

# East Harling Primary School and Nursery



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

A warm welcome to East Harling Primary School and Nursery! We are a successful, happy and friendly primary school and nursery which mainly serves the communities of East Harling, West Harling, Bridgham, Roudham, Gasthorpe, Riddlesworth and Larling.

Children get only one chance at education and we aim to provide a happy and purposeful environment where children can experience the joy of learning and work hard to achieve their full potential. We provide our children with a broad and balanced curriculum and have a real commitment to creating interesting and enjoyable learning experiences for all. We also believe that school is not just about academic achievement but the development of the whole child and are proud of the wide range of extra curricular activities (such as sporting activities, clubs, drama and residential trips) that take place here.

We strive to enable all our children to develop the self esteem, maturity and confidence to become independent learners. We prepare children to become thoughtful and responsible citizens with respect for each other and equal regard for all. We recognize and celebrate achievement at all levels, valuing the strengths of each individual.

We are very proud of our school and nursery; our enthusiastic children, the expertise of our staff, the co-operative and supportive relationship between home and school and the dedication of our Governing Body.

Hopefully this prospectus will answer many of the questions you may have about the school. However, we know that there is no substitute for personal contact and therefore I hope you always feel welcome in our school. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further questions or would like to arrange a visit.

We look forward to meeting you and your child and hope his/her time with us will be happy and successful.

Miss Amanda Yates  
Headteacher

## AN INTRODUCTION TO THE NURSERY

Our Nursery was opened in 1996 as part of the Local Authority's strategy for providing high quality pre-school educational provision throughout the county. The unit is housed in a purpose built extension to the school and provides a bright, attractive and safe environment where children can learn through a wide range of adult-led and child initiated activities. We have an extensive range of equipment and resources to suit the needs of all pre-school pupils and an enclosed outside play area. Our nursery staff ensure that careful planning and appropriate activities provide a rich curriculum designed to enable each child to gain the maximum benefit from their nursery experiences.

All 3 and 4 year olds are entitled to 15 hours of early years provision, at the beginning of each term parents will be asked to complete a claim form to indicate where they wish to claim their child's entitlement of 15 hours early years provision. Parents may choose to claim the 15 hours for their child to attend our Nursery or at an alternative provider. There will be a charge for attendance at our Nursery for any sessions not claimed for, payable a term in advance. For further details about this please contact the school office.



## ADMISSIONS POLICY

Children attend our nursery during the academic year when they reach the age of 4 years, the year before they start school. We offer five morning sessions each week, with a maximum of 26 children able to attend each session. We only have one admission round each September, although children who move into the area and wish to join the Nursery at a different time of the year will be admitted if we have spaces available.

A place in our Nursery is for five sessions a week, giving children access to their 15 hours of free early years provision. Parents can request that their child attends fewer sessions, however our experience shows that children who do not attend each day often find it harder to settle and do not gain as much from their Nursery experience as those who attend daily. We will only consider

requests for children to attend fewer sessions if our admission numbers enable us to, or if a child has a specific need that means that they are unable to attend daily.

## **JOINING OUR NURSERY**

We hold a waiting list for places in our Nursery and parents should contact Mrs Barton, our secretary, if they would like their child's name added to the list. Nursery places are formally offered to parents in the May before their child will begin in the September, in accordance with our Nursery Admissions policy.

We begin the induction process for children who will join our Nursery in September, in the summer term prior to this. Firstly, we hold an induction meeting for parents so that they can meet Nursery staff and begin to get to know our Nursery. In June and July we hold one or two taster sessions when the children can come and play in the Nursery so that they become more familiar with the Nursery classroom and staff. At the start of term Mrs Symonds and Mrs Pilsbury-Gaunt carry out home visits to meet with parents and children on an individual basis. Our experience tells us these visits are invaluable as they give school staff the chance to get to know you and your child better and provided parents with an opportunity to talk to staff confidentially about any issues or concerns that they may have.

At the beginning of the Autumn term we have a staggered timetable of visits to help the children to get to know our Nursery before they attend for a full session. We start with shorter one hour sessions in small groups, and over the first three weeks build these up to the children attending for a full session with gradually bigger groups and longer sessions. Separate information will be given to parents about these sessions at induction.



## THE NURSERY STAFF

The nursery has a well-qualified and experienced staff.



