

# Prospectus 2017-2018



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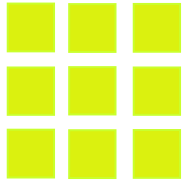
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# NINE ACRES COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Headteacher: Mrs E. Dyer BA Hons QTS, NPQH

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***'Striving for Excellence'***

Dear Parents/Carers,

Nine Acres Primary is a school with a 'can do' attitude and this is at the heart of our philosophy. We are committed to the highest standards of teaching and learning and our aim is for all children to develop an enquiring mind, a desire for knowledge, high personal expectation and understanding and respect for others.

Every decision within school is made by considering what is in the best interests of the children. By doing this, the children lie at the heart of everything we do.

With our motto 'Striving for Excellence' we place a strong emphasis on challenging and supporting every child to aspire and achieve. With the combination of academic rigour and supportive pastoral systems we help pupils to achieve beyond their expectations and develop a strong sense of responsibility for themselves, their peers and the wider world.

We hope this enclosed information provides you with an insight into our school.

Please feel free to contact us should you have any further questions or queries. Parents are welcomed as partners in their child's education and working together with you is vital as we strive for excellence.

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Mrs E Dyer  
Headteacher  
BA Hons QTS, NPQH



## **STAFFING STRUCTURE**

### **Strategic Leadership Team**

Headteacher – Mrs E Dyer  
Deputy Headteacher - Mrs S Broome  
Assistant Headteacher/SENCO - Miss R Paddon  
School Business Manager – Mrs S Brame

### **Leadership Team**

Leader of New Technology - Mr D Richardson  
EYFS / KS1 Leader of Learning – Mrs A Shaw  
English Leader – Mrs C Tingle  
Mathematics Leader – Mrs E Scott  
Teaching and Learning Leader – Mrs G Barbour

## **CURRENT CLASS ORGANISATION - September 2017 - July 2018**

<b><u>Foundation Stage</u></b>	
<u>Foundation</u> Mrs A Shaw	<u>Foundation</u> Miss C Hollands
<b><u>Key Stage 1</u></b>	
<u>Year 1</u> Miss E Hayward	<u>Year 1</u> Mrs L White
<u>Year 2</u> Mrs S Allen	<u>Year 2</u> Miss M Fry
<b><u>Lower Key Stage 2</u></b>	
<u>Year 3</u> Mrs G Barbour Miss R Hancox	<u>Year 3</u> Mrs E Scott
<u>Year 4</u> Miss E Bekesi	<u>Year 4</u> Mrs K Loveluck
<b><u>Upper Key Stage 2</u></b>	
<u>Year 5</u> Miss M Cunningham	<u>Year 5</u> Miss R Hannon
<u>Year 6</u> Mrs C Tingle	<u>Year 6</u> Miss R McDonald

### **Sports Development Teacher**

Mr I Curry

### **Administration Team**

Miss A Cunningham - Office Manager  
Mrs L Teague - Finance Officer  
Mrs J Bulpitt— Clerical Assistant

### **Child and Family Services**

Mrs K Hussey - Family Worker  
Mrs L Wiltshire - ELSA  
Mrs S Winter - ELSA



### Current Learning Support Staff - September 2017 - July 2018

<u>Foundation Stage Support Staff</u>	<u>Key Stage 1 Support Staff</u>	
Miss H Chiverton - LSA	Mrs R Frampton - LSA	Mrs A Barnes - LSA
Miss K Guy—LSA	Mrs C Edmunds - LSA	Mrs L Chandler - LSA
	Mrs K Smith—LSA	
	<u>Key Stage 2 Support Staff</u>	
Mrs L Smith - LSA	Miss T Rowe - LSA	Miss J Palmer - LSA
Mrs N Michelmore - LSA	Mrs S Winter—LSA	Mrs L Wiltshire - LSA
Mrs T Anderson - LSA		Mrs R Sibbick- LSA
	Mrs C Culpin HLTA	
<u>Speech and Language / SEN</u> - Mrs L Chandler—LSA		

