

Pickering Community Infant and Nursery School

Learning, Caring, Sharing



Welcome

Welcome to Pickering Community Infant and Nursery School. The Early Years of a child's life are precious. Our school provides children with a happy, caring environment in which to begin their learning journey. It is in these first years at school that a sense of fun and enjoyment shapes attitudes to learning for life. Our staff work together to offer a diverse and exciting education for your children. We are very proud of the skills and dedication of the staff team.

Our motto 'learning, caring, sharing' encapsulates the friendly, family ethos of the school community. This is vital to the well-being and personal development of every pupil in our care. A visit to the school is an ideal way to discover this for yourself. You will be most welcome!

We hope that this brochure is helpful and gives you all of the information that you need. We look forward to working with you and your children in the years to come.



Aims of our school

Learning

We nurture all of our children in order for them to:

- develop a lifelong love of learning through first hand experiences both in the classroom and beyond
- have the courage to try new things and be brave enough to sometimes get things wrong
- evoke curiosity and an eagerness to learn

Caring

We help our children to:

- care for themselves, for other people and for the world in which they live
- recognise and value each and every individual
- feel safe and secure and to have a sense of belonging

Sharing

We encourage our children to:

- learn independently, with others and within their wider community
- share everyone's achievements, however large or small
- be proud of themselves and each other



A Diversity of Learning

At our school we provide a rich and varied curriculum to engage the children and foster a love of learning. In the Early Years Foundation Stage (3 - 5 years) we build on all the experiences that the children have had with their parents and develop the whole child through key areas of learning. A practical, sensory approach helps children gain confidence in their abilities in a safe, secure environment. It is in the Early Years Foundation Stage that key skills are developed in preparation for the first stage of the National Curriculum taught in Years 1 and 2 (5 - 7 years).

We use a wide range of teaching methods, which take into account the different learning styles of the children. Exciting whole school themes such as 'Above and Below' provide a child-centred approach to learning in a cross-curricular way. The children are expected to work hard and give their best whilst still having fun. Teachers set high expectations for the children, achieving good standards overall. We strive to do the best we possibly can for every child.

Regular trips, outings and visitors to school provide first hand experiences to enhance learning. The children also take part in a wide variety of after-school clubs, which offer them a wealth of opportunity in their first years at school.



Parents as Partners

We greatly value our close links with parents and we understand how important your child's well-being and education are to you. Our staff are friendly and approachable and we encourage parents to develop a good working relationship with the teachers. We provide parents with school and class newsletters to keep you informed and to give you ideas of how you can take your child's learning further. Your support at home is crucial to the ongoing development of your child. There are many occasions when parents are invited into school to share successes and be a part of day to day school life including parent assemblies, workshop evenings, productions and our annual art exhibition.



We are extremely lucky to have an active Home School Association (HSA) run by our parents who organise many fundraising events throughout the year. Their funds have paid for the development of our sensory garden and forest schools area and provide fun activities such as Christmas theatre trips and visiting dance and drama groups. We also have a team of volunteer helpers who work with the teachers in the classroom. Our volunteers are parents and members of our wider community.

Our parents, carers and volunteers are an asset to our school and help make Pickering Community Infant and Nursery School the success it is today... and into the future.



Our School

The oldest part of our school dates from 1899 and whilst the outside of the school has kept its original charm, the inside has been imaginatively modernised. Further additions to the school since 1974 have provided us with the excellent facilities that we have today. As well as inviting, well equipped classrooms, the children have the use of many other facilities both inside and out.

- A lending library offering fiction and non-fiction
- A multipurpose school hall
- A computer suite
- Interactive whiteboards
- A secure pond area within our forest school learning space
- Two large playgrounds
- A sports field

The governors and staff attach a great deal of importance to the working environment both indoors and out and we have an ongoing programme of ways in which we can improve and enhance the facilities for the children.







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