

Aims of the Nursery

The nursery aims to bridge the gap between home and school, providing a secure, happy and stimulating environment for the children to learn through play and to become considerate and curious. To ensure this we:

- ❖ Set good foundations for their future progress.
- ❖ Provide each child with a range of play activities, experiences and challenges, to develop and nurture existing skills and to develop and expand new ones.
- ❖ Provide a caring, happy and stimulating environment where each child can feel secure and relaxed, helping them to reach their maximum potential.
- ❖ Meet all the needs of each child in all age-appropriate areas of their development.
- ❖ Provide the bridge between the child being at home and going into full-time compulsory education.
- ❖ Make all parents feel comfortable by creating a friendly environment in which parents can come and happily leave their child, knowing that the child will be cared for in their absence.
- ❖ Encourage parents to be involved with the group and to take part in sessions if they wish.
- ❖ Ensure that each child has a range of different play activities available to them at each session, so they are able to develop by learning through play, to achieve the Early Learning Goals by the end of reception.
- ❖ Provide a range of activities and opportunities in each session to support all areas of development.
- ❖ We promote cultural capital which is the accumulation of knowledge, behaviour and skills which demonstrate cultural awareness, knowledge, and competence.
- ❖ Specific notes within the EYFS framework reflect on 'Personal Development' and how children are to learn skills and realise talents, develop character and resilience, and learn about British values, diversity and mental health & well-being, all of which are encouraged.
- ❖ We follow a broad and balanced curriculum which is well informed and teaches its learners diversity, democracy, rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs.
- ❖ At Dinky Dales Nursery we educate children on diversity and differences.
- ❖ Provide a range of activities that allow the children to meet the criteria set out in the EYFS and Development Matters Framework through the seven areas of development. Which are:

Prime Areas:

- Communication, Language
- Physical Development
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Specific Areas:

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

Values of the nursery:

Be Kind

At Nursery we include everyone and encourage children celebrate differences and to be kind to all.

Dream Big

Practitioners have high expectations to challenge children and push them to achieve their full potential.

Shine Bright

At Dinky Dales Nursery we encourage children to be proud of who they are. All our differences make us unique and are celebrated and embraced.

Ethos:

We provide a caring and safe environment where all children can build their imagination and resilience through exploration and play.