LSA - Learning Support Assistant   HLTA - Higher Level Teaching Assistant

<u>School Cleaner</u>	<u>School Cook &amp; Assistants</u>	<u>Lunchtime Assistants</u>	<u>Visiting School Nurse</u>
Top Mops Contractor	Mrs S Kemp - Cook	Mrs R Higgins	Harriet Keyworth  Tel: 821388
	Mrs C Kemp	Mrs C Cox	
	Mrs A Newbury		
	Miss A Cole		

### VISITING INSTRUMENTAL TEACHERS:

*Violin / Brass:* Mrs Sandra Carlile  
*Woodwind:* Mrs Jo Dover

*Guitar:* Mr Rob Carr  
*Recorders:* Mrs S O'Connell

<u>Our Governing Body</u>		
Chair of Governors – Chris Douglass		
Vice Chair - Ian Townsend		
Elizabeth Dyer	Mike Sizer-Green	Lesley Smith
Pat Tiller	Leanne Scorse	Rachel Paddon
	<b>Clerk – Mr Richard Crossley</b>	

## Our Vision:

We are a school in which everyone is '*Striving for Excellence*'. We aim to create an environment where curiosity is encouraged, inquiry welcomed and excitement in learning is fostered. We want to enhance the life of every child, equipping them with the skills and ability to make sense of the world thus creating a community that has values and attitudes that will stand them in good stead for the rest of their lives.

We encourage high self-esteem, aspiration, expectation and respect in all our pupils. We recognise that all are different, but each is special. The pupils will leave Nine Acres with good skills in English, communication and Mathematics which they can apply across all areas of the curriculum. They are ready to face the challenges of secondary education with enthusiasm.

## Our aims are:

- To set and promote the highest standards of teaching, learning, progress and achievement
- To promote equality and appreciation of diversity
- To promote and achieve the highest standards of learning behaviour
- To develop independence and creativity
- To provide a healthy, safe and happy environment
- To develop positive links with families and the local wider community.



### THE SCHOOL DAY

Doors open at 8.45 am

Close of registration at 9.00 am

#### Break time

Whole school: 10.30 – 10.45 am

#### Lunchtime

EYFS: 12.00–1.00pm

Years 1 & 2: 12.10–1.00pm

Years 3/4/5/6: 12.30–1.15pm

#### End of Day

3.00 pm



Our key values at Nine Acres Community Primary School are:

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## CURRENT CLASS NAMES for September 2017- July 2018

All of our classes are named after castles from around the United Kingdom

### Foundation Stage



Carisbrooke - Mrs Shaw



Yarmouth - Miss Hollands

### Key Stage 1



Corfe - Mrs White



Hurst - Miss Hayward



Balmoral - Miss Allen



Windsor - Miss Fry

### Lower Key Stage 2



Arundel - Mrs Barbour



Dover - Mrs Scott



Warwick - Mrs Bekesi



Tintagel - Miss Loveluck

### Upper Key Stage 2



Stirling - Miss Cunningham



Edinburgh - Miss Hannon



Durham - Miss McDonald



York - Mrs Tingle

## OUR CURRICULUM

### NINE ACRES GUIDE TO OUR CURRICULUM

We work towards all our pupils becoming successful learners, confident individuals and responsible citizens.

This guide lets you know how the curriculum supports these key goals.

It captures our emphasis on promoting active and thoughtful learners, intent on achieving their best.

### OUR CURRICULUM AIMS ARE:

To promote highest possible achievement for all pupils irrespective of race, gender, culture or disability.

To promote pupil's intellectual, spiritual, cultural and physical development.

To prepare pupils to become responsible citizens, confident individuals and life-long learners in the 21st century.

At the heart of all of this is the school's motto of:

*"Striving for Excellence"*

### THE NATIONAL CURRICULUM:

The Early Years Foundation Stage.

In the Foundation Stage the children learn through the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum.

At Nine Acres we cover all aspects of the National Curriculum to enhance the learning experiences of the children.

#### The National Curriculum

The National Curriculum sets out what children should know, understand and do at each level in the following subjects: English, Maths, Science, Computing, Design Technology, History, Religious Education, Geography, Music, Art, Citizenship, Personal, Social and Health Education.



