



INDIAN QUEENS COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Minpins Early Years Learning





Welcome to a peep at Minpins

We hope this booklet helps you to gain an insight into Minpins and all that it offers to your child.

And then come and see for yourself.

"Children's education gets off to an excellent start in Minpins Nursery. Pupil's personal development is outstanding, with aspects including their behaviour, enjoyment of school and their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development."

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Minpins

Minpins is the Early Years Setting based at Indian Queens School. What it is like, and how much fun and learning takes place is best shown in pictures, for it is what the children do, how they learn and the care and nurturing that they receive which is the essence of Minpins.

You can see the environment, the breadth and depth of learning, the sharing, caring and working together which is so important to laying the foundations which enable children to grow into independent, individual and confident people.

Each day children come to Minpins they experience security and safety, with familiar routines and friendly, helpful staff, alongside a wealth of exciting opportunities to learn. The only thing better than reading this booklet is to come and see for yourself.



Building an Education

Construction is an important experience in every child's learning, where each can create on their own, in a small group or even as a whole class.

Using interesting combinations of materials and objects enables the children to play creatively and imaginatively often taking directions which no-one anticipated.

It is the process of 'let's see what happens' which results in amazing discoveries not only about the world around us, but about the world within us. Every day can bring a real sense of wonder, achievement and satisfaction.



"Based on careful and accurate assessment, the curriculum is well planned and includes an exciting range of activities that use both the indoor and outdoor learning environments of the school ."

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Exploring the world all around never ceases to amaze and fascinate. Minpins is set in its own grounds with lots of variety and interest. Spending time out of doors in rain, wind and sunshine provides endless opportunities for discovery and wonder.

Looking after, and finding out about, plants and animals helps to develop a healthy respect for living things.

And what seems like an everyday object to a grown up is anything but that to a young child.





So much to do in a day...

...down amongst the dirt again
...turning water into ice
...more magic spells to work



If I had my child all over again

If I had my child to raise over again,
I'd finger paint more, and point the finger less.
I'd do less correcting and more connecting.
I'd take my eyes off my watch,
And watch with my eyes.

I would care to know less, and know to care more.
I'd take more hikes and fly more kites.
I'd stop playing serious, and seriously play.
I would run through more fields,
And gaze at more stars.

I'd do more hugging and less tugging.
I would be firm less often, and affirm much more.
I'd build self-esteem first and the house later.
I'd teach less about the love of power,
And more about the power of love.

Diane Loomans, Full Esteem Ahead - H.J. Kramer



Making your mark!

These pictures tell their own story of the varied creative and artistic activities available each day.





Outdoor Learning

Physical co-ordination enhances all aspects of our learning including creativity, mathematics and scientific understanding. It even helps our handwriting.

And when playing on wheeled vehicles we learn to share and take turns – eventually!





What more is there to say?

We have the technology...

Computers, interactive whiteboards, cameras and recording equipment all help children explore, communicate and learn, benefitting from some of the technologies available in the world today.



...and how quickly they learn!





But sometimes boxes and bricks and dumpers and diggers are all that are needed, especially when there are friends to help get the building done.

Diggers, dumpers and spades – that'll get the work done!

And indoors there is yet more to discover.





The opportunities are endless...

...and there is always someone to help you.





Minpins is set in the grounds of Indian Queens School, in its own secluded and safe area, surrounded by grass, trees and outdoor play equipment. We welcome visits by appointment.

How to find us:

From St Francis Road, take the turning by the Victory Hall up through the housing estate and at the top you will see the school. Please report to Reception.

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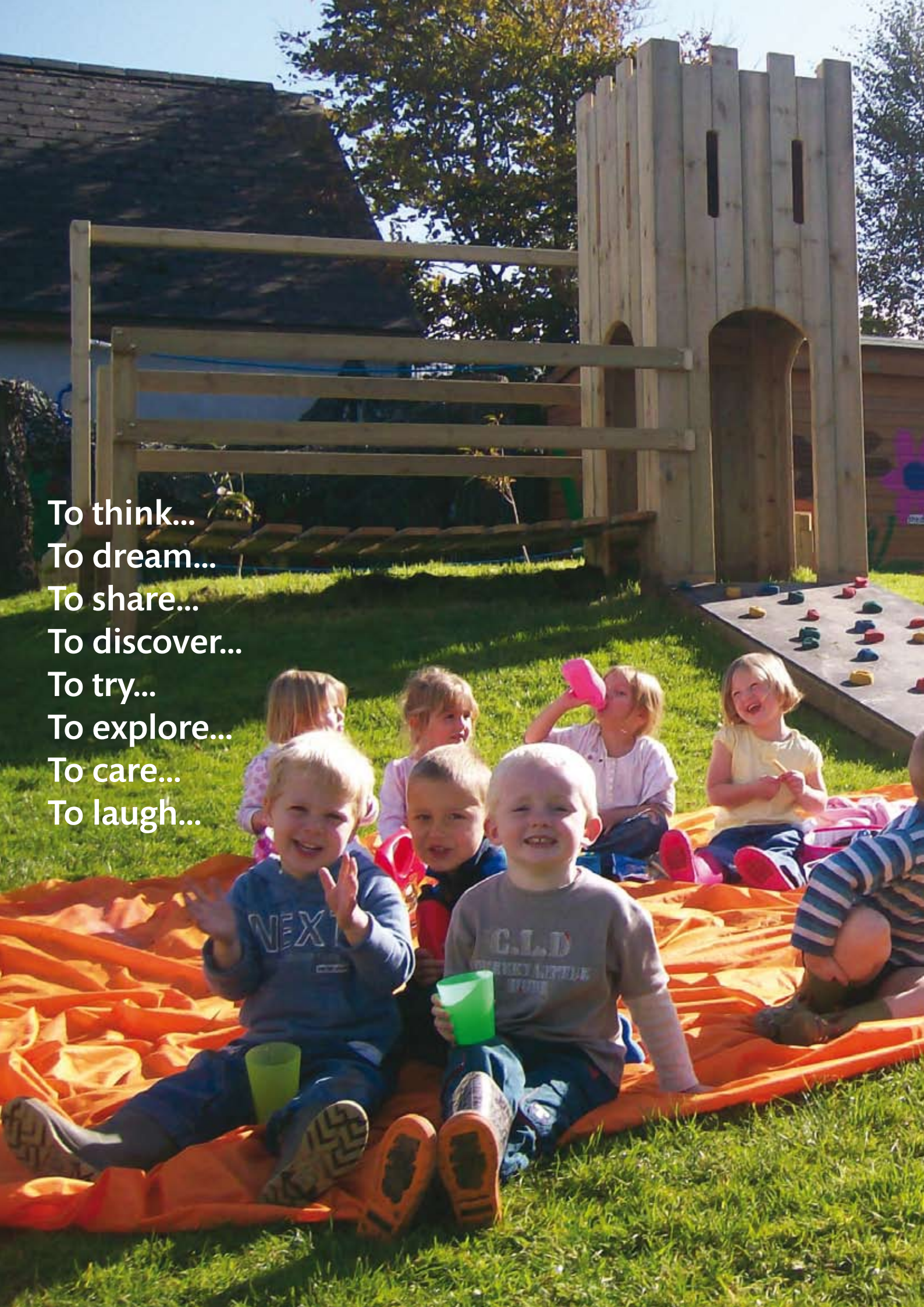
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A fact sheet of information, including times, costs, care, health and safety and further helpful guidance is freely available on request.



To think...
To dream...
To share...
To discover...
To try...
To explore...
To care...
To laugh...



...its all in a days work!



The world from a different perspective!

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