

A young boy with light brown hair, wearing a bright blue sweater over a white collared shirt, is focused on planting a small green seedling into a wooden planter box. An adult woman with dark skin and curly hair is leaning over him, looking down at his work with a gentle smile. The planter box is filled with soil and other green plants. The background is slightly blurred, showing more of the garden setting.

# INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

# Welcome to JKPS Nursery

At JKPS Nursery, we welcome children from all backgrounds and offer a bilingual (English and German) environment of songs, stories, books, games and nursery rhymes in both languages. Our educational approach encourages children to become confident, relying on personal strengths.

We strive to create a stimulating setting where children can discover and learn about the world around them through play and exploration. There are also adult-led group activities and whole-class carpet times.

Like most primary schools, we follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. Children in our Nursery have access to all areas of the curriculum throughout the day. They can learn both in the classroom and in their own outdoor areas.

An important part of our approach to the development of reading and writing is the use of a phonics scheme. This is introduced in Nursery so that by the time our children move into Reception they are familiar with sounds and are already beginning to use them in their reading and writing.



## Sessions, times and costs

All children are entitled to at least 15 hours' free Nursery provision starting at the beginning of the term following their third birthday. Some families are also entitled to Extended Hours Funding, which means a total of 30 hours of free Nursery provision.

At JKPS, we offer full-time (30 or 33 hours) places for up to 26 children, Monday to Friday, during term time only.

### Full-time places (with 30-hour funding)

Our full-time provision for families eligible for 30-hour funding runs from 8.45am to 3.20pm Monday to Thursday, and 8.45am to 12.20pm on Fridays. You can choose to extend your child's care to 3.20pm on Fridays for the year at an additional cost of £15 per week. Please update us on a termly basis if you wish to change this.

You can usually get 30 hours of free childcare if you and/or your partner are:

In work

Earning at least the National Minimum Wage or Living Wage for 16 hours a week

Please visit [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk) to check your eligibility and apply for a childcare code. Once you have received your code, please send it to us as soon as possible so we can confirm your child's place.

### Full-time places (without 30-hour funding)

Families who are not eligible for the free 30 hours can still apply for a full-time place at JKPS Nursery.

This will be made up of your 15 hours of statutory entitlement topped up to 33 hours at a cost of £90 per week. This provision runs from 8.45am to 3.20pm, Monday to Friday.

### Additional costs for all children

A £10 weekly 'nursery necessities' fee applies to all children regardless of how their provision is funded.

## Wraparound care

We offer wraparound care for Nursery children, separate from the older children, where a healthy breakfast and afternoon snacks are provided. Sessions can be booked weekly in advance, or on an ad hoc basis.

## JKPS Nursery sessions and costs at a glance...

SESSION	TIMES	ADDITIONAL COSTS
Nursery Breakfast Club	8am – 8.45am	£40 per week £8 a session drop-in
Full-time Nursery (with 30-hour funding for eligible families only)	8.45am – 3.20pm, Monday to Thursday 8.45am – 12.20pm Friday* *Option to extend to 3.20pm (ongoing for the term)	£10 per week for nursery necessities  £15 per week
Full-time Nursery (without 30-hour funding)	8.45am – 3.20pm, Monday to Friday	£90 per week plus £10 per week for nursery necessities
After school care, Session 1	3.20pm – 4.30pm	£40 per week £8 a session drop-in
After school care, Session 2	4.30pm – 6pm	£40 per week £8 a session drop-in

Cost of 15 and 30 hours of provision in these sessions is covered by Govt funding if you qualify.

## Admissions

JKPS Nursery admissions are managed by the school, not the Local Authority. If you would like to apply for a place for your child, please email [admissions@judithkerr.anthemtrust.uk](mailto:admissions@judithkerr.anthemtrust.uk). If there are more applications than places available, places will be offered first to children who have siblings\*

attending the school on the date of Nursery admission. After that, offers will be made based on proximity to the school. \*See p2 of school [Admissions Policy](#) for definition.

## Payments

A refundable deposit of £50 will be payable to accept your place at the Nursery. Please see the Nursery Terms and Conditions for further information. All costs for each term must be paid in advance.

## Starting Nursery - a big adventure...

Starting Nursery can be a great adventure, but it can also be new and frightening for young children with unfamiliar adults and children as well as new surroundings to find out about. It is important to remember that young children vary tremendously in the way in which they react to new experiences, so do allow your child plenty of time to get used to the change.