### EXTRA-CURRICULAR AND ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

Our children go on many interesting and educational trips during their time at Nine Acres. We also enrich their learning by giving them opportunities to exhibit their work to you in a variety of different ways. We have a range of community visitors who come to support learning, for example, fire-fighters, health-workers and story-tellers. Year 6 children have the opportunity to take part in a challenging and team-building residential trip. We also offer a range of after-school clubs for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 children.

If you have any skills that you think could support our curriculum please talk to your child's class teacher as you would be very welcome in school.

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How will you assess my child's progress?

Teachers at Nine Acres will constantly be assessing your child's learning. This may take the form of day to day observations and questioning or a more formal task at the end of a unit of learning. Assessment is vital to learning however we believe it should not be a stressful experience for either pupils or parents.

How will I be told about my child's progress?

You will find out about your child's progress during a termly learning conference. Here you will be able to share information about the progress your child has made as well as their targets for the next term. Throughout the year we'll let you know which topics your children will be learning about, look out for our half termly curriculum leaflets.

## OUR SCHOOL

Children deserve an exciting and challenging curriculum to support the children's learning.

At Nine Acres, the classrooms are full of enquiring scientists, talented artists and inspired writers.

The field and playground are buzzing with energy and sportsmanship.

We want the experiences our curriculum gives to impact far in to the future for these children as they experience the challenge of the 21st century.

At Nine Acres we absolutely believe that every child matters and we differentiate our curriculum according to the individual needs of the children.

