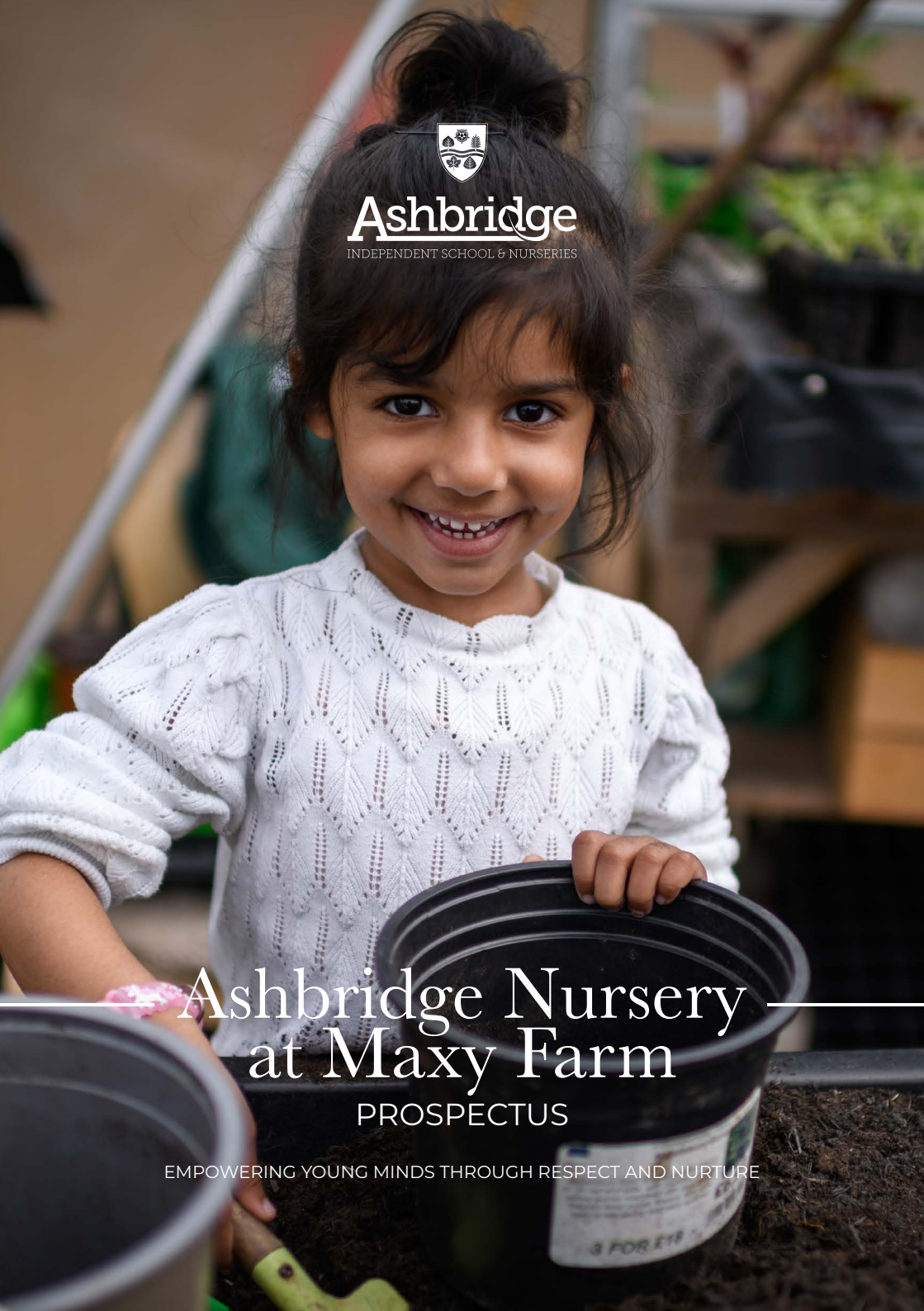

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Ashbridge Nursery at Maxy Farm

PROSPECTUS

EMPOWERING YOUNG MINDS THROUGH RESPECT AND NURTURE

WELCOME TO Ashbridge Nursery AT MAXY FARM

Our nursery provides a nurturing environment where children feel happy and secure, allowing them to thrive. Situated in the heart of the Cottam community, Ashbridge Nursery at Maxy Farm provides unrivalled care, learning experiences and facilities for children from 3 months to 4 years.

"Ashbridge Nursery at Maxy Farm is like no other nursery. Their commitment to early years education is clear to see and the learning environment is amazing, from the kitchen garden to the forest area and the beautiful classrooms.

We couldn't wish for anything more for our child."

