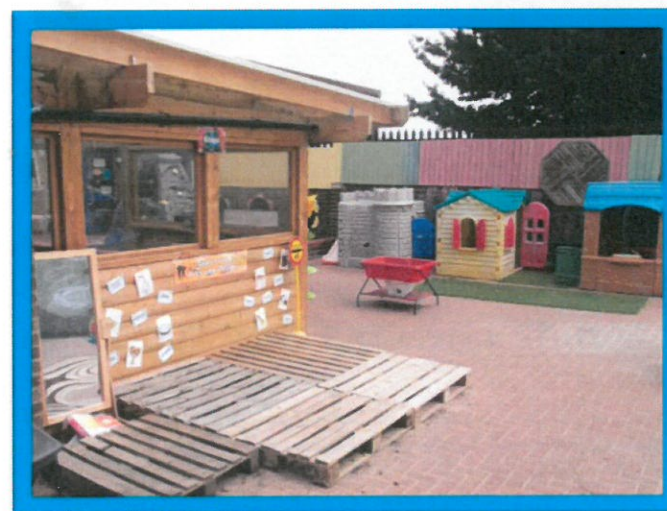
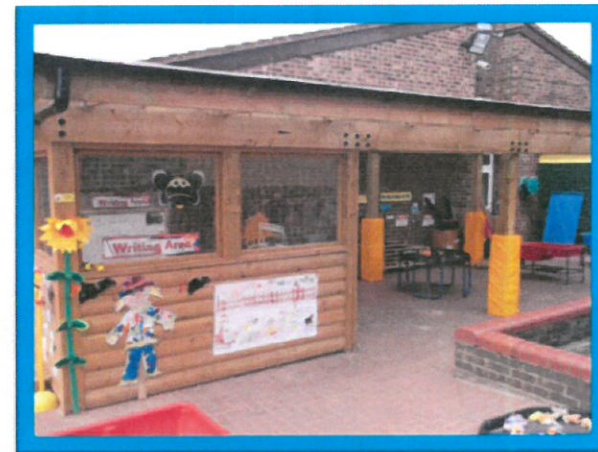
Here is Elm classroom. You can come and build using things from the construction wall or you can come and practise your maths.



Here is Sycamore classroom. This is our quiet room where you will do special activities with the grown ups.



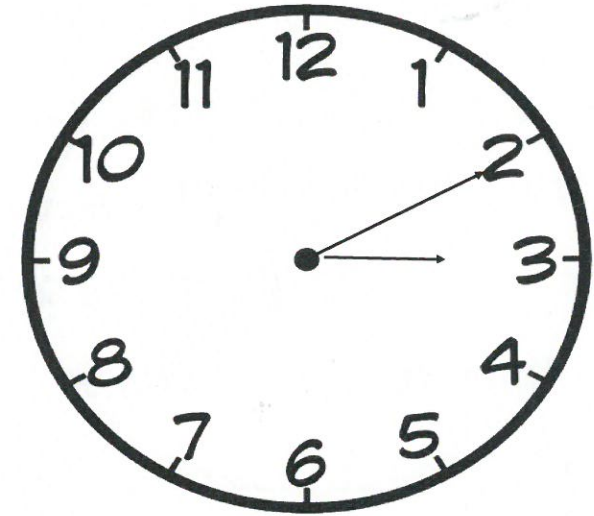
This is the outside area. There are lots of different activities to explore.



You will make lots of friends at
Portfields!



The school day ends at 3:10 p.m.



At the end of the day you will see the
person who is taking you home.

When you get home you can tell everyone
all about the exciting things you have
done at school.

Sometimes we have special days or activities and this year we have:

Visited Linford Wood in Autumn & Summer.

Been on a canal boat, created our own boats and tested them on a river.

Performed a Christmas singing concert.

Danced at our special fairy-tale ball.

Had visits from reptiles & farm animals.

Enjoyed a special performance from a theatre company.



Check list for school readiness

You could practise some of these at home:

- Getting dressed and putting my coat on by myself
- Taking my shoes and socks off and on
- Being able to read my own name
- Being able to ask grown ups for help
- Opening packets from my lunch box or holding a knife and fork
- Being able to blow my own nose
- Going to the toilet by myself
- Meeting up with friends who might be in my class

We are looking forward to seeing you!

