



Starting Nursery

Ingleton Primary School



2023

Starting Nursery is a very exciting time for both children and parents, a step on your child's learning journey towards an independent and successful life.



We hope that this booklet will provide useful information and answer many of the questions that parents ask before their child starts nursery. Please do not hesitate to ask if there is something that you don't find the answer for.

Nursery Sessions

There are five sessions each week;

Monday to Friday

9am – 12 noon

The Early Years entrance is the fenced off area on the top playground, the nearest gate being the gate from Red Ash Lane.

Parents can bring children to the Nursery door, this will be the side door with the ramp, Mrs Bromley will be there to greet you.

The outside doors are open at 8.50am and the session starts at 9am.

At collection time parents and carers can wait in the outdoor area and the children will be brought out with the teacher to greet you.

Early Years Foundation Stage

During his/her time in Nursery your child will be following the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum.

This is the programme of learning that covers the two years of education in Nursery and Reception classes.

In Nursery the foundations for learning are laid. These will help your child progress towards the Early Learning Goals that they will reach at the end of the Early Years Foundation Stage.

Your child will be learning skills, acquiring new knowledge and demonstrating through seven important areas of learning and development.

Children should mostly develop the three prime areas first. These are:

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

These prime areas are the most essential for your child's healthy development and future learning.

As children grow, the prime areas will help them to develop skills in four specific areas. These are:

- Literacy;
- Mathematics;
- Understanding the World; and
- Expressive arts and design



These 7 areas are used to plan your child's learning and activities. The Nursery staff will make sure that the activities are suited to your child's unique needs. This is a little bit like a curriculum in primary and secondary schools, but it's suitable for very young children, and it's designed to be flexible so that staff can follow your child's unique needs and interests.



What do the Nursery staff believe about the way children learn?

We believe that to be effective learners, children must feel secure and confident. They need a curriculum that is broad and balanced and rich in first hand experiences. Young children are active learners, taking in information through their senses, making sense of this information through their play.

Through the development of their language they make these experiences part of their conscious memory.

Children learn best when they are comfortable and happy in their learning environment, where there is routine and consistent behaviour management, where the adults are interested and caring and where the children feel valued.



What happens in Nursery?

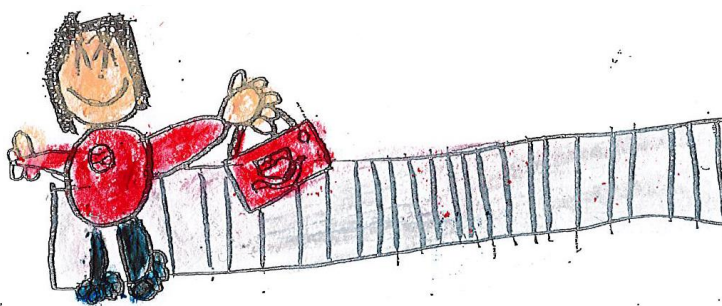
We have an extensive range of resources, equipment and games indoors and outdoors that will stimulate your child's interest and curiosity.

Nursery staff will encourage your child to engage with activities available and support them in their choices.

Eventually your child will become quite independent in choosing activities and will also be guided and supported in specific tasks that are adult directed.

Your child will become more able to organise themselves in their use of resources and will be encouraged to tidy up at the end of an activity. They will learn by playing and exploring, being active, and through creative and critical thinking which takes place both indoors and outdoors.

At Nursery we encourage children to have a go, share and also help each other.



How will I know what my child is learning?

Nursery staff will work and play alongside your child to observe how well he/she relates to other children and what kind of activities interest him/her. They use this information to plan activities so that they can extend the children's learning opportunities.

We use an online learning journal called 'Tapestry' where you will be able see pictures of what your child has been doing during their time with us. We also send a 'Weekly Round Up' at the end of each week to let you know the stories, songs and interests we have been looking at that week.

Sharing information

Nursery staff are always happy to speak to parents about their child, to tell them what their child has been doing or to discuss any problems that might arise, and they value the information that Parents and carers share with them.

Parents and carers are very welcome to contribute to their child's learning journal by uploading photos and messages onto 'Tapestry' from home. This completes the full picture of your child's development through their time in Nursery.



Who works in Nursery?

Mrs Bromley and Mrs Baren.

Nursery is staffed by a qualified teacher and a qualified teaching assistant.

At times, Nursery is also used to train students. We welcome parent helpers once the children are settled.

Our link Governor also visits us.



Mrs Bromley – Teacher
(v.bromley@ingleton-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk)



Mrs Baren – Teaching Assistant

What should I do if our child cannot attend Nursery through sickness?

If your child cannot attend Nursery please let us know by telephone or email first thing in the morning.

015242 41592 or admin@ingleton-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk

School Uniform

Nursery children follow the same dress code as the rest of the school. Please visit the school website for details on uniform.

We have some age 3-4 school jumpers and cardigans in school, please contact the school office on the details above if you would like a cardigan or jumper.

They are £12.00 for a jumper and £13.00 for a cardigan.

The children will be using paint, pens, dough, malleable materials and glue, so it is wise to send your child in clothes that are easily cleaned.

Nursery provides aprons, which the children wear for certain activities, but a spare set of clothes is essential, just in case.

Please provide these in a bag labelled with your child's name to leave in school on their peg.

We do sell drawstring bags which your child can use throughout their school journey if you would like. They are £6.00 and are available by contacting the school office.

To help children be independent in toilet training, trousers with elasticated waists are better than those with buttons and belts. Shoes fastened with Velcro are best for Nursery. With your child's safety in mind please make sure that your child has a pair of shoes with toes, heels and a sturdy grip to put on in the Summer, so that your child can continue to use our outdoor play equipment.



Book bags

Book bags are available to buy from the school office at a cost of £5.00.

Coats, hats, gloves and wellies

We use our outdoor area in all weathers. Your child will need a coat if it is cold or wet and a hat if it is windy. Gloves are essential in winter.

We provide sun hats with neck coverage for sunny days.



Please ensure that your child has a named pair of wellies in Nursery at all times for our welly walks. Wellies are worn for all outdoor activities.



How can I help my child get ready for Nursery?

Your child will look to you for guidance and encouragement so

- Be positive and happy about Nursery and school in general.
- Show your child that you are excited about them coming to Nursery (even though you may be feeling apprehensive)
- Talk to your child about what will happen, refer to the Nursery staff using their names and help your child to remember them.
- Aim to have your child toilet trained in good time before he/she begins Nursery.
- Encourage your child to part from you happily and confidently.

Dinnertime

Lunches are not currently provided to Nursery children.

What happens next?

Home Visits

Home visits will take place w/c 4th September. This is a chance to meet your child in a setting that is familiar to them whilst also answering any questions or concerns you may have. Mrs Bromley will be in touch to arrange these.

Paperwork

Please have the paperwork completed for the home visit so that Mrs Bromley has the information when she visits you.

First sessions

We will have stay and play sessions on the 5th and 11th July. The first sessions will start w/c 11th September