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Welcome to Middleforth Minis Nursery

We wish you a very warm welcome to our nursey! We are very excited to meet you all and to settle the children in here at Middleforth.

Mrs Sam Beetham is our Nursey Manager and Mrs Van Zyl is the Early Years Foundation Stage leader who will oversee the running and planning of the nursery. In nursery we follow the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). We use a tool called Development Matters which is split into age bands so that we can support your child at their own rate of development. It is so great having a nursery in our school as we know what is expected of the children when entering a Reception class so can therefore prepare them effectively for that next step in their learning. We are a church school who have our Christian values at the heart of everything we do. Our priority is preparing our youngest children for the world around them and making sure that they are independent, happy and successful learners. We can't wait to get started!

Our Day

For the first few weeks we will be busy getting to know each other and finding our way around the new environment and of course establishing routines. We intend to follow the children's interests to base our learning upon but will start by sharing information about ourselves.

There will not be a strict timetable to follow in nursery but once established we will share the order of the day/week with you. Although we are flexible with our days your child will definitely take part in daily snack time, daily outdoor and physical development sessions, daily phonics sessions where the children will learn about letters and sounds, daily circle time/music/rhyme sessions, a weekly hall session for dance and movement and daily time to explore the learning environment independently. We will also be accessing our Forest School here in the school grounds of which



we will send more information soon. There will also be times when we join with Reception class for some activities too. We are going to be so busy!

Getting to know you

At Middleforth Minis Nursery we like to get to know our children and their families extremely well so that we can build good relationships for the future. We would love it if you could tell us a little bit about your child and family in the 'All About Me' form provided. You may want to put some photographs in it, draw some pictures together or just share any information you would like us to know e.g. 'Sam loves Paw Patrol'. At Middleforth we use an App called SeeSaw. SeeSaw allows us to share photos and updates on your child's development, it also has a direct messaging facility so you can contact Mrs Beetham directly. SeeSaw also allows you to send us news about your child, along with photos.

Star of the week

On a Friday we celebrate the achievements of the children by choosing to aware one child, 'star of the week'.

Uniform

We have our own uniform consisting of a royal blue polo shirt and a pale blue sweatshirt with the Middleforth Minis logo printed on them. These can be purchased from 'Justs' uniform suppliers in Penwortham, currently priced at £16.00 for the set, but can be purchased separately.

Communication

Communication with you is very important to us and we want to keep you in the know with your child's learning as much as possible. Please do not hesitate to ask us any questions or ask to pop in and have a chat if you need to discuss anything with us. We will send out regular newsletters to keep you updated and will be starting to develop our website soon. We hope to start some stay and play sessions for parents / carers and look forward to sharing as much knowledge as we can about your child and their progress.

We are delighted that you have chosen Middleforth Minis nursery and are looking forward to settling the children in and preparing them for their next steps in their learning in our happy and friendly school nursery.

We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you to Middleforth Minis!