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Welcome to Little Lancasters Nursery

We are delighted to welcome you and your child to Little Lancasters Nursery, part of the Hemswell Cliff Primary School family.

Little Lancasters is a warm, welcoming and nurturing place where every child is known, valued and encouraged to flourish. We understand that starting nursery is a big step for children and their families, and we work hard to make those first experiences happy, positive and full of exciting opportunities to explore, play and learn. Our school motto, "Live your values, fly high," is at the heart of everything we do. From their very first days with us, our youngest children begin to discover our seven school values: Perseverance, Appreciation, Trust, Responsibility, Integrity, Courage and Kindness.

Through play and everyday experiences, children begin to understand what these values mean. They develop perseverance as they keep trying when something feels tricky, and courage as they explore new experiences and have a go at something for the first time. They learn responsibility by caring for themselves, their belongings and their environment, while developing trust through the strong relationships they build with their friends and the adults who care for them.

We encourage children to show kindness by sharing, taking turns, listening and caring for others. They begin to develop integrity by learning to make good choices and understand right from wrong, while appreciation grows as they notice, value and celebrate the people and wonderful experiences around them.

We believe children learn best when they feel happy, secure and confident. At Little Lancasters, learning is rooted in play, exploration and discovery. Children have opportunities to investigate, create, imagine and make sense of the world around them, both indoors and outdoors. We nurture curiosity, creativity and independence while giving every child the time, care and encouragement they need to grow at their own pace.

Our dedicated staff take the time to get to know every child as an individual — their interests, personality, strengths and needs. By building strong and trusting relationships, we create an environment where children feel safe to explore, make friends, try new things and, most importantly, have fun.

We see Little Lancasters as the beginning of a very special journey. We want every child to leave us feeling confident, capable and excited about learning, with a strong sense of belonging and a belief that they can achieve wonderful things.

We are delighted to welcome your family to the Little Lancasters community. We look forward to getting to know you and your child and sharing in all the wonderful moments, discoveries and achievements that lie ahead.

Welcome to Little Lancasters — where little learners can grow, explore, discover, live their values and fly high.

Kind regards

Mrs Gridley
Executive Headteacher & Nursery Manager
Hemswell Cliff Primary School



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Our Curriculum

At Little Lancasters Nursery, we provide a nurturing, play-based early learning environment that supports the development of the whole child—cognitively, emotionally, socially, and physically. Our curriculum is aligned with early years education standards and designed to prepare children for a successful transition to primary school.

Key Learning Areas:

1. **Personal, Social & Emotional Development**
 - Building confidence and independence
 - Learning to share, take turns, and express feelings
 - Developing positive relationships with peers and adults
2. **Communication & Language**
 - Story time and early reading exposure
 - Songs, rhymes, and vocabulary building
 - Listening and conversational skills
3. **Physical Development**
 - Gross motor skills through outdoor play, dance, and movement
 - Fine motor skills through activities like drawing, puzzles, and playdough
 - Learning about health, hygiene, and self-care
4. **Literacy**
 - Introduction to letters, sounds (phonics), and storytelling
 - Early writing experiences using pictures, symbols, and scribbles
5. **Mathematics**
 - Basic counting, patterns, and shapes
 - Sorting, matching, and comparing
 - Simple problem-solving through play
6. **Understanding the World**
 - Exploring nature, seasons, and community
 - Simple science concepts and cultural celebrations
 - Technology play and discovery
7. **Expressive Arts & Design**
 - Painting, music, role play, and sensory activities
 - Encouraging creativity and imagination

Outdoor Play

Outdoor play is central to your child's early development. As such, we encourage children to explore and play in our outdoor area on a daily basis. We go outside in all but extreme weather! Please provide:

- A waterproof coat
- Wellies / rain boots
- Hat, coat, scarf and gloves in the winter
- Sunhat and sunscreen in the warmer months



Daily Routine

Optional breakfast club: 08:45am – 09:15am

Morning and full time (30 hours) children arrive: 09:15am

Morning snack: 10:30am

Morning children are collected and Afternoon children arrive: 12:15pm

Full time (30 hours) children lunchtime at school: 12:15pm – 12:45pm

Afternoon snack: 02:15pm

Full time and Afternoon children are collected: 03:15pm

Uniform:

Here is your guide to our school uniform:

