



## Parents' Guide to the EYFS at Wintringham.

Exciting times lie ahead for you and your child.

### 1. What is the EYFS?

This is the time in your child's life between birth and the age of 5.

### 2. What will my child be learning?

Your child will be learning skills and acquiring new knowledge through **7 areas of learning and development**. There are **3 prime areas** which are Communication and Language, Physical Development and Personal, Social and Emotional Development. These prime areas will help your child to develop skills in the **4 specific areas** which are Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design.

### 3. How many children are in each class?

There are currently 10 children in reception but we are expecting to grow in numbers each year.

### 4. What is the structure of the school day?

After registration, the children will have a group session on the carpet with the class teacher before going into their child initiated learning time. Milk time happens after tidy up time and the children can access their snack throughout the day. After milk time, the children will have maths. After lunchtime, the children will have a phonics session on the carpet followed by more child initiated learning.

### 5. How are the children taught?

Group time sessions (whole class), maths sessions (whole class), phonics sessions (taught in ability groups), daily focus activities and also adults supporting the children during their child initiated play.

### 6. Is the outdoor area open all of the time?

Yes, unless the weather becomes dangerous (e.g. thunder and lightning) the children are able to access the outdoor area at all times.

### 7. What food options are available?

All children are entitled to a free school lunch and menus are displayed on the classroom doors. Children are asked to find their name and place it under their choice (with teacher support) to choose a meat, vegetarian or other option, e.g. jacket potato or wrap. The children also receive a healthy snack free of charge every day and a carton of milk until they turn 5 years old.

### 8. How often do the children have PE lessons?

The children will PE lessons once a week and this will be taught outdoors as much as possible.

### 9. How is behaviour managed?

In reception, every child has a named peg which begins on the sun. Pegs can be moved up to the rocket and then the moon if the children are making good choices but can also be moved down to the numbers 1 and 2 and then the cloud if they are making incorrect choices. If the children's pegs are on the sun, rocket or the moon, they will receive a treat on a Friday afternoon.

### 10. Will my child have homework?

Each child will have a reading book to take home that will be changed twice a week. From January, the children will be given practical challenges to complete which will support the work done at school. These will be sent home at the start of each half-term.

Any further questions please do not hesitate to contact us!