



## Little Kingfishers

### Loganholme Primary School – Playgroup

Welcome to the Little Kingfisher's Playgroup. The playgroup is an integral part of our school's connection with the community. It operates on the basis of parents staying with their children during the playgroup sessions. During each playgroup session, our playgroup coordinator creates opportunities for relationships to be enhanced between parents and their children, parents with other parents and of course children with other children.

Our program has a specific emphasis on play-based learning and recognises the importance of communication and language (including early literacy and numeracy) and social and emotional development. When children play they have opportunities to develop language skills, build relationships, use their imagination, explore, experiment and express ideas and emotions. Play is essential for children to reach their potential. Our playgroup operates from our Parent room on Monday and Friday afternoons from 1.15-2.15pm (during the school term).

#### ***The playgroup provides opportunities for your child to:***

- socialise with children of similar ages
- learn to play cooperatively through music, group singing and free play
- develop verbal and nonverbal communication skills through contact with other children and adults
- develop fine and gross motor skills
- develop and improve body control, hand-eye coordination, spatial awareness and balance when playing with balls, blocks, puzzles, playdough, paint and paste
- discover shape, size, texture, quantity and consistency when exploring sensory play with dough, clay, water and sand
- learn to recognise colours and express emotions by experimenting with paint, collage, chalk, crayons and stamps
- extend their experience of literacy in a social environment
- thrive in a nurturing environment with their parent or main caregiver close by
- develop autonomy and initiative
- develop self-esteem through making choices
- problem solve
- be actively engaged
- take risks
- develop creativity, imagination and flexibility
- predict and reason
- explore and manipulate materials and objects in the environment

***The playgroup provides opportunities for parents to:***

- meet local parents who are going through similar experiences with young children and foster and build relationships with other adults whose children may attend our school
- develop relationships with other families and learn and share parenting skills and techniques
- spend quality time with their children, encouraging, helping and learning about their child's development or simply playing with their children

<b><u>What to bring</u></b>	<b><u>Please remember</u></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A hat for you and your child for outdoor activities</li><li>• A water bottle</li><li>• A gold coin donation to go towards art and craft materials</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Your child is your responsibility while you are at playgroup</li><li>• Disciplining a child is the responsibility of the parent/carer</li><li>• Look out for all of the children's safety</li><li>• If your child is unwell it is best not to attend playgroup</li></ul>

Welcome to the Loganholme State School Community.

Kind regards

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