



**Kingsdown
Nursery School**

Welcome

A warm welcome to Kingsdown Nursery School in the Birchwood/ Doddington Park area of Lincoln.

Children who attend Kingsdown experience a friendly, stimulating environment with Teachers and Early Years Practitioners who meet the needs of all our children, including those with special needs. During the nursery sessions, there is much to see, do, explore and learn, both indoors and outdoors.

Local Authority Nursery Schools are special because they have highly trained staff, who understand how children learn and develop, and can provide a range of stimulating activities and experiences. Nursery Schools have a school Ofsted Inspection and have to meet many of the same standards as a Primary School. We are one of only five Nursery Schools in Lincolnshire and as such are in a privileged position to serve the community of Birchwood and Doddington Park. Our latest Ofsted inspection has rated us as a 'Good' school.

Children usually settle quickly at Kingsdown, making friends and enjoying playing and learning. Parents often tell us their child wishes they could come to nursery even at the weekends and during holidays!

We follow the Government's Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum, which helps children improve their knowledge, skills and understanding across all areas of child development. Staff skilfully follow children's interests and plan for their learning in meaningful play based ways, building on what children already know and helping them achieve the next steps in their learning.

I hope you enjoy reading our prospectus, please get in touch if you have any questions at all, and we look forward to seeing you in the near future.



Vision

Kingsdown Nursery School is a purpose built self-contained Nursery school, which provides a safe, stimulating and caring environment in which all children are encouraged to work together in an atmosphere of mutual trust and respect.

We will give each child the opportunity to reach his/her full potential by promoting self-esteem, independence and quality learning within a broad balanced curriculum.

We will endeavour to develop close partnerships with parents/carers and the wider community.

Values

We believe that:-

- Every child is special.
- Every child will have equal access to opportunities and resources.
- Everyone has the right to be respected and the responsibility to respect others.
- All children are entitled to high quality teaching and learning within a caring and cared for environment.

- Everyone in the school community, pupils, staff, parents and governors are parties with an important contribution to make to the success and life of the school.

Aims

- We aim to provide a range of opportunities and experiences within a broad, balanced curriculum, which are relevant to the children's needs and build on their previous experiences and personal abilities.
- We aim to value each individual child, to enhance their self-esteem and to promote independence by developing an awareness of self worth and a pride in personal achievements.
- We aim to offer equality of opportunities in order to promote positive attitudes towards diverse cultures and abilities.
- We aim to respect the parents' vitally important role as first educators.
- We aim to develop close partnerships with parents and share information on a regular planned basis.
- We aim to liaise closely with the local community, in particular, the local schools and Children's Centre.
- We aim to provide a stimulating learning environment, which fosters curiosity and challenge.
- We aim to provide opportunities for the on-going professional development of staff needed to deliver high quality teaching and learning.



Admissions

We take children from 2-4 years old.

Our 2-3 year olds are in our day-care room and our 3-4 year olds are in main nursery. We offer places for both Government funded and non funded (paying) children.

Some children are entitled to Government funding from the term after their second birthday and all children are entitled to 15 hours funding from the Government, beginning the term after a child's third birthday. Children can start at Kingsdown in September, January and April. Some children are entitled to 30 hours funding if their parent/s work more than 16 hours per week.

You can buy additional sessions for your child however old they are. Additional sessions currently cost £5 per hour.

Before and after school clubs

We run a breakfast club from 8 – 8.45 a.m. each day, children can have cereal, toast and orange juice. Currently breakfast club costs £2.70 per day and children can attend between 1-5 mornings per week. Children can be booked in weekly or termly, we ask for 24 hours notice for ad hoc bookings.

After school is from the end of a session until 5.45 p.m. Children are given a drink and snack/ light tea depending on what time they go home. After school currently costs £2.70 per half hour, including food and drinks. Children can be booked in weekly or termly, we ask for 24 hours notice for ad hoc bookings.

