



Wyndham Park
Nursery School

Our Newsletter

Autumn Term

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I would like to welcome all of our families, old and new, to this academic year at Wyndham Park Nursery School. I feel extremely privileged to be the Executive Head Teacher at such a wonderful Nursery School. I know that at Wyndham Park we are lucky to have such committed staff that care for each child. I hope that your child has settled in to their new group well; I have certainly seen lots of happy smiley faces.

We are hoping to make some “Settling in” phone calls before half term to keep you updated on how your child is doing. You will receive a separate letter explaining how to book an appointment. This will give you chance to speak to your one of your child’s key workers; find out how your child has settled and discover the next steps of learning we will be working on together.

I hope that you are finding Tapestry useful and you are enjoying seeing what we are getting up to during our sessions. If you have not managed to log on yet, please come and see us so we can help.

If you ever have any worries, concerns or questions about your child then please don’t wait until parents’ evening. You can always speak to a member of the class team, to Holly or to myself, just catch us in the morning or at pick up or ring/email the office to book a mutually convenient time.



Laura Cook

Laura Cook
Executive Head Teacher

I would like to introduce myself as Head of School. My name is Holly and I am delighted and feel very privileged to be part of the wonderful team here at Wyndham Park Nursery School.

I am passionate about ensuring that all children receive a high-quality education which is enjoyable, enriching, challenging and nurturing. I look forward to using my experience, passion and knowledge to support Laura and the team in continuing to make Wyndham Park Nursery School the special place that it is.

I shall be making myself as visible as possible and will often be on the school gate at the beginning of the day should you wish to come and say ‘hello’. If you have any worries, concerns or questions please do come and talk to myself or a member of the fantastic team.

I look forward to meeting you all over the coming weeks and being part of the journey that your child takes through this amazing nursery school.



Holly Stock-Cheekooree
Head of School

Who's who!



Laura
Executive Head



Holly
Head of School



Rebecca
Senior Teacher



Driffa
SENDCo &
Nursery Teacher



Sarah
Room Leader &
Admin Assistant



Penny
Teaching Assistant



Jayne
Teaching Assistant



Aga
Childcare Assistant



Georgina
Childcare Assistant



Jenny
Childcare Assistant



Abigail
Childcare Assistant



Leah
Childcare Assistant



Yvonne
Childcare Assistant



Ella
Apprentice Nursery
Assistant



Mimi
Apprentice Nursery
Assistant



Jess
Apprentice Nursery
Assistant



Jules
Relief Support



Amanda
Senior
Administrator



Paul
Caretaker



Melissa - Currently
on Maternity Leave
Teacher & SENDCo



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You can find out more about us all and the jobs we do on the Wyndham Park Nursery School website.

www.wyndhamparknursery.co.uk

Little Reminders!

- ☺ Please remember to label ALL of your child's clothing, including coats, bags and shoes with their full name.
- ☺ Please ensure your child is wearing weather appropriate, warm clothing as it is getting colder and we do play outside for as much of the day as possible!
- ☺ If your child is toilet training, make sure they are wearing bottoms that they can pull up and down easily! Joggers are perfect instead of tights/leggings/trousers with buttons etc.
- ☺ Don't forget to let the office know by the start of the session if your child is not attending.
- ☺ Please ensure your child is collected on time at the end of their nursery session to enable us to keep to the correct staffing ratios.

Thank you!

Car Park & Gates

The nursery car park is for staff parking ONLY.

We are aware that the main Wyndham Park car park gets very busy at school collection times but for safeguarding reasons we must keep our car park closed as we use one half as a play ground for the Explorers Class. The Queen Elizabeth car park is open and Belton Lane has road side parking available and is just a short walk from nursery.



Keep clear

Please can we stress that even when the nursery gates are closed, they *must not be blocked*. The gates are in constant use and must be kept clear to allow for staff, deliveries and, if necessary, emergency services to enter and exit!

When the car park gates are closed, there is a pedestrian gate to access nursery. The pedestrian gate is located on Hill Avenue. There is a catch at the top of the gates that may need to be flipped over in order to push the gate open.



Pedestrian access



Lunches

As you are aware, children attending a full day session need to bring a nutritional packed lunch with them.



Please ensure that any lunchboxes, tubs, spoons etc are clearly labelled with your child's full name!

Please remember that grapes & cherry tomatoes need to be cut in half lengthways or quartered as these are a choking risk for young children.

To protect milk teeth, children should only have water or milk to drink, and these are supplied by nursery. You do not need to send a drinks bottle with your child, however if you wish to send juice, this will ONLY be given at lunchtime.



