

# Welcome to Dishforth Airfield Early Years Foundation Stage



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# Term Dates 2019-2020

## Autumn term:

Starts: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

Half term holiday Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November

Ends: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm

## Spring term:

Starts: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January

Half term holiday: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February

Ends: Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2.30pm

## Summer term:

Starts: Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April

Half term holiday Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May

Ends: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 2.30pm

Please see our newsletter for further details including staff training days.



Children and Young People's Service

## School Term and Holiday Dates 2019-20

	AUGUST 2019	SEPTEMBER 2019	OCTOBER 2019	NOVEMBER 2019	DECEMBER 2019	JANUARY 2020
Monday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Tuesday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
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Sunday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
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Pupils must be taught for a minimum of 190 days. The number of term days shown is 192.  
 Three recommended professional development (PD) days for teaching staff have also been highlighted; pupils will not attend school on these days.  
 Schools will need to identify a further two PD days, from the calendar. Please could you send your remaining two PD days to the Education Office Harrogate via email [schoolwelfare@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:schoolwelfare@northyorks.gov.uk) when you have agreed them.



We recommend that children attend all sessions wherever possible unless unwell.

If you know in advance that your child will not be attending his or her sessions (for example to attend a religious festival or spend time with parents on leave) then please speak with your child's teacher or a member of the office staff.

### Illness

If your child is unable to attend nursery because of illness, please call the school office. Please be aware that if your child has been suffering from sickness and/or diarrhoea symptoms, they will need to remain at home for at least 48 hours after the last bout of sickness.

If your child becomes unwell during the school day we will contact you to collect them as soon as possible. If we are unable to contact you we will continue to try and contact the other adults listed on your child's emergency contact list.

### Postings

Please let the office and class teacher know as soon as you receive a posting order. This will enable us to support your child as effectively as possible.



# School Day



## Morning (AM) Session

Drop off: 8.45am

Pick up: 11.45am



## Afternoon (PM) Session

Drop off: 11.45am

Pick up: 2.45pm



Wrap around care pick up time: 2.45-3.15pm

Please see the form you have been given for confirmation of the sessions your child has been given.

If you have older children in school please collect from nursery first before picking up siblings.

When dropping off or picking up bring your child to the nursery gate and wait for a member of staff to invite you into the learning garden. Please be aware that all gates throughout school **must be locked and bolted** each time you use them. This is to ensure the safety of all children on the premises.

Children attending an afternoon session should bring a packed lunch as lunchtime is between 11.50 and 12.30. Children attending an afternoon session are also able to book into a further half hour of 'wrap around care' from 14.45 -15.15pm at a cost of £2.50 per session. Please contact the office for further information.

## Getting ready

Please bring these items to school each day:

- A rucksack or bag
- A complete change of clothes (including spare underwear and socks)
- A jacket or coat
- Wellies
- Packed lunch (if necessary)
- Home-school book
- A named jumper or cardigan
- A hat, scarf and gloves/mittens (in autumn and early spring term)
- Sunscreen and a hat (in late spring and the summer term)

We strongly recommend that all children have a change of clothes with them each day. This is to ensure that children can remain comfortable after toileting accidents or messy outdoor adventures!

Please do not allow your child to bring toys from home into school.

Please remember to name all items that come into school





# Eating and drinking

## Snacks

Each child will receive a carton of semi-skimmed milk and a piece of fruit each day. We share fruit and milk during a group snack time where we encourage healthy eating habits, hand washing and social skills. Please let a member of staff know if your child has any allergies or particular likes/dislikes.

## Lunch time

Lunch time is between 11.50 and 12.30. Nursery children will need to bring a packed lunch if they are in school during this time. Please ensure that all products are nut free as we operate a "no nuts" policy. We are a healthy school and lunches should be balanced and nutritious. No fizzy drinks, chocolate bars or chocolate spread. Here are some ideas to get you started, lots more can be easily found by searching for 'healthy lunchbox ideas' online or talking to a member of our team.



