



Boundstone  
Nursery School



# Welcome to The SIB

3 - 4 years



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# WELCOME ...

**First of all we would like to welcome you and say, how much we are looking forward to working in partnership with you.**

**This leaflet contains information that we think you may find useful.**



Children who are offered a place in the Specialist Inclusion Base, following a referral from a Speech & Language Therapist. Children are allocated this provision due to their high levels of need in relation to speech and language development. Allocations for places are made following a considerations meeting held in the summer, where a team of professionals come together to identify which children would best benefit from these places.

Your child's speech and language skills will be assessed by the speech and language therapists and the teacher-in-charge of the SIB in the first half term. Following this, targets will be set with the parents' support, and we would encourage parents to keep us informed of progress or any important updates via a home/nursery communication book. Our speech therapists this year are Laura Overton & Odette Edwards.



These children have the same opportunities as all the other children in the nursery and can access the nursery's free-flow provision throughout the day, choosing where and how they wish to play and learn. The children are withdrawn for short periods to take part in targeted therapy with our therapists, with the length of each session carefully tailored to suit individual attention and listening levels. The speech and language therapists will also join the children in their play within the nursery, to support them in generalising the skills learnt during therapy to everyday play.

At the end of the morning or afternoon session, children participate in a small, adult led experience. Children who attend nursery for the full day will have the opportunity to engage in two small group, adult led experiences.





In addition, children may be invited to take part in a small group experience, such as visits to the sensory room. All these experiences are planned in line with the children's interests and individual targets.

The SIB team are an incredibly supportive and caring team who work collaboratively to ensure each child is fully supported throughout the day to transfer the skills they learn in therapy sessions in everyday situations. The team also support them to access the wide range of experiences available across the nursery setting.



This support is especially important as many nursery activities require language skills. However, as a 'total communication' setting the nursery use supplementary methods of communication such as visual support, and staff consistently use Makaton signs alongside spoken language to support children in communicating both verbally and non-verbally.



## Important information .....

### Important phone numbers

The number for the school office is 01903 276860. If you need to call the nursery directly, the number is 01903 270474.

**Please only use this number in an emergency**, as staff will be busy working with children during session times. Please also ensure your contact details on our files are kept up to date, and you have left us several people as emergency contacts.

Please ensure that the list of people allowed to collect your child, are kept up to date. Agree a password with your Childs Keycarer, and ensure anyone that is coming to collect your child knows the password. Please make sure you let us know, if there are any changes in pick up arrangements for your child. We will not let your child go home with anyone who is not known to us, and does not know the password. You will be eligible for a WSCC Taxi if you live more than 2.5 miles from nursery. If you are using the Taxi service, please liase with your child's escort regarding pick up and drop off instructions.

### Collection of your child

### Illness

Please call and let us know if your child is unwell and will not be attending nursery. Your child is not allowed in nursery until 48 hours from the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea. This is to minimise the risk of other children or staff becoming unwell too.

If your child is diagnosed with an infectious illness, such as chicken pox, scarlet fever, slapped cheek, hand, foot and mouth, mumps, measles or rubella (German measles), please let us know as soon as it has been confirmed. This is to allow us to follow appropriate procedures, and to inform other nursery families.

## Medical

Please let us know if your child has any allergies or is on any form of medication, including inhalers. Where children have been prescribed antibiotics, parents/carers are asked to keep them at home for 48 hours before returning to nursery.

If your child has an accident at home, it is important to let your child's keycarer know. This is so it can be logged and signed for. If your child has an accident in nursery the key carer will feedback this information, and you will be asked to sign the accident book,

We believe that children should be allowed to choose whether they want to play inside or outside, regardless of the weather. If the weather is sunny, please apply a high factor sun cream **before** coming to nursery. If your child stays all day, we will top them up using a 50+ factor sun cream. Please ensure you send your child with a named sun hat. Please also ensure that your child has suitable clothes, including waterproof coat and boots. Your child should also have a complete set of spare clothes including socks and pants. All clothing needs to be named. If your child brings in a toy from home, we unfortunately cannot take responsibility for them.

## Things to remember

## Food & drinks

Please do not send your child in with their own snacks and drinks in their bag, unless there is a medical reason for doing so. In this instance, please speak to your child's key carer, who can advise and ensure the correct medical information forms are completed. We appreciate donations of healthy snacks and fruit to share at snack time. Children have regular access to milk and water throughout session times. Please see our healthy lunchbox leaflet, if you are providing a packed lunch.

We have a number of parking spaces available at the front of the building for disabled users. **Please do not use these unless you are a blue badge holder.** We do have families that need to use these spaces, and it can cause distress and inconvenience if they are not available when required. There is a large off- street car park that is available for parents/carers to use. Please note that the smaller carpark is for Boundstone nursery staff.

## Parking

## Finally...

Remember that regular attendance is important for consistency for your child, and to ensure they get the most out of the wide range of experiences we have on offer at nursery.

If you have any concerns or queries, please come in and talk to either your child's key carer, or Head of School - Vikki Cripps.