

Hallfield First

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A Very Warm Welcome

Welcome to Hallfield First, our nursery for children aged 3 months – 3 years old. At Hallfield First we like to think of ourselves as a home away from home for your little one. A warm and welcoming environment and caring and dedicated nursery staff await. We have a play-based approach to learning in accordance with the EYFS guidelines; and a multitude of resources and opportunities to harness your child's learning at this early, but important stage in their development.

Hallfield First is based at Hallfield School's main site in the heart of Edgbaston and is just a stone's throw away from Birmingham city centre. Nestled in the beautiful surroundings of Hallfield's 22-acre site, the nursery is very much part of Hallfield life and benefits from the many provisions and resources provided for the wider school.

We welcome you to come and visit Hallfield First and take that first step in setting your child on their educational journey in our nurturing and supportive nursery.

We look forward to welcoming you very soon.

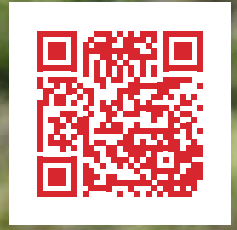
With our best wishes

Mr Keith Morrow – Head Master

Mrs Lizzie Sanderson – Deputy Head: Head of Pre-Prep

Ms Caitlin Williams – Assistant Head: Head of EYFS

Mrs Kelly Edwards – Nursery Manager



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Welcome





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The Curriculum

Our Vision

Our Head of EYFS has developed a curriculum using the seven areas of learning as set out by the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile. The EYFS curriculum sets out developmental areas for children aged 0 – 5 years old that should be met within that period of time.

Seven areas of development:

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Mathematics
- Literacy
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

We build our curriculum by developing a long-term plan each year. This plan is split into themes reflecting the children's interests such as space, animals, transport and society. These themes become the weekly subject to focus on in the classroom. At the end of the week we evaluate the children's understanding of each theme and either continue with it into the next week or move on to the next theme.



A typical daily routine at Hallfield First:

Time	Activity
8:00 – 9:00	Breakfast / free play Nappies / toileting
9:00 – 10:00	Focused activities / outdoor play
10:00 – 11:00	Snack / focused activities
11:00 – 11:15	Free play / tidy up time Nappies / toileting
11:15 – 11:30	Story / song time
11:30 – 12:15	Wash hands for lunch / lunch time / tidy up after lunch
12:15 – 12:45	Free play and get ready for bed
12:45 – 14:30	Sleep time / free play or outdoor play
14:30 – 15:30	Focused activities / outdoor play Nappies / toileting
15:30 – 16:15	Tidy up / tea time
16:15 – 16:30	Focused activities / free play / outdoor play



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School Trips

We organise trips to local places of interest such as Birmingham Botanical Gardens and Canon Hill Park to enhance the children's learning and experiences of the world around them.

Special Visitors

We organise visitors to come into our nursery and interact with the children to develop their social skills and offer a different perspective on a particular subject. In recent years, this has included an astronaut, best-selling children's author and the Animal Man.

Class Sizes

Class sizes are determined in accordance with national EYFS guidelines and are calculated by the number of children per square foot.

Below is a breakdown of the maximum capacities of each room, and adult to child ratios as set out by EYFS guidelines.

Room	Age	Ratio	Month your child was born	Max class size
Elms	0 – 1	1:3	–	9
Beeches	1 – 2	1:3 or 1:4*	Sep – Feb	9
Willows	1 – 2	1:3 or 1:4	Mar – Aug	16
Maples	2 – 3	1:4 – 1:8**	Sep – Feb	24
Oaks	2 – 3	1:4 – 1:8	Mar - Aug	32

*when child turns 2 within their room

**when child turns 3 within their room

Nursery Staff

Ms Caitlin Williams – Assistant Head: Head of EYFS

Ms Williams oversees the EYFS provision and is responsible for planning the EYFS curriculum, ensuring the highest standard of EYFS provision is delivered and maintained. Ms Williams has over 20 years' experience of teaching in primary schools and has been an EYFS teaching specialist for over 12 years.

Mrs Natasha Woollhead – Assistant Head: Welfare Pastoral & Learning Support

Natasha spent time working internationally in the Cayman Islands as Head of Assessment, Inclusion and CPD; and worked in Dubai as Assistant Head of Early Years and Key Stage One with responsibility for Inclusion. She is passionate about inclusion and has completed her National Award for SENDCos through Leeds Beckett University.

Kelly Edwards – Nursery Manager

Responsible for the overall running of Hallfield First.

Rachael O-Rourke – Deputy Manager

Supports the Nursery Manager and is responsible for the nursery in the absence of the Nursery Manager.

