



Developing all of Me

Scarcroft Primary School

Welcome to Early Years

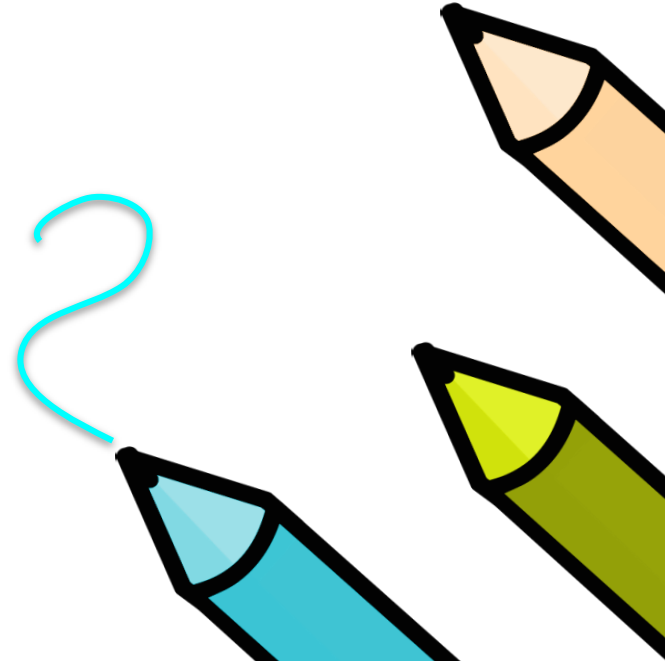
A Guide For Parents

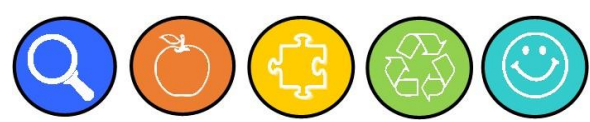




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Welcome

At Scarcroft we understand choosing the right school for your child is a big decision and one that will impact your child's life for the next seven years! At this time it is even more important to ensure the school is a safe and happy environment. Whilst we are unable to carry out multiple tours at the moment we are keen to give you as much information as possible to inform your decision. We are a busy, fun and friendly school who are passionate about teaching and learning and providing an environment which prepares our pupils as confident, healthy and happy citizens. We look to nurture our pupils through our vision CHIRP - Curious, Healthy, Individual, Responsible and Positive pupils.

We hope that you find all the information you need but if you have any further questions please get in touch via email at scarcroft.primary@york.gov.uk





Meet the Team



Mrs Medley - Class Teacher and EYFS Lead.



Mrs Hannah - Class Teacher



Mrs Mason - Class Teacher



Mrs Southern - Teaching Assistant



Mrs Dixon - Teaching Assistant



Mrs Lewis - Teaching Assistant



Our Setting

Our Early Years is made up of two classes which can take up to 30 children in each.



Scarcroft Primary School is a wonderful Grade II Victorian building with over 120 years of history as an educational setting.*

Each class has a main room as a base and a third room - The Activity Room - is situated in between the two classrooms. All the children are able to flow freely between the three rooms giving them plenty of space to learn and play.



Outside is a purpose built, secure Early Years area, It has a covered stage, sandpit and water area.



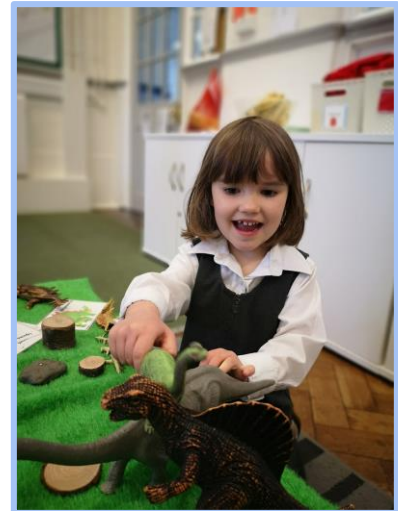
The School Day

The school doors open at 8:40 am and the teachers are outside to welcome the children on the playground. The children line up with their teacher. A bell is rung at 8.45am and the classes start to make their way into the school. As children enter school with their teacher, they put their packed lunches and coats in the appropriate places. Once in the classroom, the teacher will complete the register.

The Reception children have a morning of activities which will include some time out in our outdoor area. They also have a 15 minute break time in the main playground with our other infant children. During the morning there is always a snack on offer for the children to help themselves to when they want it.

The children have one hour for lunch and are supervised by our Midday Meal Supervisors. They eat their lunch in the hall and have plenty of time outside to play.

The children have PE once a week. We wear our PE clothes on the day of the lesson to avoid getting changed in school.





The Early Years Curriculum

In Reception the pupils follow the Foundation Stage Curriculum and are taught across 7 areas of learning:

- Communication & Language
- Physical Development
- Personal, Social & Emotional Development
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Expressive Arts & Design
- Understanding The World

Whilst there are times when the children will sit on the carpet or at a table and be guided by the teacher much of the children's learning is through their own exploration and curiosity. Engaging and inspiring areas of provision are setup to allow the children to become independent and motivated learners. Children are encouraged to explore, enquire and to take risks in an interactive hands-on environment. This includes the use of interactive whiteboards and computers, as well as a dedicated high quality outdoor learning area.





Parental Involvement

At Scarcroft we are passionate about forming good relationships with our parents and promoting opportunities for them to get involved in the learning of their child and the wider school life. We do this through:

- An Active Parent Teacher Association - FoSS (Friends of Scarcroft School) who organise fundraising events within school and within the community.
- Parents are invited to workshops throughout the year to support their children with phonics, early reading, maths and transition.
- Home Prides are awards that are given in class to celebrate the children's achievements at home.
- We use an online observation App called 'Evidence Me'. Observations are made in school and shared electronically with parents via the app.
- Three Parent Evenings throughout the year as an opportunity for 1 to 1 conversation about your child.
- An annual written report.
- Celebrations afternoons where parents are invited in to see the work completed in school.
- Christmas Reception Sing-a-long event





Preparing for September

When you have received confirmation of your place at Scarcroft we carry out a number of different sessions to ensure smooth transition for your child to our setting and further guidance for parents.

These sessions can include:

- A welcome parents evening or zoom conference
- Play and Stay sessions for the children and parents either in June or early September
- Opportunities to find out about school lunches
- Play and Stay sessions for children only
- Staggered start points in September
- Discussions with previous nurseries and pre schools