- Parent, Ashbridge Nursery at Maxy Farm

The highly-qualified staff team are passionate about what they do and prioritise positive and nurturing relationships above all else. They work closely with families to form strong partnerships, working in the very best interests of all their children.

Please enjoy this prospectus, view our website and follow us on social media. Better still, come and visit us to really understand what makes Ashbridge Nursery at Maxy Farm such a special place for children and families.

Nursery Management Team

Our Vision

To instil in our children: innovative thinking skills, a keen curiosity for learning, the confidence to be creative, and respect for themselves, others and the wider world. To follow a nurturing ethos and build positive family partnerships which promote a happy and adventurous childhood.

Our Values

Our values are at the centre of the Ashbridge experience, and wholly based on what we believe children need to thrive. Whether a child is 3 months old or 11 years old, our values remain the same with the implementation of them tailored to each child's needs, age and stage of development.

We are committed to:

Empowering children to achieve highly and experience success, realising their individual aspirations.

Respecting children and ensuring their voice is always heard.

Nurturing self-confidence and a positive attitude to life, encouraging resilience and the ability to learn from their experiences.

Immersing children in inspiring environments full of opportunities for learning, exploration and discovery.

Recognising and celebrating the uniqueness of each child to support their interests and help them to pursue their passions.

Providing extensive and varied outdoor learning experiences to allow children to develop a deep love and respect for the natural world and encourage a sense of adventure.

THE Ashbridge FAMILY

We know that choosing a nursery for your child is an incredibly important decision for you as parents and carers. If you enrol your child at Ashbridge Nursery at Maxy Farm, you join the Ashbridge family, and can be sure that you and your family are valued members of our community.

Our team know all our children and families well, appreciating each child's individuality and supporting you throughout your child's nursery journey.

You will be welcomed into nursery classrooms daily, ensuring you can form strong relationships with your child's key person and other practitioners.

"Our children have thrived at Ashbridge; they received outstanding nurturing care and high-quality education from the baby rooms all the way through to pre-school and left for school as confident and curious young people, ready for their next adventure!"

- Parent, Ashbridge Nurseries

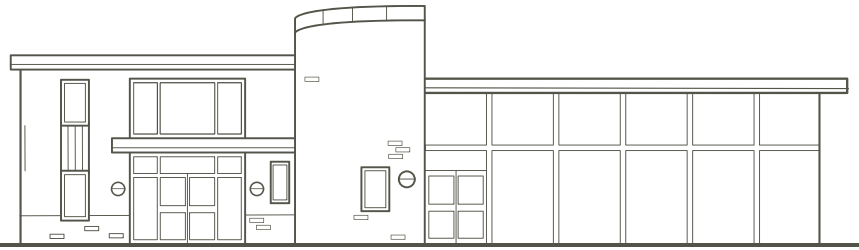
The Nursery Management Team are supported by an active and experienced Senior Leadership Team, giving them the time and resources to form connections with children and families, as well as driving forward quality care and education.

EXCELLENT Care AND Education

As our vision and values are built around providing a broad and inspiring early years curriculum, together with encouraging strong relationships to be built between children and practitioners, you can be assured that Ashbridge Nursery at Maxy Farm will provide your child with the very best nurturing care and early years education.

Our key person approach encourages children to form strong, secure bonds, promoting high levels of wellbeing. Practitioners help children to develop self-regulation skills; critical building blocks for their social and emotional development.

Our curriculum is designed to foster a love of learning, with a rich range of diverse experiences provided for the children. Children enjoy meaningful play activities which provide challenge and motivation, completely tailored for their age and stage of development.



Experienced AND Committed TEAM

The staff team is highly experienced and includes qualified teachers in pre-school classes, trained baby specialists for children under the age of 2 and a range of expertise across the nursery, such as a qualified Forest Leader, a Horticulturist and experts in the creative arts and sport. This range of knowledge and skills means children are provided with a broad and varied range of opportunities, sparking their curiosity and allowing them to develop their character.

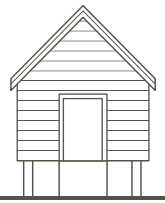
The Nursery Management Team drive the quality of education and promote positive and nurturing relationships throughout the nursery. They will know you and your child well and are always available should you have any questions or queries about your child's nursery experience.

Enabling ENVIRONMENTS

Everything at Ashbridge Nursery at Maxy Farm has been developed with children in mind. From classrooms with direct access to the outdoors and low windows for looking at the beautiful environment, to covered outdoor sleeping areas for all ages and fully accessible grounds, the facilities at Ashbridge Nursery at Maxy Farm are outstanding. Children can enjoy visiting our onsite chickens, experience calm in the sensory room and express their creativity in the atelier.

