

The Northern Lights Pre-School

"Committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people".

Home Learning Environment

The home learning environment has a real impact on a child's early language and learning. Language skills are shaped and nurtured by the child's home environment, which includes the quality of the implicit and explicit learning support they receive from their parents. Studies show that every day conversations, make-believe play and reading activities are particularly influential features of the home learning environment. In particular warm and nurturing parenting behaviours can encourage children's natural curiosity and can help immensely with a child's development and also their school achievements.

Parents' Engagement Group: Supporting Early Communication, Language and Literacy

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who attended our Parents' Engagement Group. This session focused on how parents/carers can support their child's learning by interacting with them and engaging in activities.

We will work closely with parents/carers to ensure what is being taught at preschool is being echoed at home. This level of continuity will ensure that children have a solid foundation on which to build their skills, giving them the best possible chance of being ready for school.

Tapestry online Journal

Parents are encouraged to log in into their child's online journal using the details provided. You can view your child's learning and fun at preschool. You can also upload your own pictures to share with their key person.

Library

Research shows that reading actually aids in brain development, especially in a child's first 5 years of life. Reading is also one of the best activities to provide the foundational language and literacy skills a child needs to succeed. It is important to teach children the benefit of reading and it can help make them smarter and perform better in school. That aside, bonding is a top benefit of taking children to the library.

Toilet Training

We strongly encourage all parents to toilet train their child if they are ready as this is part of their self-care development. A child aged 3 years + who displays no delays in their development is expected to attend to their toileting needs independently. Please be assured we will support them as much as we can on their toilet training journey.

For school readiness, it is very important that children are able to independently put on their coat and shoes. Please encourage your child to do this at home.

Daily Mile

As part of the Daily Mile challenge, children are encouraged to walk, run or jog with their friends. This helps them to stay fit and active and also improves their physical development.

Tooth Brushing

Children brush their teeth daily at preschool. Please ensure your child is brushing their teeth at home too.

We are hoping to improve and maintain the dental health of children and regular brushing will help to do this.

Hygiene

We have had a few cases where children have had long unclean nails and a member of staff has had to clip them. Due to hygiene reasons please make sure your child's nails are kept clean and short to avoid the spread of germs and also to avoid scratching themselves and others.

Winter Weather

Due to the change in season and weather, please ensure your child is wearing warm clothing.

For physical exercise, we take the children to the hall every day and it can be very cold in there so your child needs a warm coat and hat.

Absences

In case of absences, can you please contact the preschool at the beginning of the session: 01422 251925.

It is very important that you inform us of your child's absence.

Safeguarding

All safeguarding concerns should be reported to the Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mrs M'Linde or in her absence to the Deputy Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Majeed.

Parking

Reminder to all parents to park safely when dropping or collecting their children. Please avoid parking at the entrance of preschool. It is preferable that you park your car further away and walk to preschool as it can be difficult and dangerous to manoeuvre near the preschool entrance.

Our Photo Gallery!



Important dates to remember:

Friday 19th November - Brake Fundraising: Road Safety Day

Thursday 9th December - PEG: Healthy Eating and Being Active

Thursday 16th December - Winter Fayre

Friday 17th December - Break up for Winter Holidays

Monday 3rd January 2022 - Bank Holiday

Tuesday 4th January 2022 - Inset Day: Staff Training

Wednesday 5th January 2022 - Preschool Opens