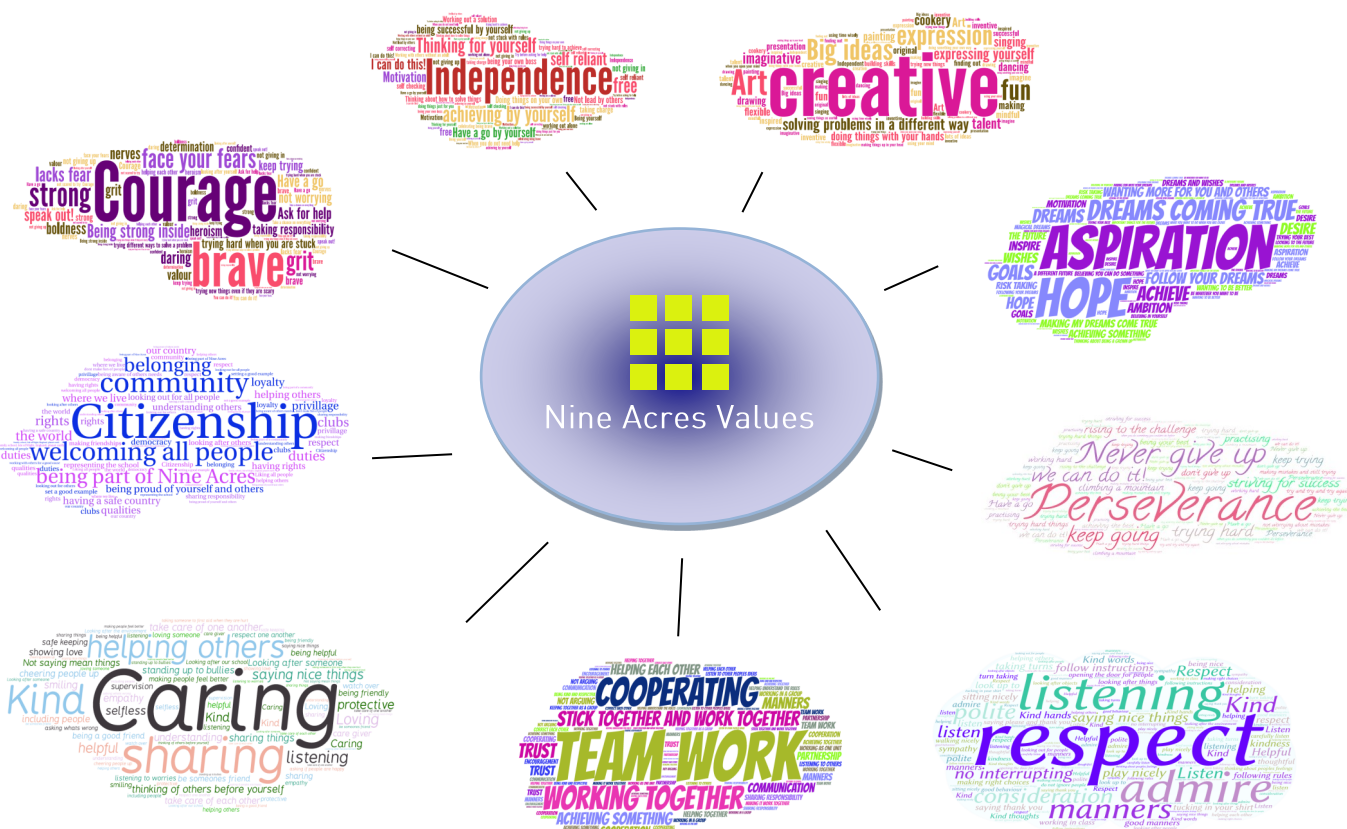


## LEARNING AT NINE ACRES

Our focus at Nine Acres is learning. This applies to everyone, pupils, adults, parents, governors etc.  
You are never too old to learn and you can never learn enough.

With our young learners, we want to equip them with all of the skills needed to live and work in a modern technological, multi cultural world through a learning programme that is relevant, meaningful and exciting. We want to capture their minds so that they want to carry on learning forever.

This learning is undertaken within an atmosphere where certain values are at the heart of how we all work and learn together.



So what do we do and how do we do it?

Our curriculum covers all of the legal requirements of the National Curriculum and all of the subjects that you would expect to see. Rather than teaching them all in isolation we link the learning together through themes. Learning is all about making connections.

All of the learning is supported by lots of trips, visits, visitors etc. to bring the learning to life and make it real. Studying Castles from a book is one thing, but a trip to the Castle is much more memorable and meaningful. It also helps us to provide the children with lots of 'WOW' moments.

How we teach is, we feel, more important than what we teach.

## HEALTH AND WELFARE

### Attendance & Punctuality at School

Attendance at school plays a significant part in how well your children succeed at school and the chances they have in adult life. It is a requirement that parents/carers let us know on each day of any absence and why your child is not at school so please inform us as soon as possible. A telephone call to the school office is sufficient (522984). In conjunction with the Local Education Authority (LEA) we operate a system whereby if we do not get a message from you we will try to contact you by text and/or phone.

Regular lateness is also monitored. As with attendance, punctuality is most important, it can be very disruptive for your child to arrive late into lessons. If we are concerned in any way about your child's attendance it may be necessary to report to the Education Welfare Service (EWS) for further investigation.

### Safeguarding

As a school we have a responsibility to safeguard children. The Children's Act 1989 & 2004 places a duty of care on us to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. We feel by working in partnership with you as parents/carers works best, thus enabling us to offer you help and support. If we have any concerns about the safety of your child we will follow our child protection policies and procedures. We have a legal duty to report any child protection concerns to children's services and a duty to share concerns about your child with other agencies involved in any investigation. We as a school will support and advise you to co-operate with all agencies involved during any investigation.

Also part of our safeguarding procedures all persons applying to work or volunteer within a school are subject to a series of rigorous checks. These include a full enhanced Disclosure Barring Service (DBS), and the right / eligibility to work within the UK. Our safeguarding (child protection) policy can be viewed on our website.

### Data Protection

We collect information about your child and family relevant for the purpose of providing you support information & advice. We keep both written & electronic records in accordance with the Data Protection Act.  
*At times it may be necessary for us to share information with professionals and other agencies.*

### Health & Safety

To ensure safety at the beginning and end of the school day, parents are requested to use the gates at the front of the school and on the lane adjacent to the school and not to walk through the car park. These gates are opened in the morning at 8.30 am and at 2.55 pm at the end of the day. Please be aware you are responsible for the safety of your child if they arrive on the premises before 8.45 am

All external doors are kept shut and are operated by a key code system. Parents/carers are restricted entry between 8.45 am and 3.00 pm unless accompanied by a member of staff.

