



# Nursery School

ESTABLISHED 1982

A warm welcome to our school...

The principle aim at 345 Nursery is to make sure your child has the happiest start on their educational journey and to ensure that when they leave us they have gained a sense of independence, self-confidence and a real desire to learn.

345 provides a safe, happy and warm atmosphere in which children can explore and discover that learning is fun. We particularly value the importance of learning in the outdoors and collaborating as a team whilst promoting responsibility. Throughout their day, whether at play, doing art and craft or any other activity, they will be learning a variety of social and communicative skills – sharing and caring for others, expressing their opinions, coping with their emotions, natural inquisitiveness and growing awareness of all that is around them.

Our curriculum is as broad as possible – offering the children a taste of innumerable experiences whilst covering The Early Years Foundation Stage as compiled by the DFES. We select topics which reflect the children's interests and base our learning and art projects around them. The children's results are always on view around the school and they take great pride in showing everyone what they have produced.

At the centre of the Early Years Foundation Stage are 3 prime areas, Communication and Language, Physical Development and Personal, Social and Emotional Development. There are 4 further specific areas; Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design. All areas are important and inter-linked.

At the core of our planning is the child as an individual. We adapt our teaching to suit the way each child learns and to meet their particular needs. We believe that the key to successful learning is underpinned by having good critical thinking skills, the ability to listen, retain and apply the information and skills they have gained. Children need to have the confidence to predict outcomes, work collaboratively and challenge situations.

We also place great importance on all forms of music and have a resident music teacher. We have peripatetic teachers for Sport and Spanish.

The entire school performs a musical Nativity Play at Christmas; we have a Sports Day in the Summer and an annual topic related trip each Spring. We also invite a variety of local people to visit 345 during the school year, for example the police, fire brigade, nurses and doctors. We have science and music workshops, informal concerts for Mothers and Grandparents Days and Bring your Daddy to school day. In addition we arrange trips to the theatre, art galleries and museums.

We operate 345 with a structured morning, giving the children a sense of security in the familiar pattern of each day. The children work individually and in groups, learning through play, exploration and investigation, and are introduced to letters and numbers at an early stage.



Children have the opportunity to stay for a packed lunch and join in the Afternoon School until 3.15pm. The afternoon sessions are optional, allowing parents to choose additional themed learning classes as suits.

All our teachers are trained whether as full primary teachers, Montessori or Early Years practitioners or have Degrees in Early Years; we have additional assistants to ensure we maintain a high ratio of staff to children.

Parents have a vital role to play and are very much valued as part of our team. We believe in instilling strong family values which embrace our diverse community. To this end we like to keep in very close contact with parents throughout the time their children are with us. We organise Parents' Evenings in the Autumn and Spring terms at which teachers and parents can discuss progress and we write reports at the end of the Summer Term. Informally, we are always available to discuss any aspect of a child's development. We strongly believe that school plays only one part in this and that we are here to help the children, in any way we can, to reach their highest potential by the time they leave us. The school also has a good and active PTA.

We have excellent relationships with all the primary schools in the area and are happy to assist parents in making the important choice of where to send their children after 345.

We hope this gives you an insight into life at 345, but do please come and see for yourself. We very much look forward to having your children here with us at 345.

**Jill Pearce**

*Joint Principal*

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## School Details

Our opening hours are 8.30am – 3.15 pm and the nursery operates Monday to Friday 35 weeks each year and an extended term booking of 39 weeks.

Please visit our website for term dates. [www.345nurseryschool.com](http://www.345nurseryschool.com)

Our fees are calculated to take this into account and reflect a full year divided by three. You will therefore pay the same amount each term. The fees are reviewed each year in line with changes to operational costs.

We offer 3 hours of Universal Government Funding per am and Working Parent Entitlement. See table below.