# First days

## Transition

If your child is starting school at the beginning of a new term, they will have the opportunity to attend a transition session. If you are joining us mid-way through the term, you are welcome to arrange a transition session if you wish. Please speak to Mrs Dixon to organise this.

On your first day please bring your child to the nursery entrance where a member of staff will greet you. Your child will be shown to their name peg and introduced to key members of staff and other children.

One of the first things we show the children is where the toilet is and how to use the automatic flush/taps. Please let us know if your child has any specific toileting issues.

Please discuss with your child's class teacher when it is time for you to leave your child. This will be different for each child. We recognise that separation can be difficult, especially if this is your child's first time in a nursery setting. We are very happy to give you a call mid-way through your child's session to let you know how they are getting on if you are worried about how they will settle. If you do have any specific concerns about your child settling, come and have a chat with us.



# Uniform

Whilst school uniform is optional, please send children to school in suitable clothing for the weather and the environment. The children will need to be comfortable to run, jump, climb and play in different environments.

Suggested clothing for nursery children:

- Jogging bottoms (these are especially helpful for children who have recently learned to use the toilet independently)
- Red polo shirt (DAPS branded T- shirts are available from the school supplier)
- Blue sweatshirt/cardigan (DAPS branded available)
- Pinafore/red check summer dress/skirt for girls
- Warm and waterproof jacket/coat
- Shoes/trainers with Velcro straps

Please try to avoid dressing children in tights as these can be difficult for children to manage independently.





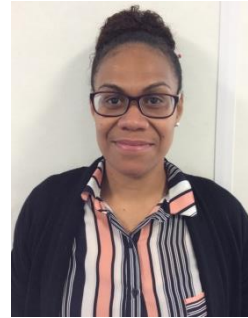
## Key staff



*Mrs Dixon*  
*EYFS Teacher*



*Miss Smart*  
*Teaching Assistant*



*Mrs B (Buliruarua)*  
*Teaching Assistant*



*Mrs Monaghan*  
*Teaching Assistant*



*Mrs Taylor*  
*Nursery Lunch*  
*Club Supervisor*

# Curriculum

At Dishforth Airfield we follow the curriculum framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage. This describes the seven areas of learning and development which are implemented through planned, purposeful play.

These are:

- Physical development
- Personal, social and emotional development
- Communication and language
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the world
- Expressive arts and design



We have a highly experienced team of adults who respond to each child's emerging needs and interest, guiding their development through warm, positive interactions. We also promote the key characteristics of learning: playing and exploring, active learning and creating and thinking critically. Our children play, explore, develop, make friends and learn in a variety of ways, both indoor and out. They gain confidence and independence and develop their natural curiosity.

## How we learn

Our approach is play based with some adult led activities. Our learning is exploratory and takes place both inside and out, with a focus on first hand experiences. Some of the activities we take part are shown below



Every two weeks an optional 'home learning' task will be sent home in your child's home-school book. This is designed to be completed with an adult as a way of developing what the children have been learning at school in the home environment. We have found that children love to share what they have been up to at home with the class and it really helps to develop their confidence in school. Please also feel free to use it as a space to record any learning or 'wow' moments that have been going on at home- we're always keen to know how your children are getting on at home!



## Top Tips

Here are some things you could discuss or do with your child before starting nursery.

- Read stories together every day. Look at the pictures and ask questions together.
- Sing songs and nursery rhymes.
- Get out and about as much as possible, give your child lots of opportunities to explore and engage with the world around them.
- Encourage your child to use the toilet and wash their hands.
- Encourage your child to express their own wants and needs.
- Support them to take off and put on their coat independently.

If you have any questions or concerns at any point during your child's time at nursery, please feel free to catch Mrs Dixon at drop off/pick up or schedule an appointment through the office for a more in-depth conversation.

