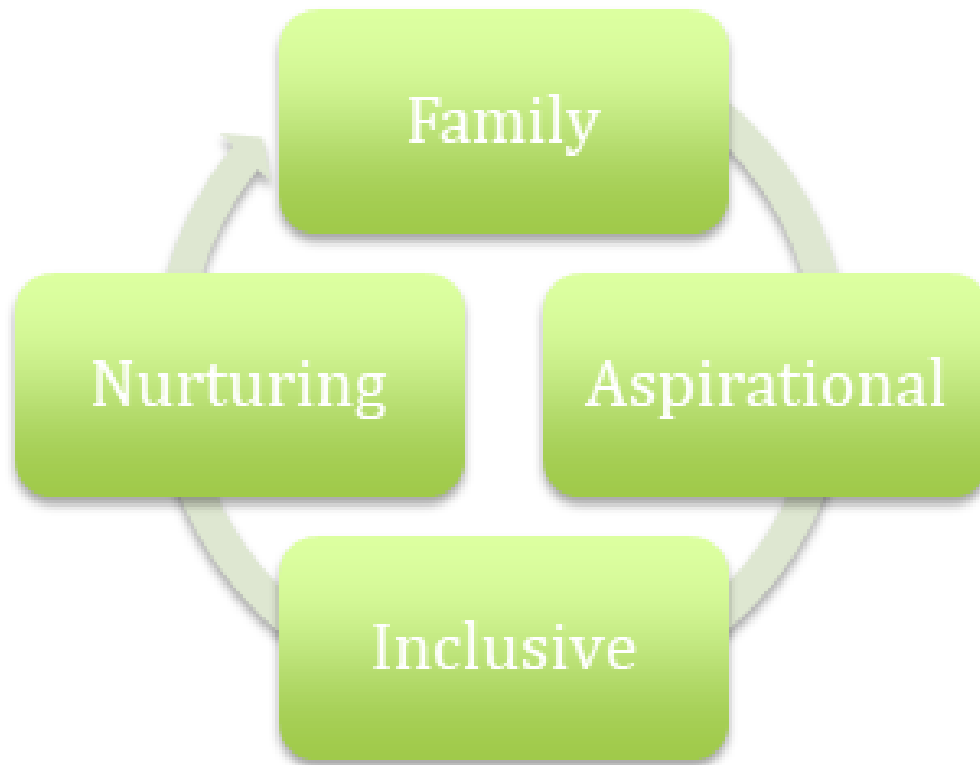




Welcome to Tenterfield Parent Handbook 2021/22



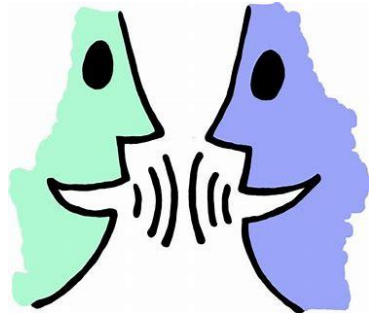
Tenterfield Values



Welcome to the family!!

Safeguarding children

At Tenterfield we are committed to safeguarding children and ensuring that they grow up in the provision of safe and effective care.



Early Years Foundation Stage

3 PRIME AREAS

Personal Social and Emotional

Physical

Communication and Language

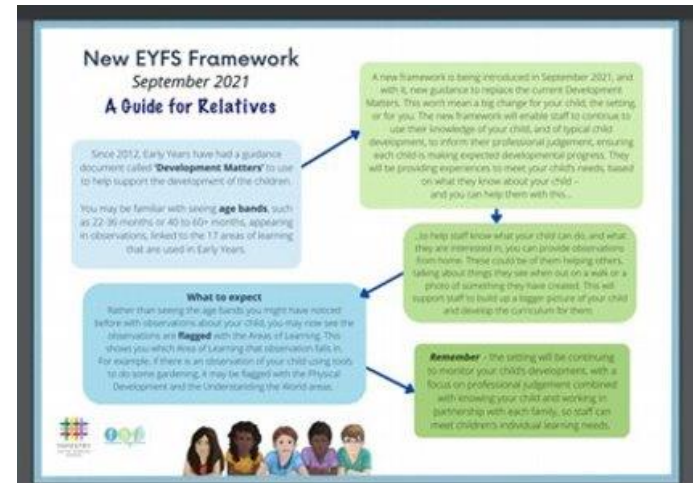
4 SPECIFIC AREAS

Literacy

Maths

Understanding the World

Expressive art and Design



Pink Group ROUTINE IN THE NURSERY

- **8.30am** **Busy fingers – welcome time** **12.00pm**
- **8.50am** **12.20pm**
Child Initiated Play supported by the adults with some small group/individual activities that are adult led
- **10.50am** **2.20pm**
Tidy up- All the children help to tidy the equipment.
- **11.00a.m** **Story/singing time** **2.30pm**
- **11.30** **Children go home from their group 3.00p.m**

