

# Early Years Foundation Stage Transition

Frequently Asked Questions about your child starting  
school

# Will my child have to socially distance?

- ▶ Current guidance is that EYFS children are too young to socially distance.
- ▶ We will ensure that children wash their hands regularly, that surfaces and items are cleaned thoroughly, and that soft furnishings are not in use.
- ▶ Areas of provision may be limited at first, for example sand and play dough will not be available.

# What uniform does my child need? Do they need to wear uniform in September?

*Information about school uniform can be found on our website...*

**We are very proud of the appearance of the children at St. Joseph and St. Bede RCP and promote our high expectations at all times.**

Our uniform is a symbol of belonging to our school and underlines the sense of community we seek to develop.

The children should take pride in their appearance and present a positive image for our school.

We ask for your support in this matter.

## **Uniform**

- Grey school trousers/pinafore dress/skirt
- White polo shirt or white shirt and tie
- Green sweatshirt or cardigan with/without the school logo
- Grey or green tights or socks
- Black flat heeled shoes (no boots)
- Summer – Green checked dress
- Summer – White knee or ankle length socks
- Summer – Suitable sandals to cope with everyday wear and tear



*In Nursery and Reception we ask that children wear polo shirts and no tie, rather than a shirt. The buttons are often too difficult and the polo shirts are easier for all the messy play we do!*

*You can order items with the school logo on online or in store. Please note your child will be full of paint, water, sand etc so it might be worth buying some cheap uniform, supermarkets have a good range.*

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|Manchester

You can also buy in store at:

Address: Bright St, Bury BL9 6AQ

Phone: 07479 110 700

# What does lunchtime look like?

Why do I have to pay £10 for dinners when I am providing a packed lunch?

## Nursery



In Nursery your child has their lunch in class with their friends, they bring a packed lunch to eat. Nursery lunch time is from 11.45-12.15pm.



If your child accesses 30 Free Hours then you will pay an additional £10 if you wish for your child to stay all day. This is to cover the cost of lunchtime supervision. If you do not wish to pay this, you are able to collect your child at 11.45am and return them at 12.15pm, giving them lunch offsite.

Government funding is meant to cover the delivery of early education and care only. This means that childcare providers are allowed to charge for additional goods, services and activities. We ask you to provide a packed lunch for your child and therefore only have to cover the cost of staffing at lunch time.

# What does lunchtime look like?

## Reception



In Reception children have dinner in the infant hall. They go in at 11.45am before the rest of the school which gives them chance to eat their dinner while the hall is still quiet. They sit with their friends and their teachers will help them. After dinner they play outside on the infant yard with their friends.

### What's on the Menu? Week One

<i>Monday</i>	Pasta Bolognese served with Garlic Bread	Cheese Tractor Wheels & Oven Baked Potatoes	Jacket Potato & Beef Bolognese	Jacket Potato & Baked Beans	Sweetcorn Salad Bar	Dutch Apple Crumble & Custard	Fresh Fruit Salad	Yeo Organic Fruit Yoghurt
<i>Tuesday</i>	Roast Chicken Fillet served with Stuffing & Bisto Gravy	Vegetable Curry & Multigrain Rice	Tuna Mayo Sandwich	Egg Mayo Sandwich	Mashed Potatoes Broccoli / Carrots Salad Bar	American Muffin	Fresh Fruit	Yeo Organic Fruit Yoghurt
<i>Wednesday</i>	Brunch Lunch (Pork Sausage & Bacon)	Spanish Frittata	Cheese Sandwich	Tuna Mayo Sandwich	Hash Browns Baked Beans Salad Bar	Chocolate Chimney Pot	Fresh Fruit Kebabs	Yeo Organic Fruit Yoghurt
<i>Thursday</i>	Beef Burger in a Bun served with Herby Diced Potatoes	Vegi Mince Chilli & Multigrain Rice	Jacket Potato & Vegi Chilli	Jacket Potato & Cheese	Garden Peas Salad Bar	Volcano Bun	Fresh Fruit	Yeo Organic Fruit Yoghurt
<i>Friday</i>	Fish Fingers served with Chipped Potatoes	Margherita Pizza	Jacket Potato & Baked Beans	Jacket Potato & Cheese	Garden Peas Salad Bar	Fruit Jelly & Ice Cream	Fresh Fruit Salad	Yeo Organic Fruit Yoghurt