Mrs Symonds  
Nursery Teacher



Mrs Pilsbury-Gaunt  
Nursery Nurse

## A NURSERY DAY

### 8.55a.m. **SELF REGISTRATION**

Parents/Carers bring children in, collect their name badges from cloakroom and settle them in the nursery. Staff are available for an informal chat as an opportunity for you to pass on important information.

### 9.10a.m **WELCOME ALTOGETHER**

### 9.15am **FREE ACTIVITIES/DIRECTED ACTIVITIES**

Throughout the morning children have access to a wide range of resources, both indoors and outside. Adults support children alongside their play as well as lead specific activities that have been planned to support the children's learning. Children will be encouraged to spend extended periods of time engaged in play, across all areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum.

### 9.45a.m **SNACK TIME**

Snack Time is an ongoing self-service table which allows children to be involved in planning their own time. Children will be offered milk or water, a piece of fruit and/or a small snack, such as breadsticks.

### 11.40am **STORY TIME**

Adults share stories with the children before they go home. They may also sing Nursery rhymes or other songs.

### 11.55am **HOME TIME**

Each child is allowed out only when the person collecting them comes into the Nursery to take them home. Please let us know in the morning if someone different is collecting your child.



## THE NURSERY CURRICULUM

In our Nursery we deliver a curriculum based upon the Early Years Foundation Stage framework. This describes the seven areas of learning and development which must be implemented through planned, purposeful play. The framework also states that adults should 'respond to children's emerging needs and interests, guiding their development through warm, positive interaction'. In addition the framework describes the three characteristics of effective teaching and learning within the Early Years to be 'playing and exploring, active learning, and creating and thinking critically'. All of our staff seek to provide children with experiences to develop these skills every day.

Our nursery curriculum is designed to allow your child to learn through activity and play experiences covering the three prime areas of learning;

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

And the four specific areas of learning;

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



As you look around our Nursery you will notice the provision we make for these areas. Our plans for each week, which are displayed on the Parents' Noticeboard, will also help you to identify each week's learning objectives. Activities are arranged to promote your child's learning using a variety of work and play areas, allowing him/her to work both independently and co-operatively. Curriculum planning is flexible and may change through the week or day by day, to ensure that we are meeting children's needs.

Characteristics of Effective Learning
<p><b>Playing and exploring – engagement</b></p> <p>Finding out and exploring Playing with what they know Being willing to 'have a go'</p>
<p><b>Active learning – motivation</b></p> <p>Being involved and concentrating Keeping trying Enjoying achieving what they set out to do</p>
<p><b>Creating and thinking critically – thinking</b></p> <p>Having their own ideas Making links Choosing ways to do things</p>

Area of Learning and Development	Aspect
<b>Prime Areas</b>	
<b>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</b>	Making relationships
	Self-confidence and self-awareness
	Managing feelings and behaviour
<b>Physical Development</b>	Moving and handling
	Health and self-care
<b>Communication and Language</b>	Listening and attention
	Understanding
	Speaking
<b>Specific areas</b>	
<b>Literacy</b>	Reading
	Writing
<b>Mathematics</b>	Numbers
	Shape, space and measure
<b>Understanding the World</b>	People and communities
	The world
	Technology
<b>Expressive Arts and Design</b>	Exploring and using media and materials
	Being imaginative

Taken from Development Matters, DfE 2012.

## LEARNING JOURNEYS

Throughout the school day Nursery staff will make informal observations of the children as they take part in play, everyday activities and planned activities with adults. Staff use these observations to identify and plan ways to support the children and deepen their learning and development.

These observations form the basis of each child's Learning Journey. A child's individual Learning Journey is a record of their significant achievements and learning across all areas of the Early Years framework. We currently use an online programme called Tapestry to record these observations and assessments, all parents are issued with a username and password so that they can access their child's Learning Journey at any time. Parents are encouraged to share their own observations of their child's achievements and development by taking photographs and writing notes which can be added to show what their child can do at home, as well as in school. School staff also use their observations to assess child's levels of development against the 'Development Matters' guidance so that they can judge whether a child is showing a typical level of development for their age and plan for them accordingly.

