BROCKSWOOD PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL
LEARNING TOGETHER - ACHIEVING TOGETHER

# Welcome to Brockswood Primary and Nursery School 2025-26

## Supporting Smooth Transitions

*for you and your child*



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# Aims

To give you an overview of
Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)
and what your child will be learning

Department for Education

Early years outcomes

A non-statutory guide for practitioners and inspectors to help inform understanding of child development through the early years

September 2013

To provide ideas of how we can effectively work together
and how you can best support your child at home

To help you understand what to
expect from us

# Why is transition so important for your child?

Ready Schools

**Transition: A process not an event**

Each child is different and some may take a little longer to settle

Our transition processes are based on the best interests and needs of your child

We will work with you to help your child to settle and be confident in their new surroundings



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# Getting to know you and your child

**We will do this by:**

- Home Visits with Mrs Dalton
- Information gathered from you and the previous setting
- Transition Day Monday 14th$^{th}$ July (Nursery am or pm)
- Opportunities to ask questions and share concerns

# What will my child be learning?

Ready Child

| Prime Areas of Learning | Specific Areas of Learning |
|---|---|
| Personal, Social and Emotional | Literacy |
| Communication and Language | Mathematics |
| Physical Development | Understanding the World |
| | Expressive Arts and Design |



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# How does my child learn?

## Characteristics of Effective Teaching and Learning

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**Three characteristics of effective teaching and learning are:**

**playing and exploring** - children investigate and experience things, and 'have a go'

**active learning** - children concentrate and keep on trying if they encounter difficulties, and enjoy achievements

**creating and thinking critically** - children have and develop their own ideas, make links between ideas, and develop strategies for doing things

# Daily routines

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| 8.40 | Arrival and self-registration/busy fingers activities<br>Register, welcome song, days of the week, weather, date, Number of the day |
| 9.15-9.45 | Child led activities |
| 9.45-10 | Snack |
| 10-10.30 | Adult led learning |
| 10.30-11 | Child initiated learning |
| 11-11.30 | Phonics |
| 11.45-1 | Home time for am children and lunch |
| 2.45 | Adult led activities/Child Initiated |
| 2.45-3 | Tidy up and Story |
| 3.15 | Home |

# How can I support my child to have a smooth start to school?

I am starting school, ways to help support me to be confident, curious and ready to learn.

1. Being independent
2. Feeling good
3. Loving learning
4. Making my voice heard
5. Doing my best

# How can I support my child at home?

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**Communicate and talk with your child**

**Enjoy physical activities together**

**Have fun exploring maths**

**Read, tell and make up stories together**

**Support your child to do things by themselves**

**Encourage your child to talk and play with others**

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# We support learning at home in a variety of different ways

**Look out for:**

- Parent consultation meetings
- Weekly Home learning
- Parent/carer workshops (for example, how to support early reading)
- Information and tips in newsletters and the school website
- Home/school learning packs
- Information on displays around school

# School Lunches

- **Nursery children** – if your child is staying all day, you can buy a school dinner.
- 4 options
- 3 hot options including at least 1 vegetarian option
- 1 packed lunch option
- Alternatively, you can provide a packed lunch from home.

# What do they need?

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School uniform

Water bottle

Book bag

Indoor shoes

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# Essential School Wear

- Branded school uniform can be purchased online from PL Schoolwear.

- https://www.plschoolwear.co.uk

# Home Learning

- Home Learning is issued each week
- This will be simple activities linked to the learning that has taken place in school
- Part of Home/School agreement
- Important that child completes at their own level, with your support .
- Home Learning is sent home every Monday and should be returned the following Monday

# Getting Ready for Reading – Nursery

Ready Child

- We will spend the first two terms on communication and language skills in our phonics sessions.

- When your child is ready, they will start to learn the sounds that letters make. This is the first step towards reading and writing.

- They will also be able to choose a library book as part of our routine and we have a weekly library session.



