

Children
are not things
to be moulded,
but people
to be unfolded.

- Jess Lair



The Villages Pre-School

Eldwick

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Safety

The safety of children and adults at pre-school is at the forefront of our daily activities and one that we take very seriously. A few of the procedures we implement are to undertake written risk assessments, practicing emergency evacuation procedures during sessions, undertaking training and research to ensure we follow up-to-date legislation and local guidance. This is a reminder of the key points that we ask you to follow:

- Refrain from using mobile phones (or anything with a camera facility) whilst on our premises
- Close all gates, including the black gate by the roadside and the wooden gate to pre-school to create an additional barrier between pre-school and the road
- Cut up small foods such as grapes (longways) when contained in packed lunches
- Provide a drink for your child at lunchtime
- Provide a bag for your child with spare clothes, (nappies, wipes as required) etc, that does not have a drawstring strap
- Always ensure that a member of our team lets you out of the building—never, let yourself out

or allow another adult to let themselves out

- If a different person is going to collect your child, even if they know the password, please let us know beforehand—we like to be informed!
- Let us know if your child requires medication—we must have a signed form specifying important information before you leave
- Ensure that medication clearly shows that it is prescribed to your child, and handed in to a practitioner - never left in your child's bag. Medication to be stored at pre-school (e.g. an inhaler) must be in a sealable box with your child's photograph on the front
- If your child is going to be absent, we would greatly appreciate a quick message as we keep a record of all absences—either email Linda at 'villagespreschool@gmail.com' or text, call Jane on 07981124093.
- Please do not let your child bring coins into pre-school as they can pose a choking hazard.

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Important Dates



Thornton Hall Farm Trip—Tuesday 5 June 2018.

Please see attached booking form.

End of Year Children's Party! Friday 20th July 2018 5.45—6.45. Taylormade Treats, Eldwick. To reserve a place, please email Linda at 'villagespreschool@gmail.com' and record your child's name on the form located on the registration table.

Group photographs—taken w/c 18th June 2018. They will then be on display for two weeks whilst you decide which ones to order! Delivery will take place before we close in July 2018.

Final day of term—Friday 20 July 2018.

Transition visits

We will soon be organising a number of transition visits with Eldwick Nursery and Reception Class and will support children through this transition process as much as we possibly can. If there is anything you feel we can do to provide additional support to your child, then please do let us know. We will be sending a copy of children's final report and graph to their receiving school.

The British weather!



As we are now into Spring and with Summer approaching this term, we ask that you ensure your child is

appropriately dressed and equipped for the very unpredictable British weather!! A waterproof coat, wellies, sun hat and a bottle of sun-cream (all named please!) are essential items to bring to each session. On sunny days in particular, we ask that you apply sun-cream and mark the register appropriately, before dropping your child off at the beginning of the pre-school session. For children staying all day and in particularly hot periods of weather, we will re-apply as required. Please also include an ice pack in packed lunches to keep the contents cool.

Please ensure that you check your emails regularly as important information is communicated this way.

Gala 2018!



In addition to our usual treat and book stall, this year we will be taking part in the gala processions!! Please look out for further updates details.....

Saturday 30th June

Theme—'Up, Up and Away'

Early Essence

The on-line tracking system is a valuable source of information sharing—with observations published from ourselves, to the graph that shows how your child is developing in the different area's of learning. You can also comment on observations and add video clips from home—which we love to see!! Please do log on at least half termly to see the wonderful progress your child is making at pre-school.

Final Term Dates for this academic year

Monday 16 April	Friday 25 May
<i>Half Term Monday 28 May</i>	<i>Friday 8 June</i>
Monday 11 June	Friday 20 July

PET!

Please remember that Thunder (our pet guinea pig) is available to 'borrow' either overnight, for a weekend or even longer! She comes with all items required to care for them and is a really lovely addition to any family!

Please email Linda at 'villagespreschool@gmail.com' if you would like to book her in...



September 2018!

Many of you will now know which setting your child will move to in September 2018. To help ensure the transition is as smooth as possible, please let Linda know via email 'villagespreschool@gmail.com' the name of the receiving school. We will send a copy of your child's tracking documents (graph and report from Early Essence) direct to them and have a detailed conversation about how to best help them settle in their new setting as quickly as possible. We are usually able to arrange a face to face visit from the new school and will let you know key dates as soon as we have them in place. If you have any concerns over transition, please speak to your Key Person, Jane or Caroline.

If you had reserved a place at pre-school for September and no longer require the place, please do let us know so that it can be offered to another family as we already have a waiting list in place for some sessions. Many thanks.