15hr ROUTINE IN THE NURSERY

- 8.30am

Busy fingers – Welcome time

- 8.50am

Child Initiated Play supported by the adults with some small group/individual activities that are adult led

- 10.50am

Tidy up- All the children help to tidy the equipment.

- 11.00a.m

Story/phonics/singing time

- 11.30 Children go home via door under the canopy

30hr ROUTINE IN THE NURSERY

- 8.30am Busy fingers – welcome time 12.30pm
- 8.50am 12.50pm
Child Initiated Play supported by the adults with some small group/individual activities that are adult led
- 10.50am 2.20pm
Tidy up- All the children help to tidy the equipment.
- 11.00a.m Story/phonics/singing time 2.30pm
- 11.30 Lunchtime Home time 2.45p.m

Our classrooms

Raindrop Room



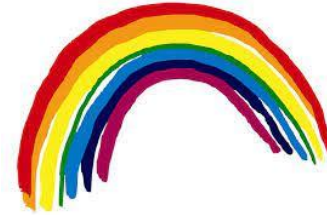
Red group & Orange group

Sunshine Room



Yellow Group

Rainbow room



Green Group & Blue Group

'The Nest'



Pink Group

Arrival and collection

Arrival

- Please wait in a socially distanced line at the green gate.
- The door will open from 8.30-8.45. It will close promptly at 8.45am.
- You will drop your child at their base and leave via the Nurture Room Door.
- Once your child is settled, they can enter the nursery building to join their Key Person group independently.
- Please do not attempt to have lengthy discussions with your child's Key Person when you drop them off as safeguarding, safety and creating a warm welcome for all children is our priority at this time.

Collection

- At 2.40pm the rear gates will open in our nursery garden.
- If you would like to talk to your child's Key Person please wait until all children have gone home.
- If your child is to be collected by another person who we are not familiar with please notify the office to obtain a password which will be used by the person collecting your child.
- Please ensure your contact and emergency contacts are always up to date

Please arrive on time for drop and pick up to ensure your child's session times run smoothly and the transition is as calm and positive as possible

Pink Group Arrival & Collection

- **Please wait in our second car park area on London Road (socially distanced)**
- **The door will open promptly at 8.30am & 12pm**
- **The children have access to the whole nursery during child-initiated learning**
- **Please wait to collect your child in the same area. The door will open promptly at 11.30am & 3pm**

Please do not attempt to have lengthy discussions with your child's Key Person when you drop them off as safeguarding, safety and creating a warm welcome for all children is our priority at this time.

Please arrive on time for drop and pick up to ensure your child's session times run smoothly and transition is as calm and positive as possible

Snack

As a nursery school we are not entitled to receive free fruit and vegetables through the government scheme as primary schools do.

However, we feel snack time is an important time of the day for the children; a chance to share the healthy eating message and to encourage them to try a wide variety of new and familiar fruit and vegetable snacks.

To help us to provide a range of interesting snacks for the children we would be grateful if you could provide a donation of £2 per week towards this. Savings can be made by a donation each half term (£12), termly (£24) or yearly (£68) to the office .

We will send you reminders through ParentMail.

If you have not let the office know of any allergies or dietary requirements, please let them know ASAP.

We really appreciate your support.

Planning in the moment

Our Curriculum

- Staff will skilfully support, plan and extend your child's learning by teaching them 'in the moment.' We follow their interests and fascinations as they happen.
- Your child's key person will ensure they have a breadth of learning across all areas of the curriculum.
- Please look at our website for more information about our curriculum intent and implementation under our Curriculum tab.
- We will be offering weekly bitesize videos to inform you about how we teach at Tenterfield.
- We will also offer workshops for you to attend and see your child's learning in action!

