

St Paul's NURSERY

SOMERVILLE COLLEGE

Welcome to St Paul's Nursery

Somerville College was among one of the first Oxford colleges to offer childcare facilities, thanks to the foresight and originality of the Nobel prizewinning chemist Dorothy Hodgkin. The nursery prides itself on supporting the children and their families, and promoting a diverse and inclusive environment. Our small setting provides nurturing and family-centred care, ensuring all children's needs are supported.

Positive Relationships

We provide a safe and stimulating environment for every child to explore. Our highly qualified team provide a Key Person approach and are always available to support our children and families.

Enabling Environment

We offer progressive and exciting play opportunities for all ages and abilities, emphasising 'learning through play'. Your child will be the director of their curriculum as we are a child-led setting. We offer free flow play allowing the children to choose how they would like to play and explore. We have daily walks often exploring the beautiful gardens of Somerville College, and visiting our local library, parks or museums.



Unique Child

We nurture each child's sense of identity and culture, to encourage children to be resilient, capable, self assured and happy.

We keep the children at the centre of our practice, promoting inclusive principles for all children and families and welcoming equality and diversity.



Learning and Development

Using the Early Years Foundation Stage Development Matters framework and Birth to 5 Matters we ensure that our practitioners enable children to reach their next steps and early learning goals. We meet all children at their start point and use our knowledge of learning through play to help every child develop their skills. The characteristics of effective learning underpins our ethos. We provide challenging playful learning opportunities across all areas of learning and development:

- Playing and Exploring
- Active Learning
- Creating and Thinking Critically

Our Team

All of the nursery key people and management team have up to date training, including Paediatric First Aid, safeguarding, food hygiene etc.

What you will need

Please provide a change of labelled clothes in a cloth bag, with a spare bag for any little accidents. We enjoy messy play so please ensure your child wears clothes you do not mind getting paint or mud etc. on. We explore the world in every weather, so you will need to provide your child with weather appropriate clothing. Bring along nappies for your child. We provide everything else.



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Our Provision

We offer a variety of fresh fruit and vegetables for our snack and teas, and offer milk and water throughout the session. Lunches are prepared by Somerville College chefs and transported to the nursery. Our menus are changed seasonally and we offer nutritious and filling meals which promote healthy eating.

We are connected to Somerville College in our beautiful grade two listed building. Our main entrance is on Walton street. Our recently rejuvenated garden is small and stimulating.