Available Daily: organic fruit yoghurt, homemade wholemeal bread, unlimited mixed salad/salad bar

In Reception children have a menu they can choose from, parents can choose what their child would like online, this works well as you know what your child eats and doesn't eat! Above is a sample menu, we will always let you know if your child doesn't eat their dinner.

# How do I apply for free school meals?

## Free school meals

All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 get a free meal at lunchtime, under the government's Infant Free School Meals scheme. These are provided at all Bury Council maintained schools, academies, free schools, and pupil referral units. **You do not have to apply for these.**

From year 3 onwards free school meals are only available if you get one of the following:

- Universal Credit - and your earned income is less than £7,400 a year, after tax and not including any benefits
- Income Support
- income-based Job Seekers Allowance
- income-related Employment Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, providing you are do not get Working Tax Credit, and your annual gross income is less than £16,190
- guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

If you get Working Tax Credits you will not be eligible unless you are receiving the four week 'run on' payment after stopping work.

Free school meals are available for pupils at local authority maintained primary and secondary schools, including academies. They are not available for children at private or independent schools.

They are also available for eligible households with:

- children at local authority maintained nurseries, providing they receive education before and after lunch
- students aged between 16 and 19 who go to Elms Bank Specialist Arts College sixth form
- students who receive Income Support or Income-based Jobseekers Allowance in their own right

*In Reception, Year One and Year Two children all get free school meals under the government's Infant Free School Meal scheme. However if you think you do fit the criteria for free school meals, we encourage you to apply now for the future. This will ensure that on any school trips or days out, a packed lunch will be provided by school.*

*You are able to apply online through the Bury Council website.*

The screenshot shows the Bury Council website's 'Free School Meals application' form. At the top, the Bury Council logo is visible. Below it, the title 'Free School Meals application' is displayed. A navigation bar contains links for 'Privacy', 'Declaration', 'Income type', 'Parent details', 'Parent address', 'Children details', 'Child 1', and 'Final page'. The main content area is titled 'Data Protection agreement' and contains the following text: 'In this form, we may ask for some personal information (such as name, address, date of birth, etc.) in order to fulfil your request for information or services. This information will be held securely and will be used to provide you with the service you have requested. Any processing will be performed in line with the requirements of the Data Protection Act 2018 and the General Data Protection Regulation. Bury Council is the Data Controller for the information you give us. Further details about how we process personal data can be found in our [privacy notice \(opens in a new window or tab\)](#).' Below this, there is a 'Consent' section with the text: 'I consent to the Council capturing and storing the personal details in this form for providing the service requested. I understand that I can request for my details to be removed from your records \*'. At the bottom of the consent section, there is a green button labeled 'I consent'.

# How do I apply for 30 Free Hours Funding in Nursery?

## Is my family eligible for 30 hours funding?

You will be eligible for the 30-hour funded childcare offer if:

- You earn more than the equivalent of 16 hours at the national living wage or minimum wage per week: for example, £120 per week if you are 25 or older.

There is no requirement to work a certain amount of hours per week – it is all about how much you earn. This means if you only work 10 hours a week but earn £12 per hour, you will meet the minimum earning threshold. Apprentices are also eligible as long as they earn the equivalent to 16 hours at the apprentice minimum wage.

AND

- You earn less than £100,000 per year.

This applies if you are **self-employed or on a zero-hours contract** and expect to meet the earning criteria on average over the three months after you have applied for the 30-hours. HMRC will look at data such as your previous earnings to consider whether you are likely to meet the criteria and may contact you for further information if they are unsure.