The car park is a staff only car park, not for dropping off and picking up. There are a small number of parents who have requested a permit for parking in our school car park. Permits for free short stay parking at Chapel Street are available from the school office.

Nine Acres has a No Smoking Policy. Please do not smoke in or around the school grounds.

Please do not bring dogs into the playground, as some children are frightened of them.

Dogs fouling the playground is also a health & safety hazard.

All children cycling to school should wear a cycle helmet.

### Medicines & Medical Information

Parents/carers who wish prescribed medicines to be administered to their child at Nine Acres must fill in the appropriate permission form at the school office. Medicines or tablets should be given to Mrs Smith, Mrs Barnes or Mrs Chandler at the school office where they are kept in the locked medical cabinet.

Only prescribed medicines in the original container can be administered. These will not be accepted if they are not in an original container. Dose and time to administer medicines must match the printed pharmaceutical label from your doctor. However, if your child is well enough to be in school, and just requires a dose of Calpol during the school day, you are more than welcome to come into school to administer this yourself.

*Please inform the school if your child has a serious recurring medical problem.*

### **Contact Details**

Our admin team keep a record of your details and telephone numbers, allowing us to contact you should the need arise. Please keep us informed of any changes to your details thus allowing us to contact you quickly if your child is ill or has had an accident in school. At Nine Acres we use Text Messaging & Email Service which you are automatically signed up for when your child starts school. Should you wish to opt out of this invaluable service please inform us in writing to the school office.

### **Hospital & Clinic Appointments**

Please come to the school office if you need to take your child for an appointment. A member of the admin team will then collect your child from their classroom. On your return from an appointment, please report to the school office where again a member of the admin team will take your child back to their classroom. We require medical evidence of every appointment your child attends. This can be an appointment card/letter or a prescription.

### **Medical Checks & Head lice**

The school nurse checks hearing, eye sight, height and weight at selected stages. All children will receive a full medical examination during their first year at school. You will be informed of this in writing. Please check your child's hair regularly. If you are worried, please contact Kerry Rann - School Nurse (Tel: 821388). Please inform the office so that the appropriate messages can be distributed to the class.

### **Permissions**

Permission forms are to be completed when your child starts at Nine Acres.

At Nine Acres accessing the internet is part and parcel of your child's learning. Access to the internet is heavily restricted and the children are closely monitored. Alongside our permission forms you will be required to complete a EV3 permission form every academic year, this covers day trips to the mainland, sport fixtures & trips on the Island.

With regard to photographs, parents/carers are allowed to take photos of events and you will be notified accordingly e.g. sports day, productions etc. Please be sensitive to other people and do not publish photos of other children on any social network site. Our Christmas Productions are videoed by a professional company and photographed by the school. These DVD's/images can be purchased after the concert. On some occasions the press need

photographs for articles. Subject to your agreement on your permission form, your child may feature in press articles, locally and nationally. Only children in Y4, 5 & 6 will be allowed to walk home on their own providing you have completed the appropriate permission form.

## **LUNCHTIME ORGANISATION**

### **School Dinners**

School dinners are provided by Caterlink at the cost of £1.85 per day. Collection of money is ideally handed in on a Monday and this can either be handed to your child's teacher or posted in the deposit box located by the school office. Please help the administration team by sending money in a clearly named envelope marked with your child's class and the amount of money enclosed. Those of which who are entitled to Free School Meals (FSM) should apply through County Hall. Forms are also available at Nine Acres via the school office. Applications are completely confidential. This is not to be confused with Universal Free School Meals, which is an entitlement for all children in EYFS, Y1 & Y2.

### **Packed Lunch**

Children may bring a healthy packed lunch to school. Please do not bring in any food containing peanuts as we do have some children with specific nut allergies. No fizzy drinks are allowed and containers must not be glass, but should be clearly named. Please try to include a piece of fruit and food that is nutritious.



## OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

### Holiday Requests

If a leave of absence is required during term time and is unavoidable due to extenuating circumstances, please complete a leave of absence request form which are located in the foyer. If you choose to take your child on holiday during term time, this will be marked on your child's attendance record as unauthorised and as a result, you may incur a fixed penalty fine of £60.00 per parent per child.

