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Welcome. We would like to welcome all the new children and their families to Lindley Preschool we are sure everyone will make them feel welcome. During the last term You might be mistaken for thinking you have walked into a 'bric-a-brac shop' when you walk into the preschool, the fact is we have just begun our journey towards achieving the Curiosity Approach accreditation, please read below to see why we have chosen to follow this path. As well as embarking on the curiosity approach we have lots of exciting work going on 'behind the scenes' to help the preschool evolve.

Please note all future newsletters will be sent via email using the email address provided on the registration forms.

We are changing! To move with the times Lindley Preschool Playgroup is changing from a traditional charity to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). This was decided at an extraordinary meeting by the preschool's management committee. Becoming a CIO is a lot of hard work and involves tremendous amounts of paperwork, this is currently being done by some of the management committee members. Becoming a CIO gives better protection for our management committee. The members and trustees who form our management committee are usually personally protected from the financial and contractual liabilities incurred by the charity – this is not the case for an unincorporated charity which is our current status. We are using this opportunity to change the name of the preschool and will be dropping 'playgroup' from our name.

Don't worry preschool is not changing for the children and is still going to be a safe place for the children to explore & experience awe and wonder.

Our current management committee

- Chairperson – Claire Parr
- Treasurer – Karen Marsden
- Secretary – Amy Walker
- Committee member – Duncan Rome
- Committee member – Erica Wood

Watch this space for details on our new website and a sneaky peak of our new birdies.





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What is the curiosity approach? The Curiosity Approach is the style of delivering the early years learning curriculum that evokes children's awe and wonder in the world and their environment around them as they interact with it.

The provision of interesting, carefully constructed play spaces, enhanced with invitations to play and provocations to develop children's learning both indoors and outdoors enables the children to;

- Become independent, self-motivated & develop a deep love of learning
- Become the thinkers and doers of the future
- Become the very best version of themselves they can possibly be
- Be curious, investigate, ask questions and problem solve
- Become empowered and develop their self-esteem
- Develop their creativity

Why the Curiosity Approach? We believe the Curiosity Approach will fulfil the hopes and aspirations you have for your child's early education. Although this approach is exciting and quite new to us at Lindley Preschool it is built upon solid, underpinning early years philosophers and education curriculums including;



- **Loris Malaguzzi (Reggio Emilia, Italy)** Who believes that the learning environment is the child's "Third Teacher" after their parents, family and early years professionals. He suggests the environment should be filled with natural light, order and space.
- **Rudolph Steiner (Austria)** Who emphasises that young children benefit from an unhurried and stress-free environment where there is time to discover the world around them for them to master social, physical, speech and language and other life skills.
- **Te Whariki (New Zealand)** An education curriculum that enables children to be "Confident and competent learners and communicators with healthy bodies, minds and spirits who are secure in their sense of belonging and in the knowledge that they make a valuable contribution to society."
- **Montessori Maria Montessori** believes that the child should be placed at the centre of the education process, an education that's hands on for children, self-directed and supports collaborative play.

For more information on the curiosity approach check out their website <https://www.thecuriosityapproach.com/> or search for the curiosity approach on Facebook and/or Instagram.



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We are developing a new family board for our home corner. The children love to look at photos of their own and their friend's families. If you would like a family photo on our family board please send a photo in to preschool, alternatively you can email a photo or post/message our Facebook 'like' page 'Lindley pre school'



All parents & Carers will have access to their own child(rens) online Learning journal. We use tapestry. Please look out for new observations on tapestry and remember that you can contribute to. If your child is new to preschool, please look out for an email from tapestry that will explain what you need to do to log in to your child's learning journey, you will receive this email within the next 2 weeks.

****Free childcare**** Did you know you can get up to 30 free hours childcare per week? That means your child could attend preschool full time for free! Tax-Free Childcare and 30 hours free early education and childcare are government schemes to help parents with the cost of childcare. Both schemes can be applied for through a single online application. To see if you are entitled please use the link below. If you are unsure, please see Sally. ****Please apply or renew now to ensure you get a free place in April 2020****

<http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/ChildCare-and-early-education/30-hours-free-childcare.aspx>

Need extended hours? We have linked with Lindley out of school Club to provide a wrap around service for families requiring childcare before and after preschool hours. Please ask for more details or check out their website <https://www.loosc.org.uk/>



Mobile phone policy – could we please remind all parents/Carers that we operate a mobile phone free zone and would appreciate it if you did not use your phone in the main playroom. This is a part of our policy and reflects the statutory welfare and safeguarding requirements set out in the early Years Foundation Stage Framework (EYFS). Thank you for your continued co-operation.



A Huge thank you! Thank you to everyone who donated items from our Bee Kind wall last term. Items donated helped to enhance the learning opportunities we provide for your children. If you would like to donate this term, please take a bee from the wall and bring the bee back to preschool along with the item. Thank you in advance for your continued support and kindness.



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Wonderful woodland holiday club. We had a fabulous, fun filled days outside exploring the woodland area and our local area during the summer holidays. We will be opening during the Easter holidays between the 6th-17th April for Woodland holiday club, if you would like to book your child in please see Becky or Sally. The cost will be £25 per day, you will need to provide a packed lunch, snacks, activities and outdoor waterproof clothing will be included in the price.

Please use our 'little lending library', it is situated on the window sill on the stairs, the children have helped us to update the books on offer. This service is provided on the trust you bring the books back for others to enjoy to. For the families who have used the library already we would welcome your feedback 😊



Appropriate Clothing Now the weather is getting weather and colder, please send your children to preschool with suitable clothing including a warm coat & wellies that are labelled with your child's name. Please ensure you send spare clothes to preschool that are named in case they get wet. Thank you for your co-operation.

Packed Lunch Please can you not send any nuts or products containing nuts in your child's packed lunches. For healthy packed lunch ideas for the whole family look at the NSH change for life website.

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>



This term we will be celebrating – Birthdays & setting up exciting invitations and provocations for the children to explore and learn about - National story telling week, Valentine's day, Pancake day, World wildlife day, World book day, Mother's day, Easter

If there are any special festivals or celebrations your child will be celebrating over the next half term, please tell their keyperson.

Dates for your diary



World Book Day – Thursday 5th March

Mother's Day – Thursday 18th March



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Term Dates 2020/2021	
February half term	Close – Friday 14th February Open – Tuesday 25th February
Easter Holiday	Close – Friday 3rd April Open – Monday 20th April
May Day Bank Holiday	Closed - Friday 8th May (rather than Monday 4th June) to mark the VE Day Anniversary
Spring Bank Holiday	Close – Friday 22nd May Open – Monday 1st June
Summer Holiday	Close – Friday 17 th July at 12noon
Autumn term 2020	Open – Tuesday 8th September
October half term 2020	Close – Friday 23rd October Open – Tuesday 3 rd November
Christmas Holiday	Close – Friday 18 th December at 12 noon.
Spring term 2021	Open – Monday 4th January 2021
February half term 2021	Close – Friday 12th February Open – Monday 22 nd February
Easter holidays	Close – Thursday 25 th March
Summer term 2021	Open – Monday 12 th April
May Day Bank Holiday	Closed - Monday 3rd May
Spring bank holiday 2021	Close – Friday 28 th May Open – Monday 7 th June
Preschool closes for summer	Close – Friday 23 rd July at 12 noon
Inset/training days 2020/2021	Monday 24th February 2020 Monday 7th September 2020 Monday 2nd November 2020 Friday 26 th March 2021 Please note we have 1 floating training day for 2020/2021 that will be taken after September 2020. This date is yet to be confirmed.