

Welcome

to

Trimdon Grange Infant and Nursery School



School Brochure

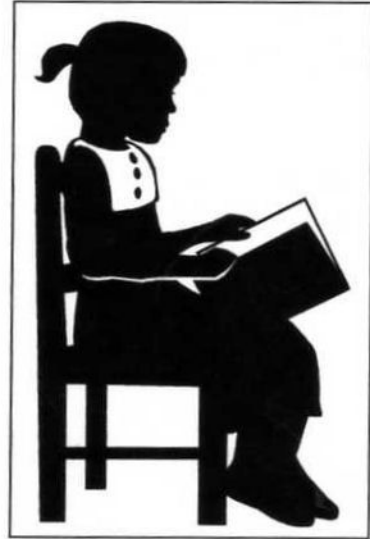
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Welcome !

Trimdon Grange School is a
Happy, caring community of children,
staff, parents and governors.

Our mission is to work in partnership to
bring out the best in every child.

You are welcome to come and see
the school in action. Please telephone
to make an appointment with the
headteacher.



Trimdon Grange Infant and Nursery School
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Welcome from Governors

Welcome to Trimdon Grange Infant and Nursery School. We as
Governors do our best to make sure that the school runs to its
Best potential for the pupils and the staff so that education is
a pleasure and not a chore.

Ms Kaye Marshall - Chair of The Governing Body

Introducing the Staff

Name	Base	Role
Miss Catherine Worton	Office	Headteacher
Mrs Caroline Richardson	Key Stage 1	Assistant Headteacher Key Stage 1 Teacher
Mrs Chris Ramsay	Early Years Unit	Reception Teacher
Mrs Alison Pearce	Early Years Unit	Nursery Teacher
Mrs Linda Jennings	Key Stage 1	Early Years Assistant Key Stage 1 Assistant (PT)
Mrs Elaine Graham	Key Stage 1	Learning Support Assistant
Miss Tracy Liddle	Early Years Unit	Nursery Nurse (Maternity Leave)
Miss Melanie Clark	Early Years Unit	Nursery Nurse
Miss Hollie Newell	Early Years Unit	Nursery Nurse (Maternity Cover)
Mrs Catherine Lawson	Office	School Clerk
Mrs Pauline Leight	Caretaker's Office	Caretaker and Cleaner In charge of Security
Mrs Linda Jennings	Caretaker's Office	Cleaner Health & Safety Officer
Mrs Sylvia McKeown	Dinner Hall	Dinner Nanny
Mrs Margaret Carr	Dinner Hall	Dinner Nanny
Mrs Marlene Husband	Kitchen	Cook

Introducing the Governors

Our Governors play an active part in the life of our school.
They are...

Name	Status
Ms Kaye Marshall	Chair of The Governing Body Parent Governor
Mrs Leesa Bennison	Vice-chair of the Governing Body Co-opted Governor
Ms Mary-Ellen Shaw	Parent Governor
Ms Catherine Guest	Associate Governor
Miss Catherine Worton	Headteacher
Mrs Chris Ramsay	Staff Governor
Mrs Pamela Duddin	Parent Governor
Ms Joanne Scattergood	Parent Governor
Mrs Margaret Girvan	Local Education Authority Representative
Mrs Beryl Dockery	Co-opted Governor
Mrs Shirley Simpson	Co-opted Governor
Mrs Joyce Grieves	Community Governor

The Governing Body supports and monitors the work of the school. There is a full Governing Body Meeting each term. Parents are welcome to see the agenda and the minutes of Governing Body Meetings. If you wish to contact any of the Governors their telephone numbers are available from the school office.

Our School Building and Our Teaching Groups

Our building dates from 1911 but has been refurbished and is bright, colourful and spacious inside, with semi-open plan classrooms. There is a morning Nursery Class, an afternoon Nursery Class, a Reception Class and a Key Stage 1 Class.

The Early years Unit

The unit has three large rooms, each room being divided up into special learning bays for particular areas of the curriculum. It is shared by Nursery and Reception children. A cosy group room is used for whole class teaching and doubles up as a Lending Library where parents and children may borrow educational toys, games, videos and books. There is also a nursery yard and a delightful garden for outdoor learning. Nursery children have access to the school hall for supervised activities.