**If you are starting up your own business**, you will not be expected to meet the minimum earning criteria in your first year of trading.

**If you are not working** but you expect to take up paid work within 14 days, you can still apply for 30 hours, as long as you expect to meet the income criteria over the coming three months.

**If you are a single parent** and meet the above criteria, you will be eligible for the 30 hours. If you live with a partner, you both must meet the above criteria. This still applies if one of you is not the child's parent – for example, if you have remarried or have started living with a new partner. If you are separated/divorced from your child's parent, the eligibility rules will only apply to the parent that the child normally lives with (and their new partner if they are part of the same household).



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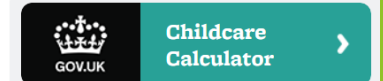
Childcare  
Choices

## 30 HOURS FREE CHILDCARE

Age  
3&4

- For **working families in England**
- With **3 and 4-year-old children**
- **30 hours of free childcare** or early education for **38 weeks**
- A total of **1,140 hours per year**, that you can use flexibly with one or more childcare provider
- Some providers will allow you to 'stretch' the hours over 52 weeks, using fewer hours per week
- If your working pattern and/or income has changed because of coronavirus (COVID-19); before you apply or reconfirm for 30 hours, please read [how these changes](#) may affect your eligibility

Find out more about similar schemes in [Wales](#)



Get an **estimate** of how much help you can get with 30 hours free childcare and other offers

This is the website where you need to apply for 30 Hour Free Childcare  
- <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

# How do I apply for Before and After School Club?

Before and After School Club is only available for Reception aged pupils, not Nursery currently.

If you would like a place in 'Beadies' please complete the form (sent home in your induction pack) or ask the office for a form.

Alternatively you can email your enquiry here -

[beadies@sjsb.co.uk](mailto:beadies@sjsb.co.uk)



## **Beadies before and after school care application form**

Beadies is the before and after school care which is operated by the school, solely for the use of children attending our school.

You are able to book Beadies on a contractual basis or an adhoc basis.

### **Contractual attendance**

Your child will be guaranteed a place at Beadies and will be able to attend Beadies for the same session(s) each week. You will be charged for the session(s) regardless of your child's attendance.

### **Adhoc attendance**

You will book Beadies on an adhoc basis no more than a week in advance of the required session(s) via the school office. You pay for the session as it is booked and places are subject to availability.

## **Beadies sessions and prices:**

Morning	7:30am – 8:50am	£4.00 per session
Afternoon [1]	3:15pm – 4:15pm	£3.00 per session
Afternoon [2]	4:15pm – 5:15pm	£3.00 per session
Adhoc Sessions	£4.00 includes booking fee. (These sessions are subject to availability and should be booked via the main office)	



# How will I know if my child has settled?

Can my child bring a teddy on the first day?

Yes - if your child would like to bring a toy from home for comfort on their first day, this is fine.



Harry, Harrison, Charlie and Thomas have built a robot using bricks.  
Thomas - "The robot is really kind. He'll help you do everything."  
Harry - "He orders you food. Even orders you pie and chips"  
Charlie - "When you're sad he'll tell you jokes so you'll laugh again."  
Harrison - "It likes to dig and can tell you lots about the things it builds."

Here is an example of an observation

At St Joseph and St Bede we use an online learning journal called Tapestry. It is how we log your child's learning and it is also a great way to keep you informed about what your child is up to. Once you have signed up you will be able to see videos, photos and comments about your child's learning.

You can also upload what they have been up to at home for us to see!

# What does my child need before starting school?



Please ensure your child has a pair of wellies that can stay in school. We play out in all weathers, so please make sure your child has a waterproof coat with a hood.



Reception -  
Please only use a school book bag not a rucksack, these will not fit in trays. These are available from the school office.



Please bring a water bottle every day, ensure that your child's name is visible on it.



Nursery -  
Please ensure you bring a lunch box with your child's name on.

Please make sure everything has your child's name on, all uniform, coat, shoes, wellies, book bags, water bottles and lunch boxes.