

# **Irthington Village School**



## **Nursery**



Information Pack



## Opening Times

The Nursery is open during term time each weekday morning from 9am – 12am, with an optional Lunch Club from 12 – 1pm.

## Daily Activities

The Nursery bases its planning around the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum, (EYFS).

The areas of learning that are covered are:

- Personal, Social and Emotional development;
- Communication, Language and Literacy;
- Mathematical Development;
- Knowledge and Understanding of the World;
- Physical development;
- Creative development.

This is the same curriculum that is used for children in the Reception class at different stages of development, and so the Nursery is an excellent stepping stone for children before they start school.

Activities and group times focus on particular areas of learning and are linked to the current topic. Child-initiated activities are available at other times in the areas of continuous provision within the classroom and in the enclosed outdoor decked area. These include:

- Role play area – a place where children can develop their imaginative skills, social development and language. This area changes with the topic, for example a travel agent's, a castle, a pirate boat.
- Book corner – a corner where children can enjoy a book by themselves or with their friends, re-create stories using props, or just enjoy a quiet moment.
- Art and Craft areas – areas where children can explore their creativity using a range of materials – paints, glue, collage, etc.
- Sand and water – areas which allow children to develop their investigative skills through hands-on finding out.
- Writing area – an area which allows children to experiment with drawing, mark-making and early writing, using a range of resources – pencils, crayons, chalks, whiteboards and marker pens, felt tips, etc.
- Maths area – an area which supports children's early mathematical development through fun number games, sorting and matching, weighing and measuring etc
- Investigation area – an area where children can use science resources such as magnifying glasses, magnets etc to investigate similarities and differences, natural materials and so on

- ICT area where children can have fun learning how to use a computer through a range of early years programs and online games
- Covered outdoor area – an area where children can do all of the activities available inside as well as activities on a larger scale, including riding on bikes and scooters, throwing balls and beanbags etc.



## Drinks and Snacks

Milk is provided mid-morning for all children. If a child does not want milk, they can have water if they prefer. Fruit is also shared out at milk time. We aim to promote the “sharing” concept, and so the children are encouraged to take turns to serve out milk and fruit. Filtered water is available to drink throughout the day and therefore parents should provide their child with a named water bottle which can be left in school.

## Lunch Club

An optional Lunch Club is available at a cost of £5 per session. This includes a hot meal, taken in the hall with the rest of the children in school. There is a healthy well-balanced menu, which is run on a rotational basis. Children may choose what they would like to eat from a range including a main course, a selection of side dishes, bread, a pudding or fruit. Children are given water to drink with their meals. Special dietary requirements due to allergies or religious beliefs can be catered for, as well as vegetarian diets.

After lunch, the children have adult supervised outdoor play.



## Uniform

Children may choose to wear their own clothes to Nursery, or opt to wear school uniform.

## Medication

If your child needs to take medication, staff will be happy to administer as required. The medication must be clearly labelled with the child’s name, the dosage required and the number of times that the medication should be administered. A medication form, available from the school office, must be signed and completed by the parent or guardian of the child before our staff can give any medication.

## Illness

Children suffering from an infectious illness should be kept at home. Children who experience sickness or diarrhoea must be kept at home during the illness and should remain at home for a further 48 hours after the last attack of sickness or diarrhoea.

## Health and Safety

Regular inspections of the Nursery and all equipment are made to ensure that they meet health and safety regulations. Any accidents that occur in the Nursery are recorded and parents are asked to read and sign the book.

## Parents as Partners

We actively encourage parents to become involved in the Nursery and new children are encouraged to visit the Nursery with their parents before starting. Introductory visits will then be arranged once a place has been allocated, and parents will be able to leave their children for short periods of time to help them settle. These visits will be arranged once staff have discussed the needs of the child with the parents and a strategy to encourage a happy settling in period has been agreed.

A parents' notice board is available. Details will be displayed on topics, planning and any other relevant information. There will also be time at the start and end of the sessions for informal discussions with members of staff. A parents' evening is held once a year where your child's progress and development will be formally discussed but you can make an appointment to discuss any issues or concerns at any mutually convenient time.

## Security of your child

If you wish another person to collect your child, other than the three named persons on the 'Collection of Children' form, you must pre-arrange this with the teacher. We will require a detailed physical description and a personal password. Unfortunately for security reasons we will be unable to let your child go even with a close relative, friend or person known to us without your prior consent. Should this occasion arise we will attempt to contact the emergency numbers.

