

New to Country:

Inclusion & Wellbeing pathway-

Starting Nursery

Welcome to Dunchurch Boughton CofE Infant Academy and Nursery!

We are truly delighted to welcome you and your child to our school family.

Starting school in a new country can feel exciting, but it may also feel unfamiliar for both children and parents. Please be assured: you are not alone. We are here to guide, support, and celebrate your child every step of the way.

At Dunchurch Infants, our school vision '**Roots to grow, wings to fly**' is at the heart of how we welcome new families.

Roots to grow: We help your child build strong foundations through safety, routine, nurturing relationships and a sense of belonging.

Wings to fly: As confidence grows, we support your child to explore, communicate, learn English in their own time, and flourish both personally and academically.



Our Promise to Your Child

From day one, we prioritise that your child feels:

Safe- emotionally supported and cared for

Included- valued for who they are and the language they bring

Welcome- greeted warmly and kindly each day

Ready to learn in their own time- we never rush or pressure a child to speak before they are comfortable

We recognise and celebrate the strengths your child brings including their home language, culture, identity, and life experiences.

A Gentle, Supportive Start

Our step-by-step settling pathway is designed to help children:

- build confidence at their own pace
- connect with other children through play
 - feel emotionally safe
 - understand daily routines
- develop trusting relationships with school adults



- feel that this is *their* school, *their* class, and *their* community

We believe that when children feel safe, included, and valued, they grow their “roots”... and when they feel confident, supported, and inspired, they find their “wings.”

How We Help Your Child Settle In:

1- Nursery Tour- Getting to Know Us

Before starting, you and your child are invited for a friendly nursery tour.

- You can ask any questions
- Your child can explore the classrooms and outdoor area
- We learn about your child, their interests, and home language
 - We explain how we will support them

This helps your child feel *familiar* and reduces first-day worries.



2- Stay & Play Session (With Parent)

Your child attends a 45-minute session with you in the classroom.

This helps them:

- See that nursery is a safe and happy place
- Start building trust with staff as they meet their keyworker.

We take things slowly, so your child feels secure. You will also be given log in details to Class Dojo so that you can communicate with your child’s keyworker.



3- Stay & Play Session (With Parent)

Your child attends a 1.5-hour session with you in the classroom.

This helps them:

- See that nursery is a safe and happy place
 - Meet their peers
- Continue to build trust with staff as they meet their keyworker.



4- Stay & Play Session

Your child attends a 1.5-hour session where you as parent stay for the first 10 minutes and then leave your child to attend the remainder of the session independently.



5- Telephone conversation with Nursery Manager

A chance to have a conversation with the Nursery Manager about how the child has settled in to Nursery and an opportunity to discuss next steps.

Some children may require additional stay and play sessions, whereas others will be ready to attend their booked sessions. This will be a joint decision between parents and the Nursery manager based on the best interests of the child putting their wellbeing first.



Attends booked sessions

Once your child is comfortable, they start attending their booked sessions.
We continue to monitor their wellbeing closely and keep communication open with you. Staff use our EAL Progression Framework to support them to thrive in the classroom and in their learning.

How We Support Your Child Every Day:

Your child is invited to attend toast club every morning from 8:30am.

A Buddy to Welcome Them-

Every new arrival is given a buddy who helps them with:

- Finding their way around
- Understanding routines
- Playing with others
- Feeling included and supported

If possible, we pair your child with another child who speaks the same language.

Communication in Your Home Language:

We want you to feel confident and fully informed.

- We translate important messages where needed including letters/ text messages home.
- You will receive a ClassDojo login during your first settling session- ClassDojo allows you to translate teacher messages. You can also message us in your preferred language. This ensures strong partnership between home and nursery.

Building a sense of belonging:

Communication Cards:

Your child will be given visual cards to help them communicate simple needs such as:

- Toilet
- Drink
- Help
- Sad / Worried
- Hungry



These cards reduce frustration and grow confidence.

Support for Learning English:

Teachers use a structured EAL Progression Framework to help your child learn English step by step.

This includes the use of:

- Gestures
- Visuals
- Modelling
- Repetition
- Play-based learning
- Daily opportunities to hear and use new words

Your child is never pressured to speak before they are ready- we celebrate every small step.

Our Commitment to Inclusion:

We are proud to be an inclusive school.

Every child regardless of their language level or background — has the right to feel:

✓ Welcomed

✓ Understood

✓ Respected

✓ Able to participate fully

Our approach demonstrates strong inclusive practice through:

Belonging:

We ensure your child is part of the class from day one through a buddy, uniform, supportive routines, and warm relationships.

Wellbeing

Staff carefully observe how your child is feeling. We prioritise emotional safety before language or academics.

Communication With Families:

We make communication accessible in your home language, so you feel confident and connected.

High Expectations

We believe every child can thrive. Our school EAL progression framework ensures ambitious but achievable steps.

Cultural Respect

We value your child's home language, culture, and identity. These are seen as strengths, not barriers.

We are excited to welcome your family!

If you have any worries or questions, please speak to Hannah Owen (Inclusion lead) or Lauren Binczik (Nursery Manager) who is here to support you every step of the way.