Sessions

Our core nursery sessions are as follows:

Morning sessions

8.45 – 11.45 a.m. in both day-care and main nursery

Afternoon sessions

12.25 – 3.25 p.m. in main nursery and 12.30 – 3.30 in day-care

Full days (15 hours)

8.45 – 1.45 p.m. x 3 days per week in both day-care and main nursery

Full days (30 hours)

8.45 – 2.45 p.m. x 5 days per week in main nursery



Dropping off and collecting your child

There is usually time for a quick chat with your child's teacher at the beginning of the session, but if you need more time, please phone the office to arrange a convenient time to talk to them.

If you have any worries or concerns, it is always best to address these with your child's teacher so things can be sorted out quickly.

Please bring a change of clothes for your child, and any wipes or pull ups as needed.

Children play outside all year round so will always need a coat/jacket/wellington boots/hats/scarves and mittens, depending on the weather.

At home time, please make sure you arrive on time to collect your child. If for some reason, you are not able to collect your child yourself and have arranged for a friend or relative to pick them up, we have a password system and children are not allowed to be collected by anyone without the correct password.

If you ask your child what they did at nursery, typically they will shrug or say 'nothing'. If you ask them what they enjoyed playing with, or what made them happy at nursery, you are more likely to get an answer! Some children will take a painting home every day, some will rarely do a painting but all children are busy and happy during their nursery sessions.

Uniform

Our uniform is a purple jumper/cardigan with white or purple polo shirts. Children can wear black/grey trousers, leggings or skirts. In the summer term, girls often wear purple gingham dresses. Most supermarkets sell uniform in this colour but if you want our logo on the uniform then Uniform Direct is our supplier. Children do not have to wear a uniform; they are welcome to wear their own clothes. All we ask is that children can manage their clothing when they need the toilet and don't wear anything special that would be ruined by paint, playdough or glue!

Snack

All children have a drink of milk and a healthy snack each session. The Government pays for the milk but not the food. Children have apples, bananas, pears, tangerines, cucumber, carrots, toast and crumpets. We ask for a donation of 30p per session towards the cost of the snack. This can be paid weekly, monthly or every half term. We can take cash or cheques made payable to Lincolnshire County Council. We are unable to take card payments or bank transfers.



Curriculum



At Kingsdown Nursery School, we follow the National Early Years Foundation Stage Statutory Framework (EYFS). This framework lays out all the educational standards which all Early Years providers must meet to make sure children are given the optimum opportunity to progress and develop, in a safe and healthy environment.

There are 7 areas of learning and development in the EYFS:





Staff skilfully plan activities and experience in all areas of the curriculum, focussing on Communication and language development, Physical development and Personal, social and emotional development. These are the cornerstones of all other areas of learning.

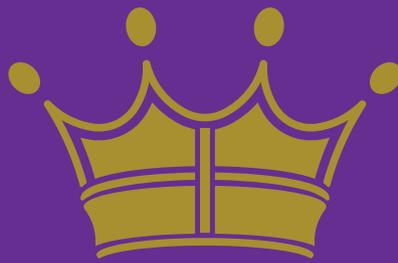
Staff quickly establish close relationships with their children and, following children's own interests, support their learning and development across the curriculum. We have sand, water, paint, role play areas, interactive white boards, iPads, cars, trains, dolls, jigsaws, wooden blocks and other construction equipment, reading areas where children can choose a book to look at, have a book read to them or share a book with their friends, and many more toys and resources. Much of the day is spent outside in our large playground, with its huge sandpit, climbing frame, stage and musical area, and many bikes and cars, bats and balls. Children should certainly sleep well after a busy day at Kingsdown!

We have weekly music and dance sessions for all children, and visits from Dr Stuart with his mini- beasts and snakes. We go on regular walks to the woods at the end of our road, hunting for frogspawn and tadpoles. We have annual trips out to Rand Farm Park and Sundown Adventure Land.

We celebrate birthdays and festivals such as Diwali, Chinese New Year, Easter and Christmas. We have a magic show every Christmas and invite parents in to hear children singing Christmas songs.

We aim to give all of our children a very happy time at Kingsdown in a way that helps them grow and develop and prepares them for Primary School.





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