

Welcome to Stranmillis Nursery School

Our aims

Good Nursery education builds confidence, whether social or academic. It forms the best possible foundation for a happy and successful school life. Children do well when they have consistency and clear boundaries, set in daily routines and delivered with affection.

We recognise that all children are individuals who learn at their own rate. When they start they will already have developed a wide range of skills and interests. It is our intention to use every child's natural curiosity and imagination to help them to make the very most of their time in Nursery. We will develop what your child already knows, adapting and developing learning materials as your child's understanding grows.

We aim to create a feeling of security and safety for the children and to build a bond of trust between teacher and child so he/she can take advantage of the Nursery curriculum.

We have daily routines with set times for specific activities – outdoor play, story and rules of behaviour – not shouting or running indoors, tidying away one activity before another is taken out. These promote a feeling of security and ensure each child settles into school life as quickly as possible.

We aim to encourage children to become independent learners and to enable them to organise their own activities. The classroom is arranged into smaller learning areas in which materials, equipment and resources are readily available. Activities are presented so that they encourage the children to experiment, explore and begin to make choices.

We believe that the school and parents are partners in the development of good care and education practices. An atmosphere of mutual trust and respect is vital to the Nursery's ability to cater for the needs of individual children. We place a high value on building effective communication with parents.