Can we also ask that lunches **DO NOT CONTAIN ANY NUTS OR EGGS** due to children currently attending with serious allergies.

Thank you.

Making pack-ups can sometimes be tricky.



Mix your slices

If your child does not like wholegrain, try making a sandwich from 1 slice of white bread and 1 slice of brown bread.



Always add veg

Cherry tomatoes, or sticks of carrot, cucumber, celery and peppers all count towards their 5 A Day. Adding a small pot of reduced-fat hummus or other dips may help with getting kids to eat vegetables.



Ever green

Always add salad to sandwiches and wraps too – it all counts towards your child's 5 A Day!



Cheesy does it...

Cheese can be high in fat and salt, so choose stronger-tasting ones – and use less of it – or try reduced-fat varieties.



Cut down on crisps

If your child really likes their crisps try reducing the number of times you include them in their lunchbox, and swap for homemade plain popcorn or plain rice cakes instead.



Add bite-sized fruit

Try chopped apple, peeled satsuma segments, strawberries, blueberries, halved grapes or melon slices to make it easier for them to eat. Add a squeeze of lemon juice to stop it from going brown.



Tinned fruit counts too

A small pot of tinned fruit in juice – not syrup – is perfect for a lunchbox and easily stored in the cupboard.



Swap the fruit bars

Dried fruit like raisins, sultanas and dried apricots are not only cheaper than processed fruit bars and snacks but can be healthier too. Just remember to keep dried fruit to mealtimes as it can be bad for teeth.



Switch the sweets

Swap cakes, chocolate, cereal bars and biscuits for malt loaf, fruited teacakes, fruit breads or fruit (fresh, dried or tinned – in juice not syrup).



Yoghurts: go low-fat and lower-sugar

Pop in low-fat and lower-sugar yoghurts or fromage frais and add your own fruit.

Tapestry



Tapestry is an easy-to-use and secure online learning journal that we use to help us celebrate your children's experiences, learning and development. It is a simple way to build a shared understanding about what learning looks like here at Wyndham Park Nursery.

For each child who comes to Wyndham Park Nursery every week is unique. They will all have made different choices, experienced their own successes and engaged in their own personal learning. However, there are always some shared experiences and so every week we aim to offer you a glimpse into these through our weekly post titled 'This Weeks Learning.'

You may also have noticed the 'Tapestry Challenges.' These posts are designed to help you with ideas of how you can support your child's learning and to give you the chance to share things with us that you are doing at home. They will very often link to learning that we have been doing at Nursery and are designed to be easily done using things that you have at home. It's not homework; it's learning ... but disguised as play!

Those of you who are returning Wyndham Park families may have noticed some changes in the way information is shared on Tapestry. We hope that you are enjoying seeing the photos that the staff are busy uploading to your child's learning journal.

As I am sure you can all appreciate, the presence of a camera changes an interaction between child and adult. It can act as a physical barrier between our faces and theirs - not a great way to have a conversation, develop relationships or support learning! In short, if we have an iPad in our hands we can do less to support your child's learning. In this digital age we as adults are all so used to being instantly in touch or instantly updated, but the children would rather we were fully present, ready to listen and ready to play! That is our promise to them.

Nursery Library

We know that being able to read is a vital life skill and as children move through their educational journey it supports all areas of learning and unlocks so many dreams! As parents and carers, we want you to join us with our reading adventurers. We see it as an opportunity to transport your child on a magical journey, to incredible places with extraordinary characters where your imagination can run wild!

Your child's key worker will help your child choose their first library book to share at home. Your child will bring this book home in their new library bag. Once you have enjoyed this book together and are ready to change it, you are welcome to come into our library. This is open daily from 8.30am – 8.55am. There is no need to record which book you have borrowed. All that we ask is that you use this fantastic opportunity to return your book before you borrow a new one!

As always, we are here to help and answer any questions that you may have.

We are passionate about making a difference and we know that together we can ensure that your child has a lifelong love of reading. Happy reading!

Messy Play!

We are learning all the time! Sometimes this means we will get a bit messy! We go outside whatever the weather, so we need warm clothes and coats that are ok to get dirty and wet!

The nursery uniform is designed to get messy so that favourite clothes don't get ruined! We have paint, water and other messy activities out everyday so wearing old clothes or uniform is a very good idea!!!

If you would like to bring your own wellies and waterproofs, **please label them clearly with your child's name** and they can be left at nursery to be used everyday! If your child comes to nursery wearing wellies, please could they have a spare pair of shoes in their bags to change into if necessary.

I'm sorry I got messy today but..

I've been exploring the water and learning about emptying, filling and pouring. Sometimes I might spill a little bit - the muscles in my hands are still developing.

