

# Sandbank and Valley Nursery Schools Federation



# Valley Nursery Prospectus

## Ambitious for all

**At Valley Nursery School we aim to build relationships with children and families. We are always here to listen to your views and concerns.**

**Valley Nursery School caters for children from the age of 2 to 4.**

**Our session times are**

<b>Mornings</b>	<b>8.30am-11.30 am</b>
<b>Afternoons</b>	<b>12.30pm-3.30pm</b>

There are also children who stay for **30 hours per week from 8.30am-3.30pm**. This is for children who are *Government* funded as their parent's work and are eligible. Ask for details if you are a working parent and think you may qualify.

It is important that children arrive on time and stay for the whole of the session so they don't lose important learning time in school.



Childcare  
Choices

You may be entitled to Funding by the Government for your two year old  
Check on Walsall Family Information Service on  
01922 653383

You may be entitled to Funding for 30 hours.  
Check out the website  
<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/> to see if  
you are entitled

## Vision and Aims of Valley Nursery School

The staff and governors of the Sandbank and Valley Nursery Schools Federation are ambitious for all.

Our moral purpose is to:

- Create a safe, secure and stimulating environment so children can stay safe, be happy and healthy
- Enable children to make choices and grow in independence
- Encourage children to grow in confidence and self-esteem.
- Provide quality teaching and learning opportunities which enable children to enjoy and achieve.
- Develop respect, co-operation and positive relationships between children, parents, staff and the wider community
- Support parents and carers in their role as educator and value their contribution to lifelong learning
- Offer experiences of the wider world beyond their local community
- Respond to the individual needs of children and families and to promote inclusivity
- Create genuine partnerships between school, parents and agencies in the interest of the individual child
- Promote mutual respect and trust and celebrate equality and diversity
- Raise aspirations for children, families, staff and the wider community

**Executive Head Teacher:** Dawn Kelly

**Teacher in Charge:** Liz Sledge

**Parent Support Advisor:** Becky Moorhouse

**Office Manager:** Sonya Robbins

### Our Nursery

#### Two Year Olds - Chicks

Valley offer places for 2 year olds;

- Funded 2 Year places (15hr) - families receiving government support
- Funded 2 year places (15hr) - Working Families
- Fee Paying Places: £9 per 3 hr session (either am/pm)

Our Nursery provides exciting learning environments both indoors and out with exciting learning opportunities for our youngest children.

The children are assigned a key worker who they spend their group time with. They sing nursery rhymes, read books and do language activities together. The environment is designed and resourced with appropriate toys to meet all the areas of learning.

Children have a range of exciting activities indoors and out. They will paint, build, ride bikes, climb and enjoy messy play. Please send your child in clothing suitable for all weathers. We use aprons but children will sometimes get wet or dirty. A separate set of clothes is always helpful.

### Three and Four year olds

The nursery classrooms are carefully arranged with age appropriate toys in place. There is a key worker system to ensure that your child feels safe and belongs in our school.



Positive relationships are important between children, staff and families and we pride ourselves on always putting the children at the heart of everything we do.

The children are taught Maths and Phonics each day and have activities planned to meet the needs of the children and their interests as well as the seasons and celebrations throughout the year. They also have activities planned around stories, songs and rhymes. They are given opportunities each day to learn indoors and outdoors.

- We have some children who are our rising three's we call these N1's.
- We have children who are in our pre-school which we call N2's.

### All day children - 30 hour Provision



If your child is entitled to 30-hour provision you need to provide a code. Eligible children can stay from 8.30am until 3.30pm, parents provide a packed lunch and pay £3.00 for the lunchtime supervision.

These children have a different curriculum in the afternoons and work together for their enrichment hours.

### Snack Money



A contribution of £1.50 is collected weekly which helps to pay for healthy snacks, fruit, cooking ingredients, presents for the children, special events in school and helps subsidise school trips.

You are welcome to pay this termly at a discounted rate of £15 per term.

### What your child needs to bring to school



Please bring a coat and a bag with a change of clothes, nappies and wipes (if needed) and clothes appropriate for the weather, hats and gloves and coats in the winter and sunhats and cream in the summer.

### Uniform

School uniform is available for you to purchase from the school office.

Jumpers & Cardigans £9 each - Polo T-shirts £6 each (*This is optional*)

Please ensure that your **child's clothes are named** so that things that are taken off go home with the right child.

### Medication



No medication is given in school. The exception is for those children with specific medical needs such as Asthma medication or for Diabetes care.

### Password

We have a Password System in place should someone other than yourself collect your child. Please make sure the person collecting knows the password to tell the key worker.



## Safeguarding

At Valley Nursery School we believe that every child has the right to protection from abuse and neglect. All staff have training in keeping children safe and have a duty to follow the Walsall Child Protection procedures if they have any concerns. It is our priority to make sure children are safe and healthy.

**All staff have a responsibility to safeguard your children and would report their concerns to the listed staff.**

### Valley Nursery School

Designated Safeguarding Lead: [Dawn Kelly](#)

Deputy Safeguarding Lead: [Rebecca Moorhouse](#)

Deputy Safeguarding Lead / Designated Teacher for LAC / SPOC: [Liz Sledge](#)

Safeguarding Support: [Liz Sledge](#)

**If you felt concern yourself then you can report your concerns directly to the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) Telephone Number: 0300 555 2837**



## Encompass

We are taking part in a jointly run operation between Walsall Council, West Midlands Police and schools, called Operation Encompass, this means that we are notified by the police, when they are called out to a domestic property where our children reside. This has been set up to help schools provide support to children and families as needed. Reports are sent to the head teacher, this is kept confidential, and only used to help provide children with emotional and practical support.



## Policies

Our policies and procedures are available for you to read on our website

[www.sandbankvalleyfederation.co.uk](http://www.sandbankvalleyfederation.co.uk)

## Compliments & Complaints

We welcome any comments parents wish to make about our school and regularly ask for your views. A compliments and complaints book is available for your comments.

In the event of a serious complaint, contact the Executive Head Teacher, Barry Dutton (Chair of Governors) or Ofsted.

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*Chair of Governors: Barry Dutton Forest Arts Centre, Hawbush Road, Leamore, Walsall, WS3 1AG*