



# Welcome to Foundation Stage One Nursery class



at  
**Tankersley St Peter's Primary School**  
*"A Love of learning developed in a Christian Environment"*

Welcome to Tankersley St. Peter's Primary School Foundation Stage. Our Foundation Stage begins when children reach the age of three (FS1) and continues through to Reception (FS2). We have a 26 place nursery offering either 5 morning sessions, 5 afternoon sessions or full days (lunch cover will incur a charge). Additional sessions may be purchased to suit your family needs. Doors open at 8.40 a.m.

Morning session 8.40a.m.-11.40 a.m.

Afternoon session 12.40p.m.-3.40 p.m.

We provide a safe, secure and caring environment for children to make the most of their abilities and talents as they grow. We offer stimulating indoor and outdoor learning opportunities which encourage children to: make choices, practise and build up ideas, concepts and skills, take risks and make mistakes, think creatively and imaginatively, learn to share and cooperate with others and become increasingly independent in their work and play. All children have the opportunity to develop in all areas of learning through activities that are planned around the individual needs and interests of the child.

As children grow we encourage them to become independent learners and activities are offered that may become a little more challenging. However, the emphasis is always on learning through play and having fun!



## **Observation and Assessment**

Ongoing assessment is an integral part of the learning process. Early Years Practitioners will observe children and respond appropriately to help them make progress. As part of this process photographs are often taken as evidence.

## **Staffing**

The ratio of staff to children is 1:13. We have 2 Early Years practitioners in Nursery, 1 Teacher and 1 Teaching Assistant. FS2 have 1 Teacher and 1 Teaching Assistant.

## **Parental Involvement**

We welcome parents/carers to become involved in the Foundation Stage. This may be helping during session time, or with administrative work, preparation of resources, washing, sewing, or fundraising. You may have a skill or profession that you are able to talk about/share with our children such as, music, drama, dance, woodwork etc. Please tell us about it.

Once your child is happy, settled and becoming more independent and you feel able to help, please talk to a member of staff about becoming more involved. All staff and volunteers must undergo a check through the Disclosure and Barring Service before working within school or accompanying us on outings.

## **Arrival and Collection of children**

On arrival please settle your child at an activity. A member of staff will be there to greet them. If someone other than yourself will be collecting your child please tell us, a password may be requested on the day. Any child arriving after 9.10a.m/12.50p.m. or leaving before the end of the session should do so via the main entrance by the office. For the safety and protection of all our children **please make sure you close all gates behind you at all times.**

## **Sharing information**

There will be a member of staff available for you to pass on information at the beginning and end of each session. If at any time you would like a more in depth conversation please ask and we will make arrangements for you to do so at an agreed time. There will be formal opportunities for you to discuss your child's progress throughout FS1. These will continue in FS2.

## **Transition to FS2**

As part of our commitment to the children of Tankersley St. Peter's, and to their parents, we aim to ensure that the transition from part-time education to full-time education is a smooth one. With this in mind we will make arrangements for your child to visit the Reception class on several occasions, and for you to meet the Reception teacher. In addition to this you will be invited to a meeting with the Reception teacher and your child will have the opportunity to stay for lunch with

us. This will be an opportunity for you to find out about your child's new class, and about full-time education at our school.

### **Visits/Outings**

During the Summer Term we alternate visits between Sundown Adventure Land and a farm visit. In December we visit Chatsworth Farm, an outing we share with FS2. This is a special time we share together making Christmas crafts, playing in the adventure play ground and finally, joining in with a production of the Nativity.

### **Additional Information**

#### **Snack time/Water Bottle**

Free milk and fruit and vegetables are offered to children each session. If your child has an allergy towards anything please tell us about it. We encourage children to drink water throughout the session. This is in accordance with the rest of the school. Therefore please provide your child with a suitable bottle. The reason we encourage the drinking of water is that research has proved conclusively that our brains work much better when they are hydrated regularly by drinking water.

#### **Illnesses/Medication**

If your child is absent due to illness please let us know. For the protection of others it is helpful and sometimes important that we are aware about illnesses/diseases that are currently circulating.

If your child is taking medication please try and arrange for them to do so before or after session time. Please do not leave medication or

sun-cream in your child's bag in the cloakroom. If you need to pass these items on to another carer at the end of the session please hand it to a member of staff for safe keeping.

### **Independence Skills/Clothing**

Please help us to help your child become increasingly independent by dressing them in clothing that is manageable i.e. elasticated waists and velcro fastenings which are much easier for your child to cope with. Black pumps are generally worn during indoor sessions throughout school. Please label your child's clothing and belongings (using letters they will learn to recognise eg: Ben rather than BEN) to avoid unnecessary upset. Suitable clothing and shoes for all seasons and lots of often 'messy' activities both indoor and outside is a must. It is important to us and your child that they are able to join in with all activities without worrying about spoiling or making a mess of the clothes they are wearing. Please note, for health and safety reasons school policy prevents the wearing of jewellery in school other than stud earrings and a watch.

### **Library**

The partnership between home and nursery is important to us. Each week we will encourage children to choose a book to take home for you to read to them and talk about the pictures and characters.

### **Piggy Bank**

In the infant classes we ask that you contribute 50p per week towards extra resources.

**If you have any questions regarding any matter addressed in this booklet or any other queries please speak to a member of staff.**