## FOCUS WEEK

Each week two children are chosen as the focus children for the week, each child is chosen at least once term. During their focus week staff will record the experiences and learning of these children so that they are create a detailed picture of their development. Prior to this week we also send home a camera for parents to use so that they can record their significant achievements or experiences at home. This information also forms part of each child's Learning Journey and helps to ensure that we maintain a detailed picture of their development through the year.



## SNACK TABLE

During Nursery sessions children have access to water or milk to drink throughout the morning and a small snack is provided through our 'snack table' from about 9.45am onwards. Children can sit down at our snack table at any point during the morning to have their snack; fruit is provided daily plus another healthy snack option, such as bread sticks. We ask parents for a small contribution each term towards the cost of a snack. Our Nursery staff will make sure that everyone accesses the snack table in each session.



## SCHOOL UNIFORM

Nursery children are not required to wear our school uniform but many parents choose to send their child to Nursery in a school sweatshirt and/or polo shirt as it can save their clothes being spoilt during messy play or craft activities. School sweatshirts and polo shirts can be purchased through Mapac, our online uniform supplier at [www.mapac.co.uk/education](http://www.mapac.co.uk/education), alternatively the school office currently has a small stock of uniform for sale.

Children in Nursery will spend time both inside and outdoors, so children should come to Nursery dressed ready to play outside. We will play outside whatever the weather so a warm, waterproof coat is advisable in winter and a sunhat in the summer is essential. We have a supply of waterproof trousers and coats for the children to wear over their own clothes if they want to get involved in wet or muddy play.

It is helpful if the children have a spare set of clothes in a draw string bag on their peg in case of an accident or if they get wet. The children also need a pair of plimsolls or trainers to change into for physical activities.

Please make sure that all items of clothing/bags etc are clearly labelled with your child's name.



## WORKING WITH PARENTS

As a school we want to establish strong relationships with parents and guardians. Throughout the school year we use a number of different ways to keep parents up to date with what is happening in our school and their child's development, these include;

- Mrs Symonds writes a weekly newsletter to update parents with what the children have been up to that week and the focus for the following week. These letters are sent home in the children's pink Home-School books on a Friday. Parents are also able to see what they have been doing in Nursery by looking on Tapestry to view their child's Learning Journey.
- All parents are encouraged to share their child's significant achievements and interests at home through their child's online Learning Journey on Tapestry. School staff are then able to talk to the children about their news and share what they have been up to.

- The 'Harling Herald' our regular school newsletter keeps parents up to date with school news, events and other information.
- As a school we use ParentMail, a school email and text messaging service. Whenever possible we send information home using ParentMail as this is the most efficient way of keeping parents updated and helps to ensure that letters do not get left at the bottom of bags or behind in school. All parents will be issued with a log in for Parentmail at the start of the new school year.
- Our school website ([www.eastharlingprimary.co.uk](http://www.eastharlingprimary.co.uk)) is full of information about our school and is regularly updated with diary dates, school news and other information. Most classes have a class blog spot where they upload information about their class' learning and what they have been doing in school.
- Through the school year Mrs Symonds will provide opportunities for parents to join the children in the Nursery for special events, such as reading cafes or stay and play sessions.
- Parent consultation meetings are held twice a school year, parents are also welcome to meet with staff at other times if they have an issue that they would like to discuss. Please contact school staff to make an appointment for a mutually convenient time to meet.



## **SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES**

Those children identified as having special educational needs and/or a disability are catered for either within the normal nursery situation or individually. Additional help is given to these pupils by class teacher, nursery nurse or classroom assistant when appropriate. We work closely with other professionals, such as speech and language therapists, to ensure that we have appropriate plans in place to meet the needs of all children.

## HEALTH ISSUES

If your child becomes ill in nursery, we will endeavour to keep them going for as long as possible. However, we will contact you should we feel that they are too ill to stay at school. In the event of a serious accident requiring medical attention, we would seek to contact you as soon as possible but if that is not possible we would seek medical assistance immediately. Therefore it is important that we hold up to date emergency contact details.

Records are kept of any accidents or injuries in school. We inform parents if their child has had an accident that they need to be aware of, for example a bump on the head or a severe nose bleed.

Unfortunately head lice are a fact of life in primary schools and we would ask that all parents regularly check their child's hair to prevent the spread of head lice. If you find any signs of eggs or head lice please treat your child's hair straight away.

