



Chase Side Primary School

Important School Information

If you have any questions please contact the school by phone or email

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More information can be found on the school website

www.chasesideprimary.co.uk



Chase Side Primary School
Starting Nursery 2020

Chase Side, Vision, Values and Aims.

At Chase Side, we want to ensure all children are given every opportunity to thrive throughout their time with us.

We see everyone as a learner for life and we hope none of us will ever lose the enthusiasm and excitement that learning provides.

This is clearly encompassed in our vision for the school and it's community.

Chase Side's Vision:

Skills for life

United community partnerships

Care and respect

Creativity

Everybody welcomed

Exciting opportunities

Determined learners!

Succeed and discover your dreams!



Chase Side Early Years.

Our Beliefs

At Chase Side we believe that every child has the right to be treated and educated as a unique individual. We listen to children and include their views and interests throughout their learning experiences at Nursery.

By the time the children leave Nursery it is our aim that they are happy, confident, active in their learning and enthusiastic about discovering the world around them.

We believe that a child's parents and carers are their first and most important educators. We will work closely with you to get to know your child, using your knowledge and expertise to inform how we work with them. As learning happens both at school and at home, we aim to communicate as much as possible with you, holding parent consultations, sharing special folders, observations and photos and maintaining an open-door policy if you want to discuss anything with your child's teacher.

At school, we believe that the basis for all learning is adults who understand their children, and children who trust their adults. We spend a lot of time and effort establishing strong, trusting relationships, which help children to feel safe, secure and confident. We also observe your child closely, working with them to find out exactly where they are and where they need to go.

We know that children learn best when they are exploring the world independently, and learning in their own way - through 'play'. We also know that children learn best when they are supported by adults who are sensitive to their specific developmental and educational needs. Our routines and learning environments are set up to encourage, support and develop children's learning through play, celebrating their advances and helping them to become independent learners.



Hello and thank you for taking the time to find out a bit more about the Friends of Chase Side Primary School. As a Friend of Chase Side, you can do as much or as little as you want to help your child's learning experience. We are a UK registered charity whose purpose is to try to enhance the learning journey of all Chase Side pupils. We do this through the organisation of numerous events which in turn raise funds that are spent exclusively on additions to the school experience for our children.

If you are the parent or carer of a child who attends Chase Side Nursery or Primary school, then you are automatically a Friend of Chase Side.

We liaise closely with the school, to see how best the money raised can be spent. In the past, money raised has been used to purchase new sports kits for the PE Department, the timber trail, and enhancing the playground. This year we are raising money to increase the number of computers in the ICT suite.

Every year, we host a range of fundraising activities. We have children only events, such as the various discos for the different year groups, including the Year 6 leavers disco. We've funded circus skills and the yearly pantomime which the children very much enjoy. There are family events such as Bingo Nights and adult events such as quiz nights. We also have our two big annual events, the Summer and Christmas fayres.

The Friends are just ordinary mums, dads, grandparents and carers who can give a bit of time to help make their child's time at Chase Side that extra bit special. Some Friends like to help out at events, some help by attending the monthly committee meetings. Some Friends volunteer their time by being year reps, whilst others regularly give financially either through personal donations, or through corporate matching schemes. We welcome suggestions for fundraising ideas and are always looking for new members.

If you would like more information or have any queries please pop a letter in the FOCs postbox by the school office.

FoCS website: www.focs.me

Email: info@focs.me

Nursery Uniform:

The children have a very active week so we are asking that parents keep to the active uniform requested and avoid tights/skirts and dresses.

Black jogging bottoms/leggings or shorts/skorts in summer.
White polo shirt
Royal blue sweater or cardigan (with or without the school crest)
Royal blue fleece (with or without the school crest)
Sensible black shoes or sensible black/white sandals, that your child can manage to take on/off independently.

Jewellery

Children should *not* wear jewellery to school. Only stud earrings are permitted if necessary.

Appropriate outdoor clothes

The outdoor area is an integral part of the Nursery learning environment and is open and accessible at all times, regardless of the weather. We would ask you to please ensure that your child is dressed so that they can access outdoor learning by providing weather-appropriate clothes:

Sun hat
Wellington Boots
Rain coat
Gloves
Warm hat

Brands

Our school has a 'no brand' policy. This means that brand names are not permitted in school. This policy is intended to limit competition and prevent bullying.

School uniform is available to buy from:

J Smith and Son (135 Lancaster Rd, Enfield)
Tesco Direct
<https://www.tesco.com/direct/chase-side-primary-school/13305.school>
Marks and Spencer
Asda (George)
Sainsbury's

*** Please make sure all items of school clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name**

Morning Nursery times: 8.30-11.30am

Our Nursery session

Arrival time- (8.30am) The children self-register using their photo name card, they can then go and choose what to do. Parents/carers are welcome to come in and settle their child.

Breakfast time- This is available to all, for which there may be a small charge. We provide breakfast cereals, fruit or toast, which are available for the first part of the morning session.

Indoor/outdoor playtime- The children can free flow for most of the session between the indoor and outdoor environments. We work closely with them to provide a safe and stimulating environment for the children.

Snack time- The children can help themselves to fruit/vegetables and water or milk during the session, which we provide. We also have lots of cooking and tasting sessions.

Carpet time- Near the start and the end of the sessions we usually split into two or more groups for stories, singing, maths games, music or to share the photos and videos of the children from that day

Goodbye time (11.30am)- We sing our goodbye song then invite you into the hallway. Please wait for your child's turn to be called to ensure the safety of all children.



Focus Weeks

After your child's first half term, you will receive a "settling in" report and you will have the opportunity to meet with a member of staff to discuss it.

In addition to the daily adult structure and child initiated learning that children do during the course of a normal session, each child has a 'Focus Week', during the year. During a Focus Week we focus on finding out as much as possible about these children so we can best support them through their individual interests to take their learning further.

During Focus Week we ask you to send in special mementos, photos and information about what they like doing and learning at home. We share these with the class and make a display. We then observe the children in their play and extend their learning through developing and expanding on their personal interests. All kinds of learning takes place during this week and the other children get drawn into what is going on.

At the end of your child's Focus Week we collate all the information we have gathered about your child and offer you a meeting to discuss their progress. We make appointments to see you before or after our session, during the year and not as part of the formal parent's evenings that take place with the rest of the school.



Special folders and reports

The children each have a "Special Folder", these contain photos from their Home Visit and samples of the creative things they have made. We keep their observations and photos we make during the year. The children can access their own folders and add to them as they wish. In Nursery they can also be taken home and shared with your family, you may add to it and return it after a few days.

In the final term you will receive a written report, which will detail the progress they have made over the year.

