

First Steps Nursery

Where the Magic begins...



Moreton Hall Prep



My child thinks the world of the staff at First Steps - they are caring, supportive and fun. She loves all the stories, songs, dance moves and adventures they share together. ”

First Steps Parent

Your First Welcome

First Steps Nursery offers a safe, caring and stimulating environment for young children from 6 months to 3 years old. The nursery is located in a purpose-designed building within the beautiful grounds of Moreton Hall.

As early years carers, we understand how critical the first five years are for a child's development and their lifetime.

First Steps partners with parents to ensure that the first experience in their child's education is a positive and happy one to stimulate their development. We provide a nurturing environment in which your child feels comfortable to explore and develop at their own pace. Our focus is on making learning enjoyable from a very early age.

We offer a wide range of structured and free play to suit the needs of each child through an informal programme that is carefully designed to guarantee that each day contains variety, exploration and stimulation.

Our key staff are all highly qualified, with significant experience in childcare and early years education. Each colleague is carefully selected for their qualifications, experience, positive attitude and caring nature.

I welcome you to visit us, meet the staff and have a look at the beautiful facilities we enjoy at First Steps Nursery.

Should you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me on **01691 776066** or **perryn@moretonhall.com**.

I look forward to meeting you.



Nicola Perry

Manager, First Steps Nursery



The Youngest Ones

6 months – 2 years

First Steps has a separate room for babies and children under 2 years, called the Caterpillar Room.

This generous space includes room for construction, crafts, sand and water activities, as well as a 'home' corner. In addition, there is a stimulating sensory room that allows for exploration and quieter activities, such as sharing books with a grown up and exploring treasure baskets.

The sleep room, equipped with cots for nap time and quiet rest, allows us to follow your baby's resting routine as closely as possible. Doors from the main play space open onto our garden, so children can experience free-flow play between inside and outdoors.

Near to their second birthday, the children move on to the Butterfly Room.



What is a Key Person?

Upon entry to First Steps, each child is assigned a Key Person. This person is the main carer for your child in their first years. The Key Person is responsible for ensuring that your child's care meets their particular needs and interests. They will observe your child during their play and plan appropriate activities to enhance their experiences.

The Key Person also tracks your child's development and keep you informed of their progress.

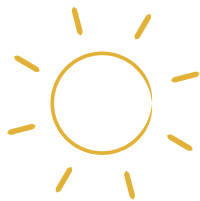


Children are helped to form strong relationships with their Key Person and all other adults.”

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A Day in First Steps



First Step's timetable offers a wide variety of activities and learning opportunities for your child.

Throughout the day, children take part in circle time and adult-led activities balanced with child-initiated play supervised by adults.

Small groups are led by the Key Person who plans appropriate activities based on the interests of the children. These activities are fun and interactive and link to the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS).

The routines and activities that fill each day strive to:

- Ensure the safety of each child
- Help children feel they are a valued member of the community
- Help children gain from social experiences as part of a group
- Provide children with opportunities to learn and value learning





Snacks and Meals

Moreton Hall's outstanding kitchen team provides children in First Steps with a prepared lunch and tea, along with nutritious snacks - all made with fresh local ingredients. The kitchen caters to all dietary needs. Weekly menus are displayed in First Steps and can be emailed if you prefer.

Meals are included in the daily fee.

Breakfast club is available from 7:30am. There is a small charge for breakfast and places must be booked in advance.

Rest Time

As each child has their own sleep and rest needs, we work closely with parents to establish a sleep routine that reflects the preferred schedule at home.






The warm atmosphere evident throughout the setting provides all children with a sense of belonging, and they learn to care for and respect each other in a safe and secure environment. ”

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Daily Routine



6 months – 2 years

7:30 – 8am	Breakfast Club (Optional)	
8 – 9am	Arrival / Welcome Child-initiated play	
9am	Circle Time: Hello song, please and thank you, counting fingers, stories, Sing and Sign, Letters and Sounds	
9:30am	Snack	
9:30 – 12pm	Adult-led activities, child-initiated play, outdoor play, morning sleeps*	
Noon	Lunch	
12:45pm	Child-initiated play, afternoon sleeps*	
2:30pm	Snack	
2:45 – 3:30pm	Circle time, child-initiated play, adult-led activities	
3:30pm	Home time / Child-initiated play	
4:30pm	Tea time	
5 – 6pm	Child-initiated play / Home time	

* Children may sleep at any point throughout the day, depending on their home routine.



Our child's development has blown us away in just 8 months, so keep up the excellent work everyone! ”

Parent



The Middle Year

2 - 3 years

By 2 years of age, your child's grasp of language develops as their vocabulary expands and they understand more. 2 year olds have a dedicated room called the Butterfly Class.

2 year olds can follow simple instructions and grow a love of books. We add Forest School and Gym Minis at this age to aid physical develop a hands on love of the natural world.