## MEDICINES



The responsibility for the administration of medication to children lies with their parents or guardians. School staff are under no duty to administer medication to children within our school. However, we recognise that there may be occasions when school staff may be requested to supervise the administration of medication.

When a child's prescribed dosage of medication needs to be taken within Nursery hours their parents/guardians should, wherever possible administer or supervise the administration of medicine to their child. However, this may not be practical in some cases and parents may then request medication to be administered to the child in school. In this instance parents should complete an administration of medicines form (available from the school office).

All medication within school is kept securely and records kept of any medication given. Non-prescription medication should not be brought into school; this includes items such as cough mixture and throat sweets.

## CHILDREN WITH ASTHMA

All parents of children with asthma are asked to complete a school Asthma Record for their child. This record will help school staff to ensure that pupils with asthma receive the best possible treatment at all times.

The record will give details of your child's current treatment and what steps to take if an asthma attack happens at school. In case of asthma emergencies, the school keeps a spacer for use with your child's metered dose inhaler - providing it fits. (If unsure whether or not your child's inhaler is compatible please ask your asthma or school nurse.)

We also ask that your child has a spare inhaler that is always kept in school (this will be kept in a secure place). Please ensure that inhalers kept at school are up to date and have sufficient dosages. It is parents' responsibility to inform the school in writing if their child's treatment

changes so that the record can be updated. We also ask parents to check their child's record at least once a year.

## **STARTING SCHOOL**

The majority of children who attend our Nursery join the main school in the September of the academic year in which they are five. However, a place in our Nursery does not guarantee a place in the school. Parents have to apply through Norfolk County Council's school admission process in the Autumn term before their child is due to start school. The Local Authority will write to parents about this.

As our Nursery is an integral part of our school we are able provide the children with many opportunities to prepare them for the transition from Nursery to school. The children spend time with our Reception class teacher both in the Nursery and the Reception classroom throughout the second half of the summer term. They also experience coming to whole school assemblies and playing with the other children on the playground, this all helps to ensure that they have a happy and smooth transition from our Nursery to main school.



## **HEALTH & SAFETY**

Our staff are committed to ensuring the health and safety of the children in their care during each session. To this end, safe practice is observed by staff and taught to children regarding the use of equipment indoor and outdoor play habits and safe routines regarding arrival and collection.

Parents and children should enter school through the pedestrian gates on Gallants Lane, Kenninghall Road or Garlondes. Pedestrians should not use vehicular gates. There is no parking within the school grounds.

Guidance from the Local Authority recommends that parents should be made aware of the following section of the LA's Health and Safety Manual;

Pupils are expected to:

- Exercise personal responsibility for the health and safety of themselves and others.
- Observe expected standards of dress to ensure safety and hygiene.
- Observe all the rules of the school and instructions given by staff.

- Not wilfully misuse, neglect or interfere with things.

## **ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL DUE TO ILLNESS**

If your child is unable to attend Nursery due to illness, please telephone the school on the first day of absence. In the case of a sickness and diarrhoea bug, NHS guidance is that pupils should remain at home for a minimum of 48 hours to avoid passing it onto other children and staff.

## **SECURITY**

The staff and governors take security very seriously. All visitors must report to the school office, via the main entrance, where they will be met by the Secretary, Headteacher or another member of staff. Visitors are required to sign the visitor's book and wear an identifying badge for the duration of their stay. Any unauthorised persons found on the school site will be challenged immediately.

To ensure the safety of pupils and staff, external doors and gates are locked at 9.15a.m. Access to the building via the main entrance is made by use of the entry phone.

At the end of the Nursery session school staff will ensure that the children are collected by their parent or an appointed guardian before leaving the building. Please ensure that Nursery staff are introduced personally to any adults that will be collecting your child from Nursery as we do not allow children to leave the premises with adults that are not known to us. We ask that you provide Nursery staff with photographs of all adults likely to collect your child at the start of the school year. If, in the event of an emergency or unforeseen circumstance, your child is to be collected by an adult unfamiliar to school staff, please ensure that you telephone the school to inform Nursery staff. We will agree a password for you to share with the adult who is collecting your child so that we know that they have your authority to collect your child.