Key Stage 1

Pupils work in a large open plan area. Within this there is an art workshop for work with sand, water, paint, glue and clay. The large school hall is used for Physical Education, school assemblies and serves as a dining centre. Pupils also have access to our wild environment, grassed area and yard for outdoor learning and recreation

What will my child be learning ?

The Early Years Unit

Children in Nursery and Reception follow the curriculum laid down for **The National Foundation Stage**. Children will be taught and given experiences in six areas of learning:-

- Language and Literacy
- Mathematical understanding
- Physical development
- Knowledge and understanding of the world
- Creative development
- Personal, social and emotional development

Year 1 and Year 2

Children of this age follow **The National Curriculum for Key Stage 1**. This consists of 9 subjects:-

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- ICT
- Design Technology
- Art
- History
- Geography
- Physical Education

Pupils also take part in Personal, Social, Citizenship and Health Education. All children attend Religious Education lessons unless their parents choose to withdraw them. Parents also have the right to withdraw their children from lessons concerned with sex and relationships should they choose to do so. Please see the headteacher if you wish to discuss these matters further.

School Meals and Healthy Eating

This school has its own kitchen and meals are cooked on the premises. The menus for school dinners are drawn up by Scholarest, the catering company with the County franchise. These are available on request from the headteacher.

The meals are prepared by Miss Marie Elward, our school chef. There is a choice of main course and sweet each day. In the light of recent publicity the emphasis is on a healthy balanced diet. Children collect their meals from the hatch and sit at tables with their friends to eat. They are assisted by Mrs Carr and Mrs McKeown, our Dinner Nannies. Once the meal is over the children move into the front yard to play until the afternoon school session.

Dinner money should be sent to school in the school brown envelopes on **Monday Morning**. Parents in receipt of Income Support, Child Tax Credit (but not Working Family Tax Credit) or Job Seekers Allowance may be eligible for free meals. If for medical reasons your child has special dietary needs, please see the headteacher and the chef will accommodate these.

Fruit and sugar free squash is available in the morning as a snack. Children are discouraged from bringing sweets, biscuits or crisps for breaktime.

As part of the curriculum children are encouraged to try a range of healthy foods and prepare healthy snacks and meals

Trimdon Grange holds the nationally recognised *Healthy School Award*.



Visits out of School

Children in Nursery or Reception will visit places in the immediate locality on foot as part of the curriculum. Parents are asked to sign one general disclaimer at the beginning of the year to cover outings such as these. The school will inform parents that children will be leaving the premises, giving times and descriptions of activities as they are planned.

For visits away from the locality involving transport by private car (staff with business insurance), private coach or service bus parents will be asked to sign a specific disclaimer.

In order to make some visits financially viable the school may request a contribution on behalf of each child. This contribution is voluntary and no child should be excluded from an educational visit because a parent is unable to pay.

Prescription Medication

On the advice of their professional bodies, teaching staff and support staff **do not** administer prescription medication in school. If your child has been prescribed a short course of medicine please try to give him or her the appropriate dose out of school hours if at all possible.

If your child requires a lunchtime dose you should arrange with the class teacher to come up to school to do this yourself, or send a responsible family member.

If you are unable to do this or your child has long term medical needs requiring medication, please see the headteacher who will explain the procedure for the administration of medication and give you the appropriate forms to complete. Advice can be sought from the school medical service on parental request.

Children should not be sent to school with over-the-counter medication, such as throat sweets.

Jewellery in School

For reasons of security we strongly recommend that children do not wear jewellery to school. It is helpful if children with stud earrings can take these out on school days. Alternatively staff will cover these with micropore tape to protect ears from injury during P.E. sessions or vigorous outdoor play. The school cannot accept any responsibility for loss or damage to jewellery.

Friends of the School

The school has an active (and very friendly) Parents/Community Association called The Friends of Trimdon Grange School. This group meets regularly to plan social events and fund raisers. If you would like to be involved with this group on an occasional or regular basis please see Ms Kaye Marshall or any member of staff. They would be delighted to hear from you