Room Leaders

Ensure the planning and curriculum is ongoing.

Nursery Nurses

Support the Room Leaders within the room.

Hallfield First Facilities

We are proud of the facilities on offer at our nursery. All of our rooms are light and airy, and can be transformed into cosy spaces to support restful naps to ensure your child is refreshed and rested for the rest of the day's activities.

All classrooms are equipped with age appropriate resources that support the EYFS seven areas of learning and development.

In Oaks, Willows and Maples there are interactive screens to enhance learning through educational media, which is led by an adult.

Each classroom has its own washroom facilities in accordance with age to support potty training and regular nappy changing.

A named peg in each classroom helps your child identify themselves, encourage independence and keep their belongings together.



Garden

Our nursery garden is expansive and generous compared to most nursery school settings in terms of its size and resources. Children have the opportunity to develop their gross motor skills through activities such as climbing, bike riding, building, water play and the mud kitchen role-play.

From the age of 3 months, children have continual access to the garden throughout the day and will be outside for several hours a day, whatever the weather.



Wider School Grounds

Being part of the main school site means we can take advantage of the 22 acres available to us which includes a vast playing field, all weather pitches, a Forest School and multiple, beautiful gardens.

Facilities



Creative Cottage

All children from 3 months old get weekly use of our delightful Creative Cottage. A quaint cottage with a purpose built library that has books for children from 3 months to Year 2. This magical space includes a sensory area that our babies enjoy and themed reading nooks to nurture your child's love of reading. These sessions are often led by our school Librarian.

In the Creative Cottage garden children learn about plants, flowers, fruit and vegetables. They get to feed our 10 resident chickens and guinea pigs. This is particularly valuable for children who do not have any pets at home or lack confidence around animals. These learning experiences teach children to care for living things, encourage their love of the outdoors and develop their understanding of the world around them.

Nutrition

At Hallfield First we encourage a nutritious and healthy diet. We make mealtimes fun and sociable for all children. Everyone eats with their room peers in their own classroom. Children are encouraged to talk about what they are eating and share experiences.

Hallfield School's in-house catering team prepares all the meals for our nursery. All dietary requirements are monitored and catered for.

A child who starts at 8:00 and finishes at 16:30 would have the following mealtimes and sample menu:

8:00 - 9:00 Breakfast

Porridge, Rice Krispies, yoghurt, toast and fruit compote

10:15 Snack

Melon and orange

11:30 - 12:30 Dinner and pudding

Roast turkey / Halal turkey / herby Quorn fillet / Roast potatoes, carrots, broccoli and gravy

Yogurt

14:30 Snack

Fresh fruit, breads, crudities with milk / soy milk or water

15:45 - 16:15 Tea

Vegetable creamed soup with bread and vegetarian spread, fresh cut fruit

Menus are on a four-week rotation and are seasonal.



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Parent Communication

Seesaw App

We use Seesaw to strengthen communication between Hallfield First and home. The app allows you to stay up to date with your child's progress as well as share any noteworthy information with the nursery from home. Nursery staff endeavour to update your child's profile weekly with images and write ups of what your child has been up to.

Face to Face Communications

There is the opportunity for daily communication between the nursery and parents at drop off and pick up. At these handovers, you can share any need to know information about your child regarding their learning needs, welfare, health or other. At pick up, nursery staff will provide you with a summary of what your child has been up to, eaten and any other useful information.

All parents are invited to a parents evening twice a year.

Every child will have a two-year development check. This is shared with their parents and local health visitor.

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Hours

Hours	Times	Additional supplement
Standard nursery day	8:00 – 4:30	-
Breakfast	7:30 – 8:00	Yes
Aftercare	4:30 – 18:00	Yes

We offer up to 15 Government funded hours from the term after your child turns 3 years old. A full 15 hours is available to children who attend five days per week. This amount is adjusted in accordance with the number of days your child attends.

What is included in the fees?

- Nappies
- Wipes
- All meals, snacks and drinks

Parents must provide:

- Nappy cream
- Sun cream
- Spare clothes
- Water bottles
- Formula milk

Next Steps

We hope you think Hallfield First would provide a great start for your child on their EYFS journey. We warmly encourage you to visit the school or to attend one of our Open Mornings to feel the buzz and atmosphere of Hallfield School.

If you would like to consider our nursery for your child then please get in touch with our Admissions Team: admissions@hallfieldschool.co.uk or 0121 454 1496.

Please note places to Hallfield First are offered on a first come, first serve basis, and are only granted to those children who sign up to joining the school at Foundation.



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