## **EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURE**

The school will only be closed in an extreme emergency such as heavy snow or heating/lighting problems due to a loss of power. A decision is made by the Headteacher as soon as possible and announcements made on local radio, Norfolk esinet website, and on the school telephone system. The school website will also include up to date information ([www.eastharlingprimary.co.uk](http://www.eastharlingprimary.co.uk)). Notices will also be the school gate if possible.

## **EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES**

It is our policy to encourage all children, regardless of race, gender or disability, to undertake all the activities and learning opportunities available to them, at a level appropriate to their developmental stage. We will offer each child whatever support is appropriate to their needs to allow them to participate in these activities and experiences.

A copy of the school's Disability Equality Scheme is available on the school website or can be requested from the school office (as can any of the school's policies).

## **FRIENDS ASSOCIATION - E.A.S.T.**

The school has a small but very hard working group of parents and teachers who support us by organising a wide variety of events. All parents and guardians are automatically members of our friends group, E.A.S.T. (Everyone At School Together) and are welcome to attend meetings or events. The money raised is used to purchase additional books and equipment for the school. We hope you will want to support the school in our social and fund raising events.

Recent activities organised by the friends group include:

Children's Discos  
Bingo

June Fayre  
Recycled clothing collections

Children's Christmas Cards

The considerable efforts of the committee, along with the support of the parents, raise substantial sums of money which enable us to considerably enhance the quality of education provided for our children.



## **HOW CAN YOU HELP YOUR CHILD?**

Ways in which all parents/carers can help their child include the following:

- Always give your child plenty of support and encouragement.
- Follow the guidance we have given to you in this brochure.
- Support the nursery staff in encouraging self-discipline.
- Ask your child questions about what they have been doing at nursery.
- Engage in similar activities at home and share a love of books with your child.

- Support the school in the wide range of activities it organises.
- Share lots of Nursery rhymes and other rhyming songs.
- Help your child to practice counting.
- Talk positively about nursery. DO NOT talk negatively about nursery, other children or members of staff to your child or other parents at the school gate. If you have a concern, COME AND TALK TO US!

Through experience we have found regular parent help at the beginning of nursery year can be a bit unsettling for the children. Settling them in is our biggest priority, so we tend to invite parent helpers for particular events such as; walks round the village, posting letters to Father Christmas, helping with dressing for Christmas production, trips, sports day, woodwork etc. Children cope with this better, when they are a little older and can understand why their parent isn't helping just themselves.

## **SAFEGUARDING**

Parents should be aware that we are required to act on any information presented to us regarding the possible neglect, personal injury, sexual or emotional abuse of any child in our care. Other agencies may also become involved in order to provide appropriate action or support for such children and their families. Such information is treated in the strictest confidence and only shared with those who have a legal right to be informed. A copy of the school's policy for safeguarding (including child protection) can be found on the school website or requested from the school office.

The school's designated safeguarding lead for child protection is the Headteacher, Miss Yates (or the deputy headteacher in her absence). Parents are strongly encouraged to share/report any child protection or safeguarding concerns with the designated lead as soon as they arise.

Parents or children who need advice or support about child protection issues should use the following Freephone numbers.

NSPCC 0800 800500                      Childline 0800 1111  
Norfolk Children's Services 0344 800 8020

## **THE SCHOOL GOVERNORS**

The governing body is made up of a cross section of local people who freely volunteer their time. They meet twice each term to discuss a wide range of school issues. Each governor belongs to a range of committees and has responsibility for monitoring a curriculum subject. Our Chair of Governors is Mrs Ingrid Sykes. Further information about the Governing Body can be found on the school website.

## **SCHOOL TERM DATES**

### **Autumn term 2016**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

#### **Half term**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October (school closed)

### **Spring term 2017**

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

#### **Half term**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February (school closed)

### **Summer term 2017**

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July

#### **Half term**

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June (school closed)

## **COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE**

We obviously hope that you will not have any cause for complaint about our school. However, if you do have a concern, it is best dealt with at an early stage, usually with your child's class teacher, before it develops into a significant problem. We hope that discussing the matter with the teacher should be enough to resolve the problem. However, if you are still unhappy and wish to take the matter further, you should make an appointment to see the Headteacher. If after discussion with the Headteacher, the matter remains unresolved, you should tell the Headteacher that you wish to make a formal complaint.

The Headteacher will give you a copy of the Complaints Procedure and the name and address of the Clerk to the Governors of the School.