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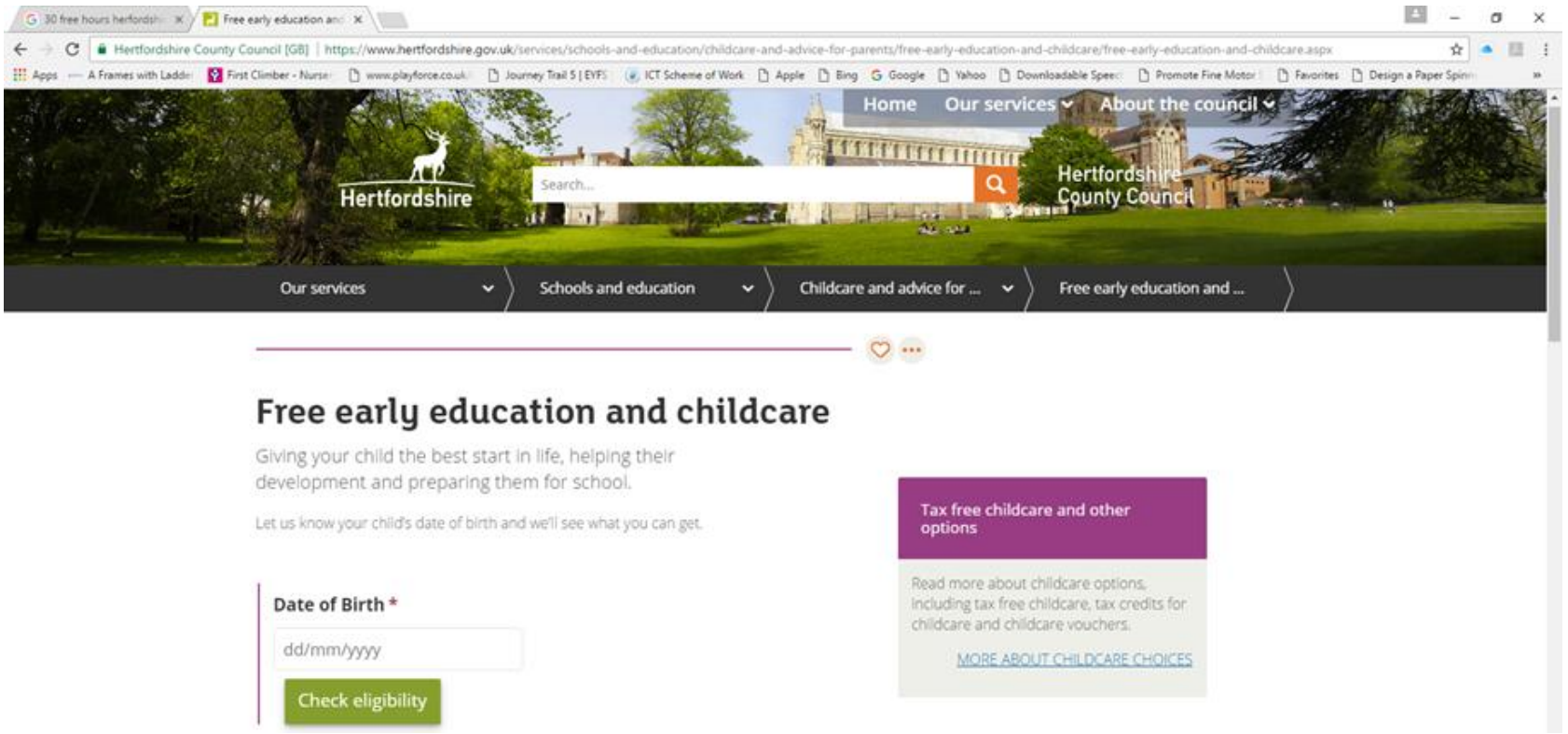
# What Brockswood can offer

- 5 free mornings in nursery for all nursery aged children.
- 5 full days (8.40am-3.15pm) in nursery for those eligible for 30 free hours
- Paid for afternoons for those not eligible for 30 free hours – depending on numbers. £18 per session Please enquire via the office.
- Nutritional school lunches £2.58

# 30 Free Hours Nursery Education

- All nursery aged children are entitled to 15 free hours of nursery education.
- Working parents may be entitled to a further 15 hours provided they meet the eligibility requirements.
- School Lunches will be available at an additional cost for those children who are staying for the afternoon.
- Afternoon Pips provision is available to all children as part of the 30 free hours or as a paid for provision for those entitled to 15 free hours.

# Eligibility for 30 Free Hours




https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/childcare-and-advice-for-parents/free-early-education-and-childcare/childcare-and-free-early-education.aspx

