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Ibstock Nursery FAQs

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Ibstock Place School is delighted to announce the opening of its new Nursery in September 2026, extending its exceptional Pre-Prep provision to boys and girls aged 3–4 years.

Who is the Nursery for?

The nursery is for children aged 3-4 years. To be eligible for September 2027 entry your child must have a birth date between September 1, 2023 – August 31, 2024.

Where will the Nursery be located?

The Nursery is based within the Pre-Prep department at Ibstock Place School. The spacious new nursery has been purposefully designed to meet the needs of our youngest children. The Nursery has its own enclosed outdoor area and children also have access to the larger playground.

What facilities will the Nursery have?

Children benefit from a wide range of facilities within the Pre-Prep building, including the kitchen for cooking activities and the library. They also enjoy access to wider school facilities such as the Forest School, Roberts Hall and Swimming Pool.

What will the timings of the Nursery be?

The Nursery operates during Ibstock Place School term-time only. The nursery day begins at 8.40am and finish at 3.20pm. Nursery children who have siblings at the school may be dropped off at the same time as their sibling(s).

Do you have provision for an extended day?

Yes. Wraparound care is available before school from 7.30am onwards and after school until 6.00pm. Breakfast is served in the morning, and a snack will be provided for children staying after school.
Ibstock's wraparound care is run by our partner Platform. A member of the Pre-Prep team support Platform so children have a familiar adult at all times.

Do you offer clubs at Nursery?

Yes, Nursery children can participate in Music Club, which will run from 3.20pm – 4.15pm on set days of the week at no extra charge.

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What will the curriculum be?

The curriculum is based on the Early Years Foundations Stage Framwork, with learning experiences carefully planned to meet the individual developmental needs, abilities and stages of each child. The indoor and outdoor nursery environments facilitates high-quality continuous provision, enabling children to independently engage with a carefully planned range of activities throughout the day fostering exploration, problem-solving, creativity and communication and language development. The Nursery curriculum includes specialist sessions in Physical Education, Music, Forest School, French and Spanish.

What will the Nursery day be like?

Children enjoy free-flow learning, phonics, maths, outdoor play and time for specialist sessions. Children have frequent opportunities to engage in construction, small world play, sand and water play, mark-making, role play and creative activities, allowing them to revisit and deepen learning while pursuing their own interests.

Will you provide lunch?

Yes. All children are served a hot lunch in the Nursery, prepared by Ibstock's award-winning catering team. We cater to a range of dietary requirements and allergens. A fruit snack is provided for morning and afternoon break.

How will the Nursery be staffed?

A highly qualified teacher specialising in Early Years will be your child's key person. A full-time teaching assistant with experience and training in Early Years education works alongside the teacher. All Nursery staff hold a full Paediatric First Aid qualification and Ibstock's School Nurse is also available during school hours. Children are taught primarily by the Nursery teacher, with additional specialist teaching in Physical Education, Music, French and Forest School.

What milestones should my child reach before starting Nursery?

While we understand that occasional accidents may occur, children are expected to be out of nappies by the time they begin Nursery.

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How will communication between families and Nursery work?

Communication between Ibstock Nursery and families is centred on a close, supportive partnership. Staff share regular learning updates, progress information and photographs through the Arc app, giving parents a clear picture of their child's experiences. Parents are encouraged to speak with staff at any time, with teachers available at the end of each day and a daily message book at drop-off for sharing important information. Staff also use this book to note anything parents need to be aware of, such as a minor fall.

Families are invited to key information sessions across the year, including a Welcome Talk in the Summer Term before children start, an Autumn Term Curriculum Talk outlining the year ahead, and a Phonics Information Session later in the Autumn Term, explaining how early phonics is introduced.

What will the Nursery fees be?

Nursery fees are £5,700 with a £465 compulsory lunch fee, totalling £6,165 per term for the 2026-2027 academic year. This is based on term time only, five days per week, in line with the Ibstock Place School calendar.

Universal Entitlement: All 3–4-year-olds receive 15 funded hours per week (term time).
Extended Entitlement: Eligible working families may receive 30 funded hours per week.
Further details regarding costs and funding arrangements are available from the Registrar.

Will my child have automatic entry into Ibstock Place Kindergarten?

We offer automatic right of 'safe passage' into our Kindergarten (4+), ensuring a seamless and reassuring transition for children and families.

How do I apply for a Nursery place?

To apply for a place at the Nursery, please register your child here.
If you would like to register your interest, or if you have further questions, please contact registrar@ibstockplaceschool.co.uk .

Places will be allocated by date of registration. Priority offers of a place will be given to current members of the Ibstock Place School community. Families who accept a place for 2027 will be invited to attend a Teddy Bear's Tea Party at the end of the Summer Term. Prior to starting Nursery, teachers will visit children in their home to support a smooth and positive transition into school.