We would like to stress the importance of children being in school everyday, but especially during the months of April and May as Years 2 through to 6, participate in SATs and CATs testing. Term and holiday dates are detailed separately. In addition there are five extra days per year set aside for the professional development of staff - (Development Days).

### School Uniform

We want our children to look smart, ready for learning and proud to be a part of Nine Acres. We want all children to adhere to our uniform policy especially with shoes. All children must wear sensible black school shoes, rather than training shoes, fashionable shoes or knee length boots. Our uniform is provided by 'Kids and Co' in Ryde, where you can place orders although we do keep a small selection of uniform at the school office including book bags and PE bags. Please refer to the uniform order form for a guide to the prices of uniform.

For a child's health and safety the removal of earrings is required during any physical activity. If desired, ear piercing should take place in the summer holidays to allow them to heal and be removed.



### Charging & Remission Policy

The Governing Body recognises the valuable contribution that the wide range of additional activities, including clubs, visits and residential experiences, can make towards pupils' personal and social education.

In summary, education provided in school is free of charges except:

- (a) that parents will be asked where necessary, to provide ingredients and materials for practical lessons on the understanding that they will own the finished product;
- (b) that board and lodging will be charged on any residential field trips in school time subject to the remission of charges for parents on Family Credit or Income Support;
- (c) that parents will still be expected to provide clothing incidental to school lessons e.g. games kit, cookery aprons;
- (d) that parents may be asked to make voluntary contributions towards the costs of school activities, particularly school trips and visits where these are undertaken during school hours.

Parents may also be expected to meet charges levied by others where these arise in connection with school activities e.g. entry fees to museums, public transport fares.

**A full copy of our Charging and Remission Policy is available on request.**

**Please note that any of our policies are available upon request at the school office.**

### Home / School Agreement

We want to form a partnership in learning between the school and all of the parents.  
We never stop learning, and learning with your child helps you to develop new skills and demonstrates to your child how important learning for life is.

Some of the ways you can help are:

- Talk to your child about their day at school.
- Encourage questions rather than attempt to provide the answers - help the children find books/ resources from which they can find the answers.
- Encourage originality – help children make their own toys/books etc. using paper, wood, clay and other materials which may be available.
- Encourage them to try out new ways of doing things – help them realise that we can learn through mistakes and not to be frightened to try (take a risk!).
- Find time as a family to talk together.
- Come in to the school and learn together in the classroom. (There are lots of opportunities throughout the year).
- Join in with the family learning activities.



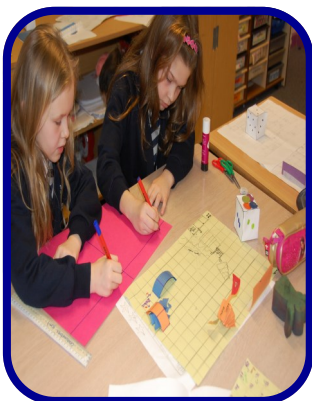
We welcome offers of help, for a range of activities from helping with needlework and accompanying children on visits, to helping with school events. Whilst we welcome volunteers into the school all of these are subject to a full and enhanced DBS check. All voluntary helpers are required to be police checked.

### Communication

A regular newsletter will keep you informed of all of our many events. Newsletters are emailed to you every week on a Friday. Spare printed copies are available at the school office and all correspondence is available on our school website. In addition to our newsletter, a Curriculum Leaflets are displayed on the school website once a term, this is designed to inform you of all forthcoming events.

Meetings and Parents Evenings are arranged throughout the year but we would wish any parent concerned over any point or simply wishing to check their child's progress to feel free to visit the school as the need arises.

We would like to encourage parents to use our school website where you can access a variety of information, newsletters, forms, on-going and forthcoming events. Details of our website & email contact details are below:



**Website - [www.nineacrespri.sch.iow.uk](http://www.nineacrespri.sch.iow.uk)**

**Email Contact - [office@nineacrespri.sch.iow.uk](mailto:office@nineacrespri.sch.iow.uk)**



## Complaints Procedure

If you have any concerns or worries about your child or any of our school procedures, in the first instance please make an appointment to speak with your child's class teacher. Should you wish to speak to Mrs Dyer our Headteacher, appointments can be made through the school office.

