

# **Welcome to Lingdale Foundation Stage**

## **Nursery Information Booklet**



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## Welcome to Nursery!



We hope when you read this booklet you will find it useful during your child's early years at school.

We also hope that you and your child will be happy with our Lower Foundation Stage. If you have any questions, either about the booklet or in general, we will be very willing to answer them.

We are looking forward to seeing you.



## Admissions Form

As soon as your child is three years old and a place is available you will receive a letter from the Foundation Stage staff. We will invite you to visit the setting with your child and this will allow you to ask any questions and allow your child to become familiar with the setting and adults. If your child has not attended our 2 year old provision, we will also come to visit you at home to meet your child. You will then receive a start date for your child and at this point you will need to complete an admission form.

Please bring your child's birth certificate when you receive your start date for your child. This allows us to check the spelling of your child's name and to confirm date of birth.

## Health

Children are offered milk and a fruit snack during the session. Water is also available throughout the session.

Staff need to be aware of your child's medical background, in particular any allergies (e.g. plasters, dairy food or nuts), any dietary restrictions (e.g. vegetarian or Halal) and any medical conditions that are important for us to know (e.g. asthma or eczema).

Please ensure the school is kept up to date with your contact details should we need to contact you. If your child is unable to attend Nursery due to illness please telephone the school to let us know. In cases of vomiting or diarrhoea, your child should remain at home until 48 hours have elapsed since the last episode. In all cases of contagious diseases, the school should be informed immediately and medical clearance must be obtained before your child returns to school.

## **Daily Routine**

Our Nursery is an afternoon session.

Start: 12:15pm

Finish: 3:00-3:15pm

We also offer 30 hours provision - please contact the office for more information.

## **How Nursery will help your child**

Children begin their school life when they enter the Foundation Stage. They meet new people, try new equipment and face new challenges.

The children learn to share, work together and help each other. They make decisions, learn to plan, concentrate and solve problems.

Your child will learn about reading, writing and maths through various activities. Together, we wish to help your child enjoy their experience as they grow in confidence and independence.



## Activities in Nursery

When you visit, you will be able to see the different activities which children can choose to do. Young children learn more effectively when they can follow their own interests. 'Play' is their work and children can learn about the world and explore their part in it through play.

**Mark-Making:** Children's early scribbles develop into pictures and writing.

**Book Area:** A comfortable, quiet book area is provided.

**Role Play:** Children enjoy dressing up and role play. This enables them to develop their imagination and interact with others.

**Dry Sand:** Children can trickle and pour dry sand and fill the containers.

**Wet Sand:** At first, children feel and dig wet sand. They learn about the properties of wet sand and how it is different to dry sand.

**Water:** Children can take their first steps in learning about the properties and 'wetness' of water. They can experiment with floating, sinking and filling containers.

**Food Technology:** When baking, it is the doing rather than the end product. The children measure, count, smell, taste and handle equipment.

**Playdough:** Children enjoy touching and exploring playdough. They compare size and shape of their playdough models.

**Painting:** Colour recognition is developed in this area, as well as the child's own creative ideas.

**Large Construction:** Working with the wooden bricks helps your child to learn about size, weight and height. Children build together in simple co-operative play.

**Small Construction:** Children can sort, count and recognise colours. Manipulative skills are developed by handling the pieces.

**Creative Area:** Children can use their imagination while developing their design skills and creativity.



## **Clothing**

Please make sure your child wears easily manageable clothes. Children also have daily access to outdoor activities so a warm coat or protection from the sun is advisable depending on the weather. **Please ensure all clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name.**

We now have a comfortable school uniform that is available from sizes 3 - 4 years.

## Pegs

The children will store their personal property on a named coat peg in the cloakroom.

## Home and School

Please check the parent information board regularly which is located in the cloakroom.

We have a home loan system in Nursery. Please encourage your child to choose a book each week (located in the cloakroom) and read it together at home. We do ask that you sign the blue book when you take and return a book.

## EYFS Fund

We currently ask for a voluntary contribution of 50p per week to our fund. Your contribution helps with ingredients for baking and playdough etc. The tub is located in the cloakroom.





## Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) is based on the recognition that children learn best through play and active learning. There are seven areas of learning, including three prime areas:

- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development

And four specific areas of learning:

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

# Learning Journals

Throughout the year staff will keep a record of your child's learning journey in their individual learning journey files. This will form a unique record of your child's learning and development throughout the year. We also value your comments about your child's progress and attainment.

We will also share observations on the 'Evidence Me' app via email. We hope that these observations will lead to conversations and further learning opportunities at home.



If you have any more questions, please do not hesitate to ask a member of staff at any time. Adults are available to talk to at the beginning and end of every session.

Please complete the attached forms and return back to school as soon as possible so that we have all the information we need to ensure your child is safe and happy at Nursery.

We look forward to meeting and getting to know your child to give them the best possible start to life at Lingdale Primary School.