



Newsletter

Autumn Term 2024



Welcome back to all of our returning children and to all of our new families. We look forward to the year ahead, working together and watching the children grow in confidence and independence. Laura Cook is our Executive Headteacher, she oversees four of the maintained nursery schools in Lincolnshire. You will see Laura in school one or two days per week and I will be responsible for the day to day running of the school in between. If there is anything at all that you would like to ask or speak to us about then please do.

The children have been very busy and are doing well at settling into the school routines. Some children find it harder to leave their grown-ups than others but they all soon realise that they are going to have a lovely time!

As we move through this term we will be continuing to work on settling the children in and becoming familiar with the adults and the daily routines. We will then start our theme of Autumn moving onto Festivals for the rest of this term which will include activities, songs and stories all about Bonfire Night, Diwali and finally Christmas.

We wish you all a very warm welcome; we look forward to getting to know all of the children and their families and we thank you for choosing Kingsdown!

Kind regards,

Diane

Extra Sessions

Our breakfast club is available every day 8am-9am. Children are welcome to eat breakfast with us, we offer a selection of cereal, toast and crumpets. We also offer an afterschool club every day from 3pm - 5.30pm. There is rolling menu of light teas. The charges for both clubs is £6 an hour.

Although we are unable to swap sessions, should you require extra days at nursery these can be booked via our office. Extra sessions outside of your funded hours are charged at £6 an hour. Please try and book extra sessions as far in advance as possible



Hello

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Communication



If your child is unable to attend due to illness please call or email the office BEFORE your child's session is due to start.

Our phone number is 01522 684335 and our email is enquiries@kingsdownnurseryschool.co.uk

Illness

If children are not well / have unsettled nights / have a temperature etc then please keep them at home. In the case of vomiting and/or diarrhoea they should stay home for at least 48 hours after the last episode. If you have been worried enough to visit a doctor then please keep them at home for a day or two. Children are much better having a day at home curled up in front of their favourite tv show. We are unable to give them the attention they need when they are unwell.

Office Hours

The office is open every day from 8.30 until 1pm and on a Friday until 3.30pm. When there is nobody in the office there is an answerphone to respond to your telephone calls. Please leave your full name and child's name along with a message.

Facebook and emails

Please look for updates and news on our Facebook page.

We also regularly send out communication by email so please remember to check your junk email box and update us with any changes.



www.facebook.com/KingsdownNurserySchool

Reminders

- Please remember to label ALL of your child's clothing including coats, bags and shoes with their full name.
- 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. Please make sure you return any borrowed items of clothing.
- Please ensure your child is wearing weather appropriate clothing as it is getting colder and we do play outside for as much of the day as possible.
- Can we please ask that you do not smoke anywhere in or around nursery. We are a non-smoking site.
- No dogs are allowed anywhere on nursery school grounds.
- 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 and keep children happy.

Toilet Training

Most children are toilet trained by the age of 3 unless there is a medical reason for them not to be. Changing nappies and pull ups takes the adults away from teaching and learning time in the classroom so we would encourage all parents of children who are still in nappies and pull ups to make a start with getting them trained. We are able to support your child in nursery once you have started the process at home. Please ask staff if you would like some advice or there is lots of useful information on the NHS website:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/baby/babys-development/potty-training-and-bedwetting/how-to-potty-train/>

Funding

If you think you might be eligible for funding in January, please claim it before Christmas. You can apply online at <http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk>

School News

Larder Donations

Each year we support the Community Larder with a food hamper. We are currently collecting for their harvest donations. If you are able to make a donation we would be grateful but please do not feel any pressure to do so. Lists of suggested items are in the entrances along with the boxes. Thank you for supporting us with this worthwhile cause.



Photographer

The professional photographer will be in school on the 6th November to take individual photos of each child.



Sock & Welly Donations

If you have any socks that your children have outgrown we would be very grateful for them. Our Welly rack is also looking a little bare so we would appreciate any spare pairs.

Lunches

As you are aware children attending a full day session need to bring a packed lunch with them. Please ensure that any lunchboxes, tubs, spoons etc are clearly named with your child's first and last name. We always have water and milk available but if you would like to send a drink for your child's lunch please ensure it is in a named bottle. Please leave sweets at home for a treat later!

Please see the NHS link for some healthy lunch ideas.
<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>



Staff Members

Laura Cook

Executive Headteacher
Deputy Safeguarding Lead.

Diane Ingham

Head of School
Designated Safeguarding Lead
Child in Care Teacher

Ian Wright

Teacher

Lucy Waterfield

2yrs Room Leader

Julie Finn

Early Years Practitioner

Adele Ollier

Early Years Practitioner

Lauren Smith

Early Years Practitioner

Catherine Chetwood

Early Years Practitioner

Brooke Holmes

Early Years Practitioner

Kerrie Horton

Early Years Practitioner

Rhiannon Ollier

Early Years Apprentice

Laura Campbell

Early Years Apprentice

Jess Chapman

Early Years Apprentice

Mandy Cooper

School Business Manager

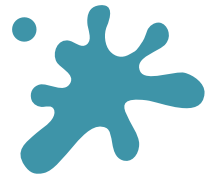
Sarah Wright

Admin Assistant

Emma Lintin

SENDCo

Messy Play.



We are learning all of 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 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



Pre-loved Uniform

There is a rail in the entrance hall that has pre-loved uniform for sale. Please feel free to take what you would like, we just ask for a small contribution.

Staying Safe

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

We also help children to keep themselves safe through our practical curriculum where 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 Safeguarding Board on 01522 782111.

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

Diane Ingham - Designated Safeguarding Lead

Laura Cook - Deputy Safeguarding Lead



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 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 on line at :

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

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

Story Sacks

We have a large selection of story sacks for you to borrow and share with your children at home. The story sacks are stored in the corridor near the main entrance. Included in the sack is a book along with supporting materials to stimulate reading activities, this may be a game or a recipe. There is also an adult prompting guide to help make the most of the activities. Please feel free to take a story sack and keep at home for a week or so. There is a sheet to sign to say you have taken one. These are intended to be used with adult supervision due to the long string on the bag. Any questions please feel free to ask Sarah or Julie.



Library.

We have a small selection of books to borrow in the entrance hall, again please come and choose a book with your child and sign in the book to say that you are taking one.



Parking

The parking bays that run down by the side of the building are for staff only as we do not want cars manoeuvring around whilst parents are waiting/children are leaving. Please use the spaces at the front of the school or on the street.