Before their first day, try talking to your child about coming to Nursery, the things they will be doing and the people they will be meeting. It is helpful to use our names so that they will be familiar with them. When you leave your child for the first time, it is important to remember to say goodbye, and to tell them when you will be coming back and what you will be doing while you are away.

## Nursery Welcome Meeting:

We will have a Nursery Welcome Meeting in the Summer Term before your child starts Nursery in September. This is an opportunity to see the Nursery in action and gives you a further insight into how the Nursery runs on a day-to-day basis. There will also be a Curriculum Meeting in the Autumn term to talk more about the learning opportunities and curriculum. We would highly recommend that you to attend both meetings.

## Settling in

We will offer two sessions where you and your child get to know the adults and learn how to use the environment. For some children, this will enable them to quickly settle, where as others may require their adult to stay with them for several sessions until they are ready.

Session One – Stay and Play – This is an opportunity for families to meet the teacher and have a chance to explore the classroom environment. You will

be informed of your Stay and Play session when you attend the Nursery Welcome Meeting.

Session Two – Half Day – This session will include a morning followed by lunch.

Each morning begins with early morning reading, we ask that you bring your child in and settle them before you leave. You are very welcome to stay longer and read with your child, if you wish.

## What to wear and what to bring

Children should come to Nursery in our school uniform. You can find [the full list on our school website](#) along with advice on how to order. For safety reasons, no jewellery should be worn at Nursery. If children have pierced ears, stud earrings may be worn only if parents take responsibility for them.

Each child will have a hook, where you hang their belongings when they come in each day. All children will need to bring:

- A drinks bottle (containing water).

- A complete change of clothes (stored in a bag on their peg.)

- Named indoor and outdoor shoes.

- A pair of wellies to keep at Nursery (useful in the rain but also when playing in the water tray).

- A coat, hat, mittens when the weather is cold.

- A sunhat when the weather is warm. NB: If the weather is hot sun cream should be applied before coming to Nursery.

Children are encouraged to be fully toilet trained before starting Nursery. We understand that this is not always possible, so please provide nappies for your child if needed.

Finally, please ensure that your child's belongings are clearly named. If you purchase labels from [Stilkins](#), a donation goes to our parent organisation.

## Drinks and snacks

Across the day children have access to a range of healthy snack of fruit, vegetables, cracker, etc, along with milk. We also encourage all children to drink plenty of water throughout the day. Your child is also entitled to free nursery lunches under Southwark's scheme. This includes a warm lunch which is subsidised by the £10 necessity fee along with nappy sacks, wet wipes and spare nappies which applies to everybody.



If you prefer, your child can bring in a packed lunch. Please try to ensure that this is healthy and balanced, and does not contain sugary or salted snacks. Please do not put nuts or seeds in your child's packed lunch.

## Communication

As parents, you are the first educators of your children, and we want to work very closely with you to understand the needs of your child. Good communication between staff and parents enables us to inform each other of relevant matters concerning your child. The best time to communicate with us is at drop off or collection. If your child also attends wraparound care, it is best to contact us via email.

Across the course of the year, we offer two parent meetings and a report for when your child leaves our Nursery.

## Dropping off and collecting your child

Please tell us if someone different will be collecting your child, or if you are going to be late for any reason. Also, please let us know if you need to collect your child early.

## Absence and illness

If your child is absent, please contact us via:

[absence@judithkerr.anthemtrust.uk](mailto:absence@judithkerr.anthemtrust.uk)

If your child has German measles or chickenpox, please contact us immediately so that we can inform parents in case of anyone being in the early stages of pregnancy.

If your child has had sickness or diarrhoea, they should not return to Nursery until they have been symptom-free for at least 72 hours.

Please inform us of any change of address or contact numbers so that we can get in touch with you quickly if your child becomes unwell.

## Accidents

We have trained paediatric first aiders and all accidents are logged on our system called Medical Tracker. Medical Tracker will automatically send you an email with an accident report. All head incidents will also have a phone call home. If a serious accident occurs, we will contact you on your emergency contact number whilst treatment is being arranged. Please ensure you have two emergency contact numbers for your child. These can be updated at any point by emailing [admin@judithkerr.anthemtrust.uk](mailto:admin@judithkerr.anthemtrust.uk)

## Transition to Reception

A place in our Nursery does not guarantee a place in Reception. Admission to school is determined by our [Admissions Policy](#).

We aim to foster close relationships with staff and children in Reception to enable a smooth transition from Nursery to Reception and beyond. Our Early Years team is always willing to liaise with colleagues in other care settings and schools and will forward relevant information for those children who do not transfer to our Reception class.



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