



# Bright Sparks Nursery

Isambard Kingdom Brunel



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# Welcome

I am thrilled that we are able to open Bright Sparks Nursery to children and families of Wellington and they can join the Isambard Kingdom Brunel Primary School (IKB) family. Selecting the right nursery for your child is very important and not only does your child need to be happy when they are left with us but as a parent you need to be confident that your child is being looked after, that they are safe and they are receiving the attention and stimulation they require.

Nursery experience is often a child's first venture alone into a larger world outside the family and home. I believe that what children learn in nursery can create lasting foundations on which to build on during their lives.

A high quality nursery education is about much more than numbers, letters, colours and shapes. It's about learning to be independent, confident, strong and curious. It's about developing children's natural joy and wonder at the world they live in. I believe children learn by exploring and investigating, watching and listening, talking and discussing, creating and communicating, and simply 'having a go!'



You can be assured that your child is our number one priority from the minute they arrive to the minute they leave. Their days will be full of adventure, discovery, play and learning. They will read books, play in the sand, run, skip and jump, paint, get messy and make friends. Our facilities at IKB provide a wealth of opportunities for children to explore and be creative.

Please feel free to get in touch if you have any questions about Bright Sparks Nursery.

I look forward to meeting you and your family.

Mr Healey  
Primary Executive Headteacher



# Our curriculum

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The Bright Sparks Nursery has purpose-built rooms and outdoor space accommodated within IKB. It has been designed to create a stimulating, nurturing and safe environment where young children can play, make friends and grow in confidence. Nursery is a child’s first experience of school life and we want them to look forward to coming to Bright Sparks.

Play will form a large part of their day and through this they will learn about themselves, each other and the world around them. Through well planned and structured activities, children will learn how to be creative and independent but also how to share and co-operate with each other. Children will be encouraged to take part in adult led activities both in small groups and with the whole group so they develop team work and social skills.

Reading and writing will be encouraged, step by step and at a pace that is right for each child. Bright Sparks will have comfortable corners for reading where children can find books that encourage their imagination and where adults and older children can read with and to them. Early maths will also be explored, with counting and number games, shape sorting and patterns, and playing with water and sand.

At Bright Sparks, special attention will be paid to emotional wellbeing so that children learn about feelings and emotions through stories, circle time, ‘golden rules’ (for example, kind hands, kind feet, kind words) and through role play areas and imaginative play. Key workers will be allocated to each child and they will be responsible for ensuring the child is feeling happy and safe. They will be a family’s direct link to the nursery and where families can receive feedback about their child’s day, what have they been playing, what they have eaten. Key workers will also use their observations of the children to identify play activities that encourage children to learn.

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Bright Sparks accept children from 2 years until they commence formal schooling. Please be advised admission to Bright Sparks Nursery does not guarantee a place at Isambard Kingdom Brunel Primary School (IKB). The normal school admission process applies for admission to IKB. Parents/ carers will still need to apply for a place in the reception year at school at the appropriate time.



# Our sessions

We offer a flexible timetable to suit your needs and requirements.

Sessions	Aged 2 years old	Aged 3-4
7.45am – 8.45am with breakfast	£6.04 This session includes a £1 meal charge	£5.75 This session includes a £1 meal charge
8.45am – 12noon	£16.38	£15.43
12noon – 3.10pm with cooked lunch	£18.88 This session includes a £2.50 meal charge	£17.94 This session includes a £2.50 meal charge
3.10pm – 4.30pm	£6.30	£5.93
4.30pm – 6pm with tea	£9.06 This session includes a £1.50 meal charge	£8.63 This session includes a £1.50 meal charge
School Day 8.45am – 3.10pm with lunch	£35.26	£33.37
Whole day 7.45am – 6pm with all meals	£56.66	£53.68

We ask that all children attend sessions on at least 2 days of the week to help children feel settled and secure and to gain the most out of attending nursery. Fees are payable a month in advance. Where possible, we will try and accommodate ad hoc session requirements.

We are registered to offer free funded places via the Early Years Entitlement (EYE) hours for two, three and four year olds subject to availability and in accordance with the Somerset Code of Practice.









# Admissions and Meals

‘Children will learn through play in an exciting and safe environment.’

## Admissions

Parents/Carers are required to complete a registration form indicating the hours they wish to send their child/ren to Nursery. The nursery manager will review the request in line with the current availability and either confirm the requested hours or advise as to availability.

Once hours have been agreed by both parties Bright Sparks Nursery will send out a letter of confirmation. At this stage you will also be asked to complete and return the required information about your child/ren such as medical details, next of kin etc. We do request a £50 non-refundable administration fee and a £100 deposit to hold your place(s). Please see our full terms and conditions.