### 345 Nursery School – Wandsworth – 35 weeks per year

	Full Fees	Fees for eligible working parents 2 year olds - 15 hours	Fees for eligible working parents 2 year old 30 hours	Fees for eligible 15 hours universal Funding – all 3/4 year olds	Fees for eligible working parents 3/4 year olds 30 hours
3 Mornings 9.00 am – 12.15/25pm	£2,585.00		N/A	N/A	N/A
5 Mornings 9.00 am – 12.15/25pm	£3,140.50	£1,435.90	N/A	N/A £1,904.70	N/A
5 Mornings 5 Afternoons 9am - 3.15pm	£5,040.50	£3,335.00	£1,631.50	£3,838.00	£2635.70

We also offer the following extra options:

Early bird drop off - 8.30am Ad-hoc session	£5.00
Termly Early Bird drop off from 8.30am for the full term per day	£60
Ad-hoc Lunch Club staying until 1.30pm per day	£15.00
Termly Lunch Club staying until 1.30pm per day	£150.00
Ad-hoc afternoon school (lunch club included) staying until 3.15pm per day	£48.00
Termly afternoon school (lunch club included) staying until 3.15pm per day	£380.00

A place at our nursery is subject to payment of a non-refundable fee of £80.00. A £950.00 deposit is also required upon acceptance of your child's place and is returned to you when they leave the nursery provided the correct notice has been given,

Government funding only covers the costs of the provision of childcare and the delivery of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

The funding does not include any of the other services that our nurseries provide which include but are not limited to.

- Meals and snacks
- Additional hours
- Early starts
- Enrichment of extracurricular activities
- Forest School
- Administration costs
- Access to our parent app

We therefore ask parents to pay for these with our consumable charge – “Additional services and extra curriculum activities program”

### **Additional Information**

#### *Extras:*

*School smocks (£23) and book bags (£11) are available when you start.*

#### *Additional services and extra curriculum activities program*

Whilst the charge remains voluntary if parents refuse or are unable to pay the Additional services and the extra curriculum activities program package fee then they will need to speak to a Principal to discuss further. There is both an operational and financial impact on the nursery when this is not paid.

We do offer Fully Funded or Funded Entitlement Only, which are subject to availability and are offered in a set booking pattern. Access to these places is determined based on need and in line with our Government Funding Policy. Please speak to a Principal.

#### *Giving notice on your child's place*

Notice of the withdrawal of a pupil must be given via email to a Principal with at least one terms notice prior to the expected leave date.

Please note that fully funded places are subject to four weeks' notice.

#### *Tax – free Childcare*

Tax-free childcare is a payment method for childcare costs such as nursery school fees and provides a significant saving each month. It can be used alongside 15 and 30 hours of funding. We accept tax free childcare payment. Initially you must apply for tax-free childcare at <https://gov.uk/tax-free-childcare> Payment can be made, and we can be found when searching for "Three Four Five Nursery School" on the Tax Free Childcare portal. The Wandsworth account is listed in words, not numbers (345), so it makes it harder to find.

#### *Childcare vouchers*

We accept most of the major providers.

### THE REGISTRATION PROCESS AND TERMS:

1. Parents must complete the registration form, along with registration process payment (£80).

PLEASE NOTE: This is an admin fee and does NOT guarantee a place.

2. Places are offered on a first come, first served basis. An official offer letter will be issued if a place is available.

3. The acceptance of the offer back to the school must be accompanied by a deposit payment (set out in the offer letter, currently £950).

4. The payment is held in the school's deposit account and will be refunded at the end of a child's final term at the school (less any other outstanding sums due to the school). The deposit will be retained by the school if for any reason the acceptance of a place is cancelled or the pupil does not join the school.

5. Once a place has been accepted one full academic term's notice in writing is required before the removal or non-commencement of a pupil or one academic term's fees are payable in lieu thereof.

6. Term fees are due in full before the due date set out on the invoices (usually the first day of term). A 20% late payment surcharge will be applied to any overdue amounts, unless prior arrangements have been agreed with the nursery principals.