White or pale blue polo shirt



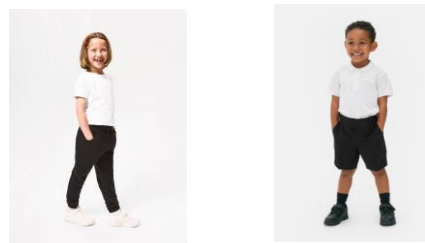
Royal blue sweater or cardigan



Grey / black trousers, shorts, skirt, pinafore or skirt



Plain black jogging bottoms / jersey shorts



White/blue checked dress or playsuit



Shoes or trainers (dark colours preferred)



Please send spare underwear and a change of clothing for children who are toilet training. These can just be popped in your child's bag for us to use if needed.



Food and Snacks

At Little Lancasters, we promote healthy eating habits and provide nutritious snacks and drinks to support your child's growth and development.

 We encourage children to stay hydrated throughout the day.

- **Water** is available at all times.
- Please do **not** send in sugary drinks, fizzy drinks, or juice unless previously agreed for medical reasons

 We provide a variety of healthy snacks throughout the day. These must be paid for through our pre-order system. These may include:

- Fresh fruit (e.g. apples, bananas, pears, grapes)
- Vegetables (e.g. cucumber sticks, carrots, cherry tomatoes)
- Wholegrain crackers or rice cakes
- Breadsticks or toast
- Cheese cubes or hummus (depending on dietary requirements)

All snacks are portioned appropriately for young children and follow healthy eating guidelines.

 Please inform us of any allergies, intolerances, or dietary requirements.

 If your child brings snacks from home (where allowed), please ensure:

- They are **nut-free**
- No sweets, chocolate, crisps, or fizzy drinks
- Items are labelled clearly

Health & Safety

Your child's health, safety, and wellbeing are our top priorities. We follow strict guidelines to ensure a secure and supportive environment for every child in our care.

General Safety

- Our premises are **securely locked** during nursery hours. Only authorized adults may enter or collect children.
- All staff are **DBS checked** and trained in safeguarding procedures.
- We carry out **daily safety checks** of the building, garden, and play equipment.
- Children are supervised at **all times**, indoors and outdoors.

Hygiene & Cleanliness

- We promote regular **handwashing**, especially before meals and after using the toilet or outdoor play.
- Toys, surfaces, and equipment are cleaned and sanitized **regularly**.
- Tissues are available, and children are taught to "**catch it, bin it, kill it**" when sneezing or coughing.



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Illness & Medication

- Please keep your child at home if they are unwell, especially with:
 - Diarrhoea and/or vomiting (must stay home for 48 hours after symptoms stop)
 - Fever or infectious conditions (e.g. chickenpox, conjunctivitis, etc.)
- We can administer **prescribed medication** with written permission from a parent/carer.
- If your child becomes unwell during the day, we will contact you immediately.

First Aid & Emergencies

- Several staff members are trained in **Paediatric First Aid**.
- Minor injuries (scrapes, bumps) are treated promptly and recorded in our **Accident Book**.
- In an emergency, we will contact you and follow appropriate medical procedures. Please ensure we have **up-to-date emergency contacts**.

Fire Safety

- We conduct regular **fire drills** so children know what to do in an emergency.
- Fire alarms, extinguishers, and exits are maintained and checked routinely.

Arrival & Collection

- Please sign your child in and out daily.
- Let us know **in advance** if someone different is collecting your child. We will only release children to known and authorised adults

Safeguarding

- We are committed to protecting children from harm. If we have concerns about a child's welfare, we are required to follow our **safeguarding policy**, which may include contacting relevant authorities.

Working Together

- Please keep us informed of any changes to your child's health, routine, or home life that might affect their wellbeing.
- If you ever have concerns or questions, we're here to help—open and honest communication helps keep all children safe and supported.



Remember to download our school **Class Dojo** app to see what your child has been up to as well as staying up-to-date with news and key messages from school! Miss Sagliocca will also be available at the start and end of session times for quick handover messages / information. If you would like to speak to us about something that requires a little more time, please phone the school office and we will arrange a meeting for you 😊

Thank you for partnering with us to create a safe, happy, and healthy environment for your child. We recognise that starting at nursery can be a big transition for both the children and the parents. If there is anything you need support with, please do not hesitate to reach out and ask. We look forward to getting to know you and your child over the coming year!



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