Outdoor Learning

- Active Learners
- Gross Motor Skills
- Awe & Wonder of nature
- Wetsuits for all
- Named wellies to be provided & kept at nursery
- Exploration of our natural world



Enhancements to our curriculum

- Forest School
- Nurture Group
- Speech and Language Interventions
- 2yr old development checks
- WellComm screening for all children to support speech and language
- Makaton signing as part of 'Total Communication Approach'
- First-hand experiences such as a visiting farm!
- Walks and visits in our local community.
- Celebration Assembly. We celebrate birthdays and also give out certificates when children achieve things they have been learning to get better at. Please let your child's keyworker know about any achievements at home so we can celebrate them together.

Nurture Group

- Our Nurture Group at Tenterfield is a small, special class for up to 8 children that provides a safe and predictable, structured environment in which children are given opportunities to develop their social skills, self-confidence and self-esteem. It is also a space where children can explore their feelings and learn how to manage them in appropriate ways, in a place where they feel valued and accepted.
- The children are supported in the group by two specially trained members of staff. They model positive relationships and there is an emphasis on the development of language and communication skills.
- The children in our Nurture group will always start the session with their Nursery key person group for welcome time. They will then be collected to come for the start of the Nurture group. They will return to their keyperson group for the story at the end of the session.



A Unique Child-Including Everyone

- At Tenterfield our whole staff team work hard to create an inclusive environment, where all children can thrive and make progress in their learning.
- Each child's journey at Tenterfield will be unique.
- Some children may need us to help them in particular ways or provide extra support to ensure they are able to fully access what we can offer at Tenterfield.
- Mrs Brankin is our teacher who co-ordinates this support. Please feel free to contact her directly if there is anything you feel you or your child may need extra support with.

Covid 19

- The government announced the removal of all COVID-19 protective measures for Step 4 from 19th July. This is very good news for schools but with Covid cases increasing we will still be very careful over good ventilation and good hygiene practices.
- Even though restrictions have eased it is vital that everyone continues to help to limit the spread of Covid. Please do not send your child to school if they have any of the following symptoms: A high temperature (over 37.8 degrees), a new persistent cough or a loss of taste and/or smell.
- If your child does develop any of these symptoms, please keep them at home and arrange for a PCR test as soon as possible. Children should not attend until they have received a negative PCR result or completed 10 days of isolation if positive.
- Please do not use a lateral flow test if your child is symptomatic. These are not recommended for nursery aged children and should not be used if you have Covid symptoms.
- Under new guidelines children are no longer required to self-isolate if they have been in contact with a confirmed case of Covid so long as they do not have any Covid symptoms themselves. This includes if they live in a household with a person who has tested positive. To help to limit the spread of Covid, please follow government guidance to get a PCR test if your child has been identified as a contact of someone who has tested positive, especially if they live in the same household as the case.
- Please work with us to limit the spread of the virus. We have staff and children who are vulnerable, and our main priority is to keep EVERYONE safe.
- As social distancing is very difficult at pick up and drop off, we advise that adults continue to wear masks for the time being if you are in enclosed spaces.

Extended provision

Breakfast and after school provision

Our Wraparound services ensure we provide extended care for our children, and we are open 7.30am – 5.30pm during term time.

We provide a walking bus to and from St Marys for our breakfast and afterschool club.

Please email wraparound@tenterfield.herts.sch.uk for further information and availability.

Holiday club

We have a fabulous holiday club for children aged 3 – 8 years open 8am-4pm, during school holidays. Bookings are essential and often get booked up very quickly so please look out for our holiday club advertising!

Please email wraparound@tenterfield.herts.sch.uk for further information and availability.

Healthy Lunch Box

If your child is in a 30-hour funded place or stays for wraparound care we ask that you provide a healthy, well balanced packed lunch in a standard size/shape lunchbox with their name clearly visible on the OUTSIDE

We provide water for the children and the adult based on their table will ensure they eat and drink enough. Please provide a water bottle to be stored inside their lunchbox if you would like to offer extra.

At Tenterfield we follow a few key principles when it comes to children's packed lunches:

- No nuts - we are a nut free setting due to severe allergies. Please avoid chocolate spread as often these contain nuts or traces of nuts.
- No Egg.
- No Sweets or Chocolate.
- If you are providing your child with grapes/cherry tomatoes/ olives/ blueberries these need to be cut in half to minimise risk of choking.