There was flour in our messy area today. I was so interested in how it would make clouds if I threw a little into the air.

I loved the texture of the playdough, but I rested my arm on a little bit as I reached across the table. I didn't realise it would stick to my sleeve!

I was learning about what happens if I mix two colours together.. It's messy work, but the green paint on my jumper comes from the blue and yellow that I mixed!

This mark is from a pen. I'm trying really hard to learn to hold the pen and make marks on the paper.

The mud kitchen is very dirty, but it's so much fun! Playing there helps me develop my imagination and explore my understanding of the world. I watched you cook at home and I wanted to try by myself.



**Early
Childhood
and Family
Service**

Communication with the Nursery

If your child is unable to attend nursery due to illness or family outings etc. please call or email the office before your child's session is due to start. Our phone number is 01476 563966. Our email is enquiries@wyndhampark.lincs.sch.uk

When there is nobody in the office, there is an answerphone to respond to telephone calls. Please leave your name and a contact number along with your message.

The nursery also has a mobile number available for **text messages only**, which is **07543 715389**. This number can be used for breakfast and after school club messages out of normal nursery hours.

The office is open every day from 8:00am until 4:00pm, but could we please ask that where at all possible you email or telephone with any enquiries in the first instance. If you do need to speak with us in person the best time to do this is directly after drop off. Please note that Amanda, our Senior Administrator, does not work on Wednesdays so the office is unable to process payments queries on these days.

We try to keep our website as up to date as possible and it has lots of information on www.wyndhamparknursery.co.uk

The easiest way to get information out to everyone is through our Facebook and 'X' feeds.



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@WPNursery

We use two main systems here at the nursery to pass on information and communicate.

Tapestry - an online journal recording all the learning and fun of your child's early years education. It helps staff to capture experiences as well as monitor development and learning. This unique journal is shared online with you so you are able to see special moments and view your child's progress.



Scholarpack - is our information system which holds all our students information. It is used amongst other things to record attendance. We also use it to send out any communications to our parents via text and emails. **Please note, you cannot reply directly to emails sent via Scholarpack.** Please respond to any messages by using the enquiries@wyndhampark.lincs.sch.uk email address.



**** Applications for a Primary School Place - September 2025 ****

If your child was born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021, you can apply for their Primary School place from 15th November 2024.

Please also be aware that the deadline for applying for a reception place in a primary school for September 2024 is 12:00 noon on 15th January 2025.

Important things to remember when applying:

- You can apply for up to **three** different schools. You must rank the schools in order of preference. The first school should be the one you would most like your child to go to.
- If you apply after the closing date you are less likely to get a place at one of your preferred schools.
- It is your responsibility to apply for a primary school place for your child, we do not apply for you and we are not linked to any specific schools.

It is really important that you apply online at:

www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions or contact the Education Team on 01522 782030.



Funding

Just a reminder that if you are claiming the 15 or 30 hour funding for working families (2-4 year olds) or using Tax-Free Childcare, you will need to reconfirm your eligibility **every 3 months**.

Parents can check whether they could be eligible for a range of government childcare offers, including 15 hours free funding for 2 year old's & 30 hours free funding for 3-4 year old's via Childcare Choices at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk or on the Childcare Calculator at www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator.

For a detailed guide to the 30 hours eligibility criteria, visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/30-hours-free-childcare-eligibility>



Staying Safe

We take the safety of our children extremely seriously at Wyndham Park Nursery School. You can find out about our safeguarding policies and some useful e-safety information on our website.

We also help children to keep themselves safe through our practical curriculum. We learn about how to take care of ourselves and wash our hands, how to play nicely with each other and share, so we know how to stay safe.

If you are worried about your child or any other children then please come in and speak to us straight away or contact Lincolnshire Children Safeguarding Board on 01522 782111.

If you have any safeguarding concerns about children you can talk to:

Laura Cook - Designated Safeguarding Lead

Holly Stock-Cheekooree - Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Penny Fox - Deputy Safeguarding Lead



E-Safety

If you would like to know more about e-safety, the website below has lots of useful information about how to keep children safe online, including top tips and recommended apps.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/0-5>

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matters.org**

Dates for your diary

Friday 18th October - Last day of Term 1

Tuesday 29th October - First day back! Term 2

Monday 11th November - Nursery Photographer Day. (Details to follow)



Friday 15th November - Applications for Primary school places open

Friday 15th November - Children in Need day



Thursday 19th December - Last day of Term 2.

NURSERY CLOSING AT 11.30AM - PARTY DAY

Merry Christmas!!!!



Monday 6th January - First day back! Term 3



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