



School Prospectus

Aiming High and Having Fun!





“ My child gets up each weekday morning with a great big smile on his face – he really likes going to school! ”

F2 (Reception) Parent

# Hello



And welcome to Lydgate Infant School. We are a happy, caring and inclusive school where diversity is valued and celebrated. We believe that learning should be creative, enjoyable and exciting and try to make sure that the learning which your child will undertake is based on these important principles.

Our school is a large setting, providing for 360 children aged from 4 to 7 years. We are careful to create a 'small school feel' for our younger pupils, building our provision to capture the benefits of our larger scale as the children become older. The school has a strong relationship with its sister setting, Lydgate Junior School (about 5 minutes walk away), to which most of our pupils progress when entering the junior phase of their education.

Although Edwardian in character (built in 1907), our two-storey school building is a modern and bright environment for our young learners, with all 12 of the school's classrooms having been refurbished in recent years (and each containing an Interactive Whiteboard and bank of computers for pupil use). We have 2 large halls, a separate Dining Hall, a school library, several specially furnished 'break-out' spaces for group work, large playgrounds and a wildlife garden – all for our pupils' use.

## Helping your child grow

Here at Lydgate Infant School we will help your child to develop his or her skills and talents through careful nurturing and support. Our aim is to enable all of our pupils to reach their full potential as they progress in their learning journey through the Early Years and Key Stage 1.

We plan our learning activities carefully and collaboratively, to provide our children with enjoyable and interesting tasks which help to develop their early reading, writing, mathematical and scientific skills, including computing. However, the school's broad and balanced curriculum also emphasises the arts and humanities, ensuring that your child has the opportunity to discover new interests as well as developing existing talents.

Within their time at the school, the children develop as individuals in all kinds of different ways: finding out how to learn and work together; how to interact with others positively and with empathy; and building their own confidence in approaching new challenges. The school integrates such learning opportunities into its provision carefully, enabling each child to develop as an individual in the fullest sense as they learn and grow.

# Education and fun at our core

Lydgate Infant School's curriculum is built around ensuring that your child is able to make strong progress in the core areas of the curriculum, the arts and humanities and in her or his physical skills and confidence. However, the school also has a strong focus upon areas of sustainability and care of the environment (the school is an accredited Eco-School 'Green Flag' setting) and the promotion of Healthy Lifestyles and Well-Being.

We think carefully about the design of our curriculum, in order to make sure that the learning opportunities offered to our young pupils are fun and interesting. Key skills from the Early Years (F2) and National Curriculum (Y1 & Y2) with which our children need to engage are therefore integrated into relevant and engaging topic themes, such as 'Castles', 'Space', 'Animals' and 'Pirates' to make learning enjoyable and good fun.

Such themes are supported immersively, both in terms of progression and learning environment, in order to allow the children's learning to really 'come alive'. For example, within a learning theme such as 'Pirates', a writing focus for pupils might be based around creating a list of ship's provisions, or a maths skill around exploring the co-ordinates of a simple treasure map ('X marks the spot!'). And who knows, a role-play area might transform into a pirate ship in the corner of the classroom!

# Working Together

We will work closely with you as parents and carers in order to ensure that you are kept well-informed about your child's progress, and to enable you to support your child's development in relevant and enjoyable ways outside of school.

Each half-term, we publish an overview of the areas of learning with which your child will engage on the school's website, so that the activities and learning which your child is undertaking within school make sense. We also provide each child with a personalised 'Learning Log' – a homework book containing fun and engaging ideas to help you support your child's current learning at home or in the local area. This offers a window into your child's learning at school, and allows you the opportunity to engage with your child in fun and interesting activities, knowing that what you are doing is directly relevant to the learning which he or she is experiencing within the school.

Your child's teacher is always available to offer advice and guidance, as well as to resolve any worries you or your child may have. Additionally, they will meet regularly with you throughout the year to give useful general information (for example a 'curriculum overview' information evening towards the start of each academic year for all parents and carers) and individual feedback as part of parent evening consultations.



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The school has a very inclusive atmosphere and this generates good values for the children regarding kindness and respect for others. There is also strong emphasis on lifestyle aspects such as healthy eating and enjoying being active. Both our daughters have been very happy at Lydgate Infant School and we feel it has given them a strong foundation to build upon.

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Y1 Parent



# More than just a school

Lydgate Infant School has a Breakfast and After-School Club on the premises, and offers a wide range of optional after-school activities (ranging from French and Drama to Gymnastics and Karate!) as an accredited Children's University Centre.

The school has a strong connection with its community, offering large-scale community events such as 'Lydgfest', and has close links with a variety of partners who offer additional opportunities for our pupils, both sporting, educational and cultural.

The safety, health and well-being which allow our pupils to engage confidently with such opportunities form the foundation of the school's care for our children. Everyday a delicious, hot school meal, freshly prepared by the school's wonderful catering team, is offered free to each child. Healthy lifestyle and well-being themes are woven into the curriculum experienced by pupils, whilst physical activity forms a central element of the school's daily provision.

In this sense, the school strives to nurture and support each child in our care to become fully-rounded individuals. The encouragement of mutual respect and empathy underpins our strong educational offer in this way, developing in our pupils a well-equipped, positive and confident mindset towards their future.



## A strong foundation for your child's future



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The school meal provision at Lydgate Infant School is outstanding and is a huge testimony to the school's values for promoting excellence. I enjoy attending for a meal myself!

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Y1 Parent

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