The learning environments are meticulously designed to provide space for children to explore and experiment, enabling them to deepen their understanding of themselves and the world around them.

Based on the Scandinavian childcare model which promotes independence and confidence, children at Ashbridge Nursery at Maxy Farm thrive in their environment, enjoy natural, holistic play and are free to develop their unique personalities.



Outdoor
EDUCATION

We know that experiencing outdoor learning from a young age provides incredible benefits and our children spend significant time outdoors, with both structured and unstructured play and learning opportunities provided to all ages. We strongly believe in managed risk taking, allowing children to explore their limits in a safe and supportive environment, and our custom-built play and exploration areas allow children to do this daily.

At Ashbridge Nursery at Maxy Farm we have a dedicated woodland area, complete with a fire circle and ample space to explore. We also benefit from a large kitchen garden, water exploration feature and open yet secure grounds for the children to enjoy independent play and adventure.

"Outdoor Education is about children connecting with nature, taking risks independently, and being allowed to be free outside without restrictions, whilst teaching them to be good learners.

It is the best holistic development we can offer our children."

- Early Years' Outdoor Leader, Ashbridge Nurseries

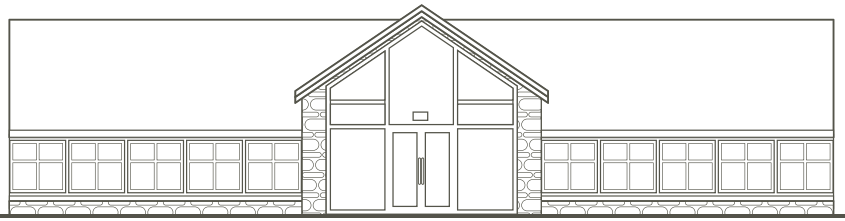
MOVING ON TO School

One of the many reasons parents choose an Ashbridge nursery is due to the continuity of care and education offered from 3 months to 11 years. Ashbridge Independent School has been consistently rated 'Excellent' in all areas by the Independent Schools Inspectorate and prioritises the same nurturing ethos and focus on outdoor learning as Ashbridge Nursery at Maxy Farm, together with a strong focus on academic success.

Children at Ashbridge Independent School benefit from a rich curriculum, entitled The Ashbridge Tapestry; combining academic rigour with outdoor learning, Personal Development, extra-curricular activities, sport, Performing Arts, an unrivalled trip and residential programme and a strong focus on pupil voice.

To enable families in Cottam and the surrounding areas to access education at Ashbridge Independent School, a daily transport service is offered from Ashbridge Nursery at Maxy Farm.

Families are welcome to visit Ashbridge Independent School at any time and enjoy a personal tour with our Headteacher, Karen Mehta, meet our wonderful children and staff team and find out all that Ashbridge Independent School can offer your family.



Information

Opening Times – Ashbridge Nursery at Maxy Farm is open 52 weeks of the year, closing only for Bank Holidays. We are open 7:00-18:00 Monday to Friday, providing a year round service for families.

Attendance – All children attend nursery for a minimum of two full days per week to ensure they benefit fully from the nursery experience and can form strong relationships with their practitioners. All holidays and absences remain payable.

Meals – As part of our offer, all meals are provided; including breakfast, and a hot cooked lunch and tea. All meals are cooked on site using fresh ingredients and following a no-added sugar policy.

Consumables – All nappies, wipes, suncream and some non-prescription medications are provided including Sudocrem, paracetamol suspension and anti-histamine.

Fees and payments – Our current fees information is available on the website or on request from the nursery. Fees are payable monthly in advance by direct debit, tax-free childcare or childcare vouchers.

Discounts – For families with more than one child attending an Ashbridge nursery or Ashbridge Independent Sch

Early Years Funding – Ashbridge Nursery at Maxy Farm offers both 15 and 30 hours Early Years Funding, for all children who are eligible. Due to being open all year round for extended hours, the funding is stretched across the 52 weeks of the year. Families wishing to access funded only hours should speak to the Nursery Management Team to discuss the options available.

Admissions Process – Children are welcome to join Ashbridge Nursery at Maxy Farm at any time in the year, provided the nursery has availability. Families are encouraged to visit the nursery and then are required to submit an enrolment form with £100 registration fee.

A deposit equating to four weeks' fees, less the £100 registration fee is payable before your child starts nursery and their birth certificate must also be provided.

Should parents highlight any additional needs, or if the nursery considers that your child may need extra support, meetings may be held to ensure we can meet your child's needs before a place is offered.

Before your child starts nursery, we offer two complimentary settling in sessions, where your child can spend time in their classroom with their key person getting used to their new environment.

Please note the above information does not apply to families accessing funded only places. Please speak to the Nursery Management Team for more information.

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