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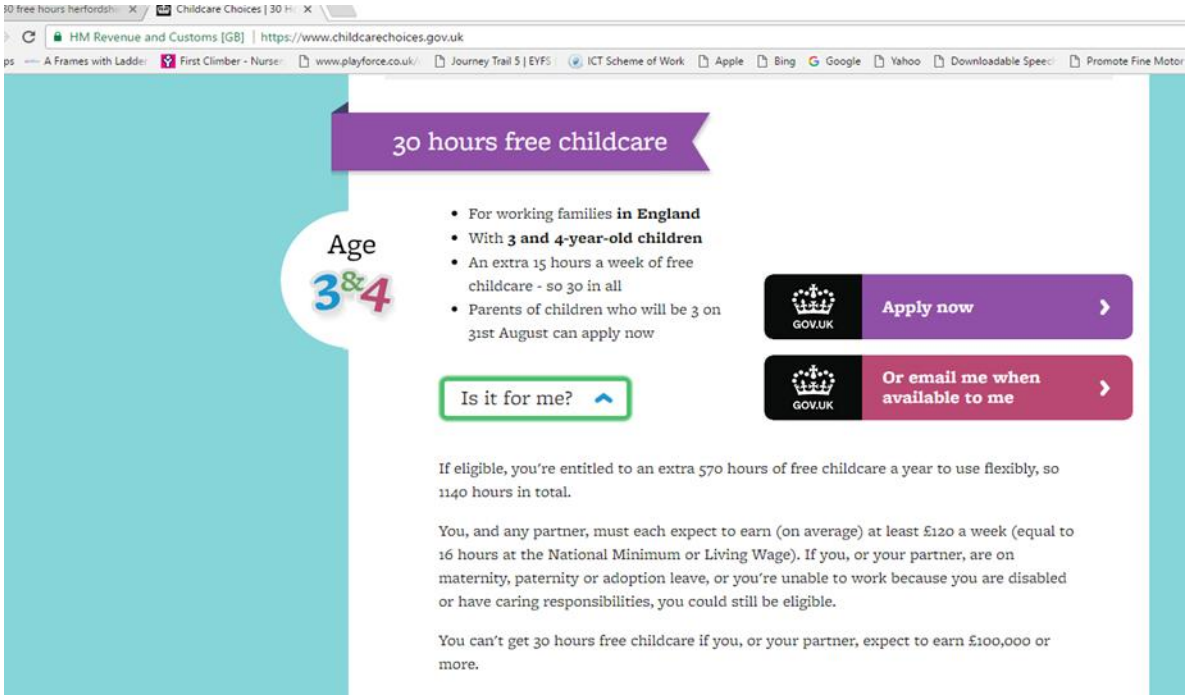


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# Eligibility for 30 Free Hours

If eligible, you're entitled to an extra 570 hours of free childcare a year.

You and any partner must each expect to earn (on average) at least £120 a week (equal to 16 hours at the National Minimum or Living Wage).

If you/partner are on maternity, paternity or adoption leave, or you're unable to work because you are disabled or have caring responsibilities, you could still be eligible.

You can't get 30 hours free childcare if you, or your partner, expect to earn £100,000 or more.

# How we communicate with you

Communication is so important. It plays a huge role in ensuring that you are regularly sharing information with us to best support your child.

We do this by…

- Daily chats at drop off and pick up time
- Parent consultation meetings
- Newsletters/letters/Arbor
- Notice board
- School Website - https://www.brockswood.herts.sch.uk/
- Weekly Blog
- Tapestry

# School Website

- Dates, curriculum, information, updates…

- https://www.brockswood.herts.sch.uk

# Arbor

- We are a cash free school!
  Once your child is registered you will be able to open an Arbor account – please check that this is working ASAP and let us know of not.
  - Arbor accounts will be activated by the 10th July providing you have returned your child's information pack to the school office.



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# Holiday Activities

## GETTING READY FOR SCHOOL!

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**Tick off the following activites over the summer to help you get ready for school**

Find out what is going on at your local family centre

Visit some local parks

Join the local library

Explore the local woods

Practise washing your hands with soap, independently

Practise taking your coat off and putting it back on

Play a board game and practise taking turns

Practise your journey to school

Practise putting your uniform on and taking it off

Practise putting your school shoes on and try wearing them for a day

Practise carrying your food on a plate

Learn to sing a number rhyme

Share books with an adult

Share your toys with a friend

Try a variety of fruit prepare this yourself

★ WELL DONE! YOU ARE 'GETTING READY FOR SCHOOL!' ★

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# Future dates for your diary

- Home Visits
- Transition Day Monday 14th July
- Nursery First Days 8th/9th September

# Question Time

No question is a silly question…

If you have any questions personal to your family there will be an opportunity to ask these at your home visit.

https://thegrid.org.uk/assets/hfl-education-transitions-activity-poster-2024.pdf

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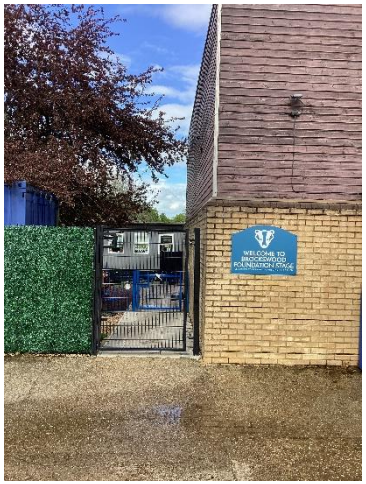
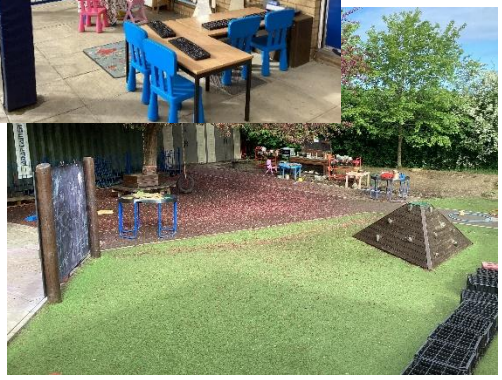
We look forward to welcoming you and your child to Brockswood family





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