**Non-Negotiables for Nursery Children**

Dear parents,

We have listed some things that your child **MUST** be able to do by the time they join Nursery Class at Montem Academy School. This will help you prepare your child for the start of their education and the things that they learn will be a starting point for the nursery, so we are all ready to learn together.

* Begin to recognise emotions and can tell when someone is feeling happy or sad
* **To learn to sing 4 Nursery Rhymes (fill in the missing word or phrase in a known rhyme, story or game, e.g. ‘Twinkle, Twinkle, Little …’.**

“Twinkle, twinkle Little Star”

“Baa, Baa, Black Sheep”

“The Wheels on the Bus”

“5 little ducks”

* **Is familiar with 4 Popular Stories / Traditional Tales:**

‘Goldilocks and the Three Bears’

‘We’re going on a Bear Hunt’

‘Dear Zoo’

‘The Very Hungry Caterpillar’

* Can say their name – “My name is…”
* To recite some number names in sequence., up to 3
* To recognise some colours
* Kick a large ball
* **To be toilet trained or in the process of toilet training (Child to communicate their need for potty or toilet).**
* Help with dressing and undressing (helps with clothing, e.g. puts on hat, unzips zipper on jacket, takes off coat)
* Beginning to be independent in self-care (hand washing and drying hands before eating and after going to the toilet)
* Use Nursery Booklet to recognise and learn their teachers names
* Walk the route to nursery to keep active and familiarise your child with the route

These activities will greatly improve your child’s starting point as they begin their exciting journey with us.   
Thank you Miss Patrick and the Wonderful Nursery Team