The Governing Body has adopted a General Complaints Procedure. The intention is that this procedure will:

- Allow problems to be resolved by informal means
- Be simple to use and understand
- Be non-adversarial
- Provide confidentiality
- Allow problems to be handled swiftly
- Address all the points at issue
- Inform future practice so that the problem is unlikely to occur

Full details of the procedure may be obtained from the school office or Clerk to the Governing Body.





**Little Acres Childcare Centre**



**Nine Acres Community Primary School  
South View , Newport**

## **OFSTED graded 'GOOD' May 2016**

**Little Acres Childcare Centre is situated on the grounds of Nine Acres Community Primary School**

**OPEN 8am – 5.45pm all year round**

**The centre provides and plans for quality learning experiences through play and exploration, and offers excellent resources in a stimulating environment.**

**The centre provides places for two, three and four year  
CHILDCARE ENTITLEMENT – enabling parents to access up to  
15 hours a week FREE CHILDCARE.**

**Qualified and experienced childcare practitioners**

**Ofsted registered and Insured**

**FREE Morning and afternoon snack**

**OPEN 8am – 5.45pm**

**Outdoor play spaces**

**Graduate workforce**

**Childcare vouchers accepted**

**Fantastic facilities**

**For more information CALL : 01983 532358 or email us at**



**[littleacreschildcarecentre@gmail.com](mailto:littleacreschildcarecentre@gmail.com)**

**[www.furzehillchildcarecentreltd.co.uk](http://www.furzehillchildcarecentreltd.co.uk)**



## LITTLE ACRES CHILDCARE CENTRE



Little Acres Childcare Centre provide quality and affordable childcare for children aged 2 - 5 years.  
Open from 8.00am - 3.00 pm all year round. This includes Holiday Club provision.

The centre is run by highly qualified and experienced staff who will provide quality learning experiences helping your child develop and learn at their own pace.

The centre is registered to take children from the age of 2 years.

Email: [littleacreschildcare@gmail.com](mailto:littleacreschildcare@gmail.com) or call on 01983 532358

## Our Parent Teacher Association - HELPING HANDS



*Nine Acres Community Primary School PTA*

Our Parent/teacher Association is called Helping Hands.

Every parent is very welcome to join us on our PTA. Helping Hands have been responsible for financing numerous projects over the past few years including the seating area around the trees in the front playground, first aid thermometers, play equipment to help the children have active playtimes, subsidising school trips, new dictionaries for Key Stage 2, new reading books, as well as every year, providing children with a Christmas present and a leaving gift for every Year 6 child. The current project is a new scooter rack for the front of the school.

The PTA holds numerous events throughout the year including the Round the Island Relay Race against Brighstone Primary, Halloween Disco, Christmas Fayre, Easter Disco, May Fayre and smaller fundraising events such as Beetle Drives, Quizzes and Bingo Nights.

Our Chair is : Mrs Clare Sim  
Our Vice Chair is : Ms Laura England  
Our treasurer is ; Ms Dana Edkins

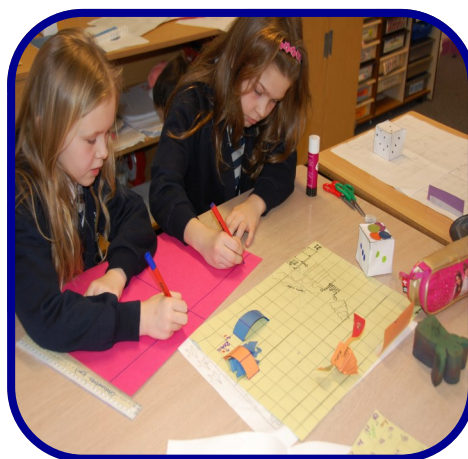
### **Disclaimer**

*It should be noted that the information contained in this publication relates to school year 2017/2018 and is correct at the time of printing.  
However the details may be subject to change during the school year.*



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