At First Steps we encourage your child to expand their abilities and grow confident in acquiring new skills. We also provide crucial play time which allows them to develop their skills and discover the world at their own pace.



I have put my two children through First Steps and I could not have asked for better. They both have excellent manners and are thriving for their ages. ”

Parent

Daily Routine

2 - 3 years



7:30 – 8am	Breakfast Club (Optional)
8 – 9am	Arrival / Welcome Child-initiated play
9am	Circle Time: Letters and Sounds, Sing and Sign, Welsh, Ring Games
9:30am	Snack 
9:30 – 12pm	Adult-led activities, child-initiated play Monday: Music Wednesday: Gym Minis Friday: Forest School
Noon	Lunch 
12:30pm	Sleep time (if required), child-initiated play
2pm	Snack 
2 – 3pm	Child-initiated play
3pm	Circle Time
4:30pm	Tea time 
5 – 6pm	Child-initiated play / Home time



I would recommend
the setting to anyone.
My son is now 6 and
still asks to go back!”

Parent



The Pre-Prep Year

3 - 4 years

At the age of 3, children move into Pre-Prep at First Steps.

Pre-Prep is taught by First Steps staff, and accommodated in Moreton's Prep School. The pupils wear Prep School uniforms and participate in a greater variety of planned activities that prepare them for their first year of school.

All children in Pre-Prep are offered an extensive selection of activities in addition to the Early Years Foundation (EYFS) curriculum.

- Forest School
- PE lessons, both in Moreton Hall's Sports Hall and extensive outdoor sports facilities
- French, Chinese and Welsh delivered by specialist language teachers
- Music, Singing and Drama lessons which include preparation for concerts
- Cookery classes

In addition, Swimming and Ballet lessons are offered for an additional fee. The swimming lessons are held in the Moreton Hall pool and ballet lessons take place on Wednesday mornings and are taught by a qualified ballet teacher.

4's Club

As your child approaches Reception age, we ensure that they are prepared to make the next step by providing them with support and additional opportunities.

During our 4's Club, small groups of children work with a qualified Early Years teacher each day. The activities offered include phonics, practical maths and handwriting skills.



Daily Routine

Pre-Prep



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8-9am	Start Free Play	Start Free Play	Start Free Play	Start Free Play	Start Free Play
9-12pm	Circle Time Swimming* Child- initiated	Circle Time French Child- initiated	Circle Time Swimming* Ballet* Child- initiated	Circle Time Child- initiated	Circle Time PE Child- initiated
Noon	Lunch Free Play	Lunch Free Play	Lunch Free Play	Lunch Free Play	Lunch Free Play
1-4:15pm	Music Child- initiated	Chinese Forest School Child-initiated	Child- initiated	Forest school Child- initiated	Child- initiated
4:15-5pm	Tea	Tea	Tea	Tea	Tea
5-6pm	Free Play	Free Play	Free Play	Free Play	Free Play
6pm	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home

** Swimming and Ballet are optional activities that incur an additional fee*

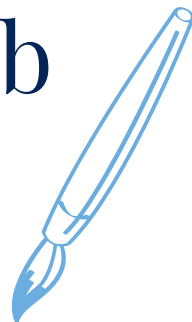
Our daughter loves coming to Pre-Prep – my life is so much easier knowing that she is happy and well cared for.”

Parent



Mini Holiday Club

for Pre-Prep



Pre-Prep follows Moreton Prep's term time scheduled.

When your child turns 3 years old, they are welcome to join our Holiday Club, which provides an extended provision exclusively for Pre-Prep pupils during school holiday mini breaks.

Children undertake a wide range of activities, including daily swimming sessions, arts and crafts, cooking and a variety of sports.

Holiday Club incurs a separate cost. It is essential to book in advance to secure a place each break. Visit www.moretonhall.org/holiday-club



Thank you for giving my daughter an excellent start to her summer holiday; my only regret is that I have not sent her to your holiday club before now. ”

Parent

Registration and Opening Hours

Children can be registered for First Steps Nursery as soon as you decide you would like them to attend.

We encourage you to come for a visit to get a good feel for what we can offer your child and absorb the relaxed, family atmosphere.

Groups are kept small and intimate, with a high ratio of staff to children maintained at all times to enable each child to receive outstanding care and attention.

First Steps runs a pre-visit system which is designed to help each child settle into the nursery environment. A few weeks before your child is due to start at First Steps you will be invited to come along and meet your child's Key Person. This provides the opportunity for you to share vital information about your child with your Key Person and allow your child some time to explore the environment while you are close by.

After this initial visit further visits will be arranged and will provide the opportunity for you to leave your child in our care for short periods of time to help them become familiar with the surroundings. We adapt the settling-in process to meet the needs of each child.

Opening Hours



Full Day: 8am – 6pm

School Day: 8am – 3:30pm

Breakfast Club is available from 7:30am

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