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Dear Parent / Carer,

Welcome to Vicarage Park Nursery. We are very excited to be able to offer nursery places for three and four year olds in our Nursery provision.

Our Nursery is based in the classroom adjacent to the Reception classroom which enables us to offer the children access to our successfully developed Early Years outdoor classroom during the day. We have developing a safe and secure environment that is warm and friendly to ensure children are as comfortable as possible during their time away from home.

# **Our Aims**

Our aims are:

- To ensure that children receive an enjoyable and challenging learning and development experience that is tailored to their individual needs and interests.
- To provide quality pre-school activities in a safe, sensitive and purposeful environment.
- To support and extend children's knowledge, understanding, skills and confidence.
- To develop an effective partnership with parents, carers and other settings, working together so that children feel safe, secure and valued.
- To develop a sense of well-being, achievement and respect for others in the children we have in our care.

### **Snack Time**

Snack is a part of every session and consists of fruit. Milk is provided for school through the 'Cool Milk' scheme and is free for all under-fives. You will be given the opportunity to register your child and they will then receive a carton of semi-skimmed milk every day. Children who are not having milk will be offered a drink of water or can use their own water bottle. We ask that all children bring a named drinks bottle to Nursery containing only water that they can access during session times.

### **Session Times**

Morning session:	8:45am (arrive) 11:45am (collect)
Afternoon session:	12:15pm (arrive) 3:10pm (collect)

# Staffing

Nursery staff are highly qualified and have many years of Early Years' experience. In addition to this they hold the relevant paediatric first aid certificates.

## **Lunch Club**

We operate a lunch club from 11:45 until 12:15 each day at a cost of £2. Children can bring a packed lunch or parents can order a hot school meal that is cooked freshly on the premises at a cost of £2.20.

### **Additional Hours**

If you need your child to attend nursery for additional hours outside of their funded hours, or to attend before they are eligible for their 15 or 30 hours funding then the cost is £4.00 per hour.

## **Curriculum and Learning**

We follow the Early Years Foundation Stage framework in order to offer children a range of exciting, engaging and relevant range of experiences to ignite their love for learning. This framework is organised into 7 areas of learning and each activity that the children complete in our nursery can develop a number of these areas. Children have access to a wide range of play based and child led activities both indoors and out.

## Wraparound Care

We are able to provide before and after school care for your children if it is required. If you require this please indication this on your session form and we will send you the appropriate forms to complete.

If you have any further questions or queries regarding our nursery provision then please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards Mrs Natalie Evans (Early Years Leader)