Before your child starts with us we will aim to come and see you at your home, meet your child/ren and start to get to know them. Following this we will invite you to visit Bright Sparks with your child, providing the opportunity for parents/carers and the child to speak with staff, familiarise themselves with the nursery routine and get to know the other children.

Parents are welcome to stay with their child until they feel ready to leave them. We always suggest the child is introduced gradually into the nursery environment. The staff will work with each parent and child to ensure a positive entry to the nursery.

## Meals

The nursery will provide breakfast, lunch, tea, morning and afternoon snacks for your child depending on their attendance.

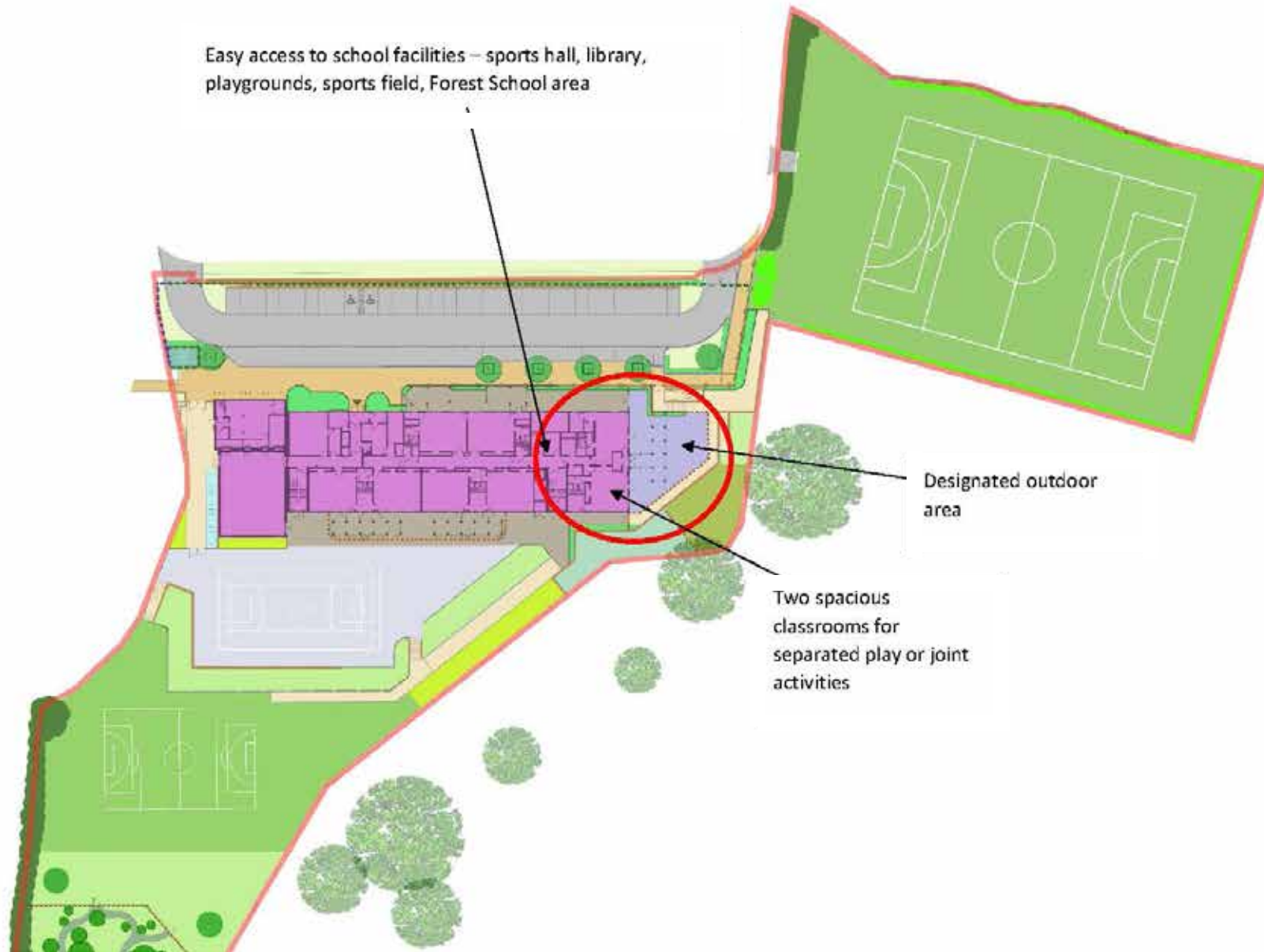
Pre-School children are developing faster than at any other time in their lives, therefore their diets require the right kind of tasty nutritious foods to encourage healthy growth. This means they need good carbohydrates to give them energy, protein to build their bodies and essential vitamins and minerals for healthy bones and teeth.

Example menus will be supplied prior to the nursery opening.

Please see ‘Our sessions’ for meal fees.



# The school and nursery plan





**'Children at IKB will be safe, happy and have good self-esteem.'**



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