Useful Websites

[Healthy Eating – NHS Change for Life](#)

[BBC Good Food Guide Healthy Eating for Children](#)

[NHS Children's Teeth](#)

Practical information

- **Personal care / toileting** – Many children may start in nappies and whilst with us they will progress with potty / toilet training. We are very eager to work with you during this stage, We know this can be a challenging time for both you and your child, our experienced staff will support your child needs during the session. Please speak to your child's Key Person to discuss personal care / toilet training so that we can ensure consistency and success for your child

[Potty Training and Bed Wetting – NHS](#)

[Bed Wetting – ERIC](#)

- **Comforters** – We understand the importance for some children to rely on special toys and comforters to support their transition at nursery. We will however encourage the children to leave their special items in a basket or in their bag during the session they are kept safe and returned home
- **Toys in nursery**- Although it is lovely that children want to bring toys to show at school, we ask that you please limit this to a special occasion e.g. birthdays, as toys from home can easily get lost at school and can cause distractions from the activities we are offering. During a settling in period, please speak to your child's Key Person if a specific comforter is to be used.
- **Water Bottles**- when the weather is very warm we may ask you to provide your child with a named water bottle. Keeping hydrated is very important to us.

- **Named clothing** - Please remember that we go outside in all weathers, and it is important that your child has appropriate named clothing every day. Please can a pair of named wellies be left here, but we ask that you take your child's bags home after each session as we have limited cloakroom space.
- **Uniform** is available to purchase from a link on our website. This is optional and there is no obligation to buy. Can we also remind you that all items of clothing need to be named, as it makes it easier to return them to the right person if they are lost. <https://www.essentialschoolwear.com/>
- **Illness** - If your child is going to be absent from school due to illness, please contact the office to let us know on 01438 714564. To avoid the spread of infection, if your child suffers from sickness and/or diarrhoea, please keep them at home for 48 hours after the last bout of illness. If headlice is detected, please treat your child before coming back to nursery.
- **Attendance** – There is a proven link between attendance and attainment. Although nursery education is non-statutory it is extremely valuable as a foundation for future learning. In line with government guidelines, holidays are discouraged during term time, however if this is unavoidable, please advise the office of any holiday absence.
- **Sun safety** - We will only apply sun cream to the children who are with us all day. Please can you apply sun cream to your child before their nursery session, as required.
- **Birthdays / celebrations** – The children love to share special events with their friends at nursery, if you would like to bring in treat to celebrate a special event, we suggest a birthday cake or a story book as a healthier alternative to sweets.

Keeping everyone safe

- **Parking - Please be mindful of our Becket Garden residents when parking for drop off or collection. Please do not block resident driveways and please bear in mind the need for emergency vehicles to access the area**



Tapestry



Tapestry - Tapestry is our Online Learning Journal, it is used to record your child's achievements in the form of observations, assessments, videos and photographs. We love you to share your child's experiences at home to create a holistic approach to learning.

Assessments and observations are made of each child during Child Initiated Play and during small group activities.

The observations will be concise and summarise the learning.

Photographs & videos will be shared.

'WoW Wednesday' allows us to celebrate learning & special occasions at home. Please upload these on Tapestry.

How you will find out about your child's learning?

- From their Key Person
- Tapestry
- New Parents meeting at the end of the first half-term
- Parent consultation at the end of your child's project week.
- ParentMail
- 'Heads Up' - look out for emails from Mrs Beare containing important information



How can you help?

- Encourage Independence
- Praise for trying and positive behaviours
- Look at Tapestry together and talk about your child's experiences at nursery
- Extend any learning at home
- Upload home experiences to Tapestry

Friends of Tenterfield

- **Congratulations!! Everyone is considered a member of the Friends of Tenterfield.**
- **These are volunteer parents who help to raise money for the school.**
- **Let us know if you would like to get involved**
- **We welcome new members and new ideas!**

Please remember...

“It is not what the children bring home in their hands.. It’s what they bring home in their heads that counts!”

Reminders

- Family photos
- Home information 'All about me' to share on Tapestry
- Uniform/spare clothes – named!
- Welly Boots
- Healthy packed lunch for 30hr & Wraparound
- Arriving and collecting procedures
- Attendance and Holidays

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**‘Working together
so that everyone
can shine...’**

Enjoy your Tenterfield journey with us!

