



# Welcome to Vicarage Lodge Preschool

We have written this little book for you to look at before you start preschool.

We wanted to show you some of the lovely things we have at preschool and help you to get to know us and to find out what you will be doing when you start at Vicarage Lodge.

**Parents:** We hope you find this booklet useful in helping your child to become familiar with everyone and everything at preschool.

Hello, my name is Bertie Bear! I am preschool's special bear; I live at Vicarage Lodge and it is my job to help look after all the children. I really enjoy watching everyone playing, I keep a look out for children who are being kind to each other because that makes me soooooo happy! Although I live in preschool most of the time, sometimes I am allowed to go on a little holiday to one of the children's houses!



Today it is my job to show you everything in preschool, can you find me in any of the pictures?

These are the people who will be there to look after you at preschool:



Mrs Blythe



Mrs Yensen



Mrs Lowe



Mrs Abbott



Mrs Hayes



Mrs Robinson



Mrs Wallace



When you come to preschool with your grown up, they will take you to our front door and one of your teachers will come and let you in. You will say 'bye' to your grown up and your teacher will take you into preschool where all the other children and toys, and of course me, will be waiting to play with you!



Then your teacher will help you to hang up your coat



And then help you to wash and dry your hands in our bathroom.

Then it's time to play, we have lots of toys to play with at our preschool.....



You could play in our homecorner or shop....



...play cars or animals. I wonder if you can build a tower as big as mine!





You can learn all about numbers and we have lots of lovely books for you to look at in our bookcorner.



You will have a special bag with your own crayons, pencils, glue, paintbrushes inside, in fact everything you need to do some amazing pictures for your family or to put on our wall in preschool!



Parents – As part of Covid 19 support we were thrilled to receive funding from Tesco to purchase individual messy play stations for each child. These comprise of wipeable packs full of mark making materials and individual messy play trays so that the children can still play with sand, water, paint and draw safely, without sharing tools, during the Coronavirus pandemic.

Every day you will go outside to play in our garden. If it is cold or rainy, a teacher will help you to put your coat on before you go out to play. If it is sunny you will wear your sunhat.



This is the door into our garden.

Our garden is magical, I'm sure you will love it just as much as I do!



You can play on our slide, with the sand, on our bikes or in our house, I think you will enjoy running around with your new friends most of all!



Parents – we use the garden everyday so please ensure your child has a coat and sunhat with them, with their name written inside please 😊

The teachers in preschool will ask you to wash your hands lots of times. We have some funny songs that we sing while we wash our hands, I'm sure you know this one:

'Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday, Happy Birthday, Happy Birthday to you!

Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday, Happy Birthday, Happy Birthday to you"



Perhaps you and your grown ups could practise it so that you know it really well when you start preschool.

We wash our hands in our bathroom when we first come to preschool, before and after we eat, after painting or messy play, after touching our noses, after going to the toilet, before and after playing outside and before we go home. This is where we wash our hands:



We even wash our hands in the garden sometimes!





Sometimes you may need to go to the toilet when you are preschool, your teacher will help you if you want them to. These are our toilets:



Sometimes the children get so busy playing that they forget to go to the toilet and have a little accident, if this happens to you, don't worry, the teachers are there to help you and they will help you to change into some nice dry clothes.



Parents – If your child is not yet toilet trained you can bring a potty in to preschool for your child however due to Covid 19 restrictions it will need to remain in preschool for the duration of their training. We will work with you to support your child as they develop the skills they need to use the toilet independently. Don't worry if they have occasional 'accidents' during this time, it is completely natural and something that we are used to.

Do you get a rumbley tummy when you are hungry? I do!



That's why snacktime at preschool makes me shout 'Hip Hooray'.



When you have your snack you will sit at a table with some of your friends and your teacher, you can choose to have some fruit such as apple or banana, toast, cheese and crackers and milk or water to drink.

After you have had snack it will be time for a story, everyone at Vicarage Lodge thinks stories and books are awesome and help us to learn about oodles of stuff!

When it is your turn for a story you will sit on the carpet with your friends and your teacher will read you a story and then you will sing some songs together.

Sometimes we have a special visitor called Lola the Leopard, she is very good at helping the children to learn to listen to a story.



Parents – reading stories and singing nursery rhymes and songs with your child is one the best ways that you can support your child's learning. It is something we strongly promote here at Vicarage Lodge and hope that as soon as Coronavirus is under control we can get back to sharing some of our fantastic literacy home learning resources and events with you.



When you have:

- ✚ Said Hello to your friends and teachers
- ✚ Washed your hands
- ✚ Played with the toys inside
- ✚ Played in the garden
- ✚ Had snack
- ✚ Listened to a story
- ✚ Sang a song

It's time to go home already. Your grown up will come and pick you up and you will say 'bye, see you next time!' to everyone in preschool.



I hope you have enjoyed reading about your new preschool, you are going to have so much fun at preschool and I can't wait to see you!



Love Bertie Bear xx

