



Wind in the Willows Nursery Parent Prospectus

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About Us

Our Mission and Values

Wind in the Willows is a home-from-home, community-based setting in Milton, Portsmouth. We pride ourselves on providing a nurturing environment and an extension of the child's home and family.

Our nursery has been operating since 2015 and is owned by Karen Cooper and Karen Potter, they have many years of experience and a wealth of knowledge in the care and education of young children.

We understand that starting nursery can be scary for both you and your child; we therefore work hard to ensure a smooth transition and every child will be assigned a key person who will get to know you and your child and work to develop a secure bond. With this in mind, we endeavour for all staff, particularly those within your child's room, to get to know your child and family and recognise the benefits of this for when your child transitions throughout the setting. We firmly believe that educating and caring for children requires a team effort and we look forward to working in partnership in a shared vision of excellence to support your child's learning, growth, development and achievements.

Our Curriculum

At Wind in the Willows, we work in line with the Early Years Foundation Stage Statutory Framework. As part of the September 2021 reforms to the EYFS, we have developed our own bespoke curriculum. This is a skills-based curriculum which focuses on supporting children to achieve developmental milestones and develop a life-long love of learning and exploration. A copy of our curriculum can be provided upon request.

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During a child's first five years of life, their brain develops at makes connections faster than at any other point in their lives.

We firmly believe that by providing enriching and nurturing experiences, we can help provide children with the tools they need to thrive and be prepared for all life ahead.



In addition to this, we are so excited to be working towards accreditation with The Curiosity Approach™. You can find them online or on social media if you would like to find out more.



Parent Partnership

We recognise that parents are a child's first educator and we work in strong partnership with you to ensure consistency for every child. We endeavour to offer open and two-way communication with you at all times and in addition to these we have frequent set dates for parents' evenings, stay and play sessions and welcome you in to share your experiences and expertise with the children. For example, we have had parents and other family members in to cook us food from around the world; read stories; and simply come along to play!

Our TEAM will always ensure that someone is available to support you should you have any questions, queries or concerns about absolutely anything.

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Our Rooms

At Wind in the Willows, we follow the child's lead to ensure that they are in the right room for them regardless of their age. Within our baby rooms, – however, this will not be the only deciding factor and we recognise that some children will be ready to progress based on other aspects of their development.

Bunnies (non-movers)

In our Bunnies Room, we have babies from the age of 3 months old. This room is for the youngest babies – those who are not yet walking and beginning to gain physical skills such as rolling, sitting up, crawling, pulling-up and cruising and eventually taking their first steps. This room is calm and cosy and has everything available to the child at their height and in open, accessible baskets. Our Bunnies Room has a very loose routine as we aim to reflect the routine which the child experiences at home.

Frogllets (early walkers)

In our Frogllets Room, children will be becoming steadier on their feet and more able to communicate their needs, such as saying single words and using gestures. Children are beginning to explore with some more independence and their understanding will be developing e.g. they will be able to follow a simple instruction such as “find your shoes”.

Toads (walkers)

In our Toads Room, children will be confident walkers and beginning to explore other ways of moving (running, climbing etc.). They will be more independent in their play and starting to show interest in the play of their peers. Children in the Toads Room will be starting to show some interest in helping with caregiving experiences such as feeding themselves and cooperating with nappy changes. They will also be able to understand some simple instructions and use a range of single words in context and start joining some words.

Moles (Toddlers/2-Year-Olds approx.)

Children in our Moles Room will be increasing their vocabulary to start saying short sentences and have a good understanding of conversation and instructions. They will be confident movers and explorers and be beginning to play alongside their peers. Children in the Moles Room will be developing their self-care skills such as beginning to potty train, wash their hands, feeding themselves at mealtimes.

Badgers (Preschool)

Children in the Badgers Room will be confident talkers, movers and explorers. They will be becoming independent in many self-care skills and beginning to express their needs, interests, feelings, thoughts and ideas. Ultimately, we are supporting children to develop the skills they need in all areas of learning to be ready for school and prepared for life beyond nursery.

Fees and Funding

Option	Times	Under 3s	3s and Over
Full Day	7.15am-6pm	£48.00	£48.00
Preschool Day	8.30-4pm	£37.00	£37.00
Half Day (Unfunded)	8am-1pm / 1pm-6pm	£24.25	£24.25
Breakfast Club	7.15am-8.30am	£6.65	£6.65
Teatime Club	4pm-6pm	£11.00	£11.00
Additional Hourly Rate		£6.25	£5.75
Full Week	7.15am-6pm	£225.00	£225.00

We are open 51 weeks per year, closing for 1 week at Christmas. Lunch/Tea can be provided for £2.50 per meal (under 2s) and £3 per meal (2s and over). £4 per month consumables donation. We DO NOT charge for bank holidays.

On registration, £35 non-refundable registration fee. On place being offered, £65 non-refundable deposit (not applicable to government funded children).

Funded places are offered term-time only (15 or 11 hours) or stretched (30 or 22 hours). More information is available upon request within our Fees Policy.

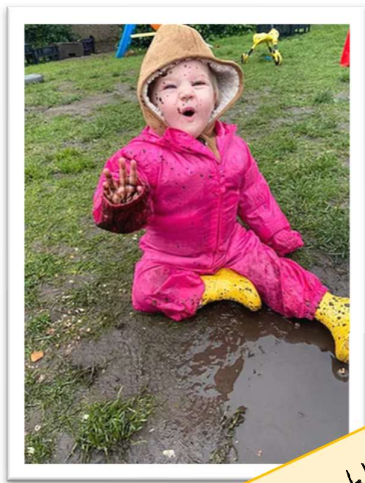
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Exploring authentic resources



Our Sensory Room



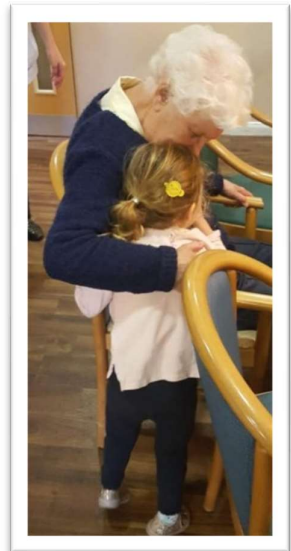
Enjoying the outdoors



Visiting the "Nannies and Granddad" at Shearwater Care Home



Our Twin School in The Gambia



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FAQs

- **What are your opening hours?**
We are open from 7.15am-6pm Monday-Friday. We DO NOT open on bank holidays and close for 1 week at Christmas.
- **My child is booked in for the whole day – do I have to drop them off at 7.15am and pick them up at 6pm?**
No, we are flexible with drop off and pick up times as long as they are within your booked hours.
- **Do I still have to pay if my child is unwell or on holiday?**
Yes, you are paying for the reservation of your space whether this is utilised or not.
- **How do you support my child to settle into the nursery?**
We offer 2 1-hour settling-in sessions as standard – these are included within the deposit. This will usually be 1 hour with a parent, followed on a different by 1 hour on their own. This can vary by each child; particularly for our older children, you may find that you only need to stay a short while and give them longer to play and explore without you. Children may bring a transitional object from home, such as a teddy or blanket, to support their transition.
- **Do you offer government funded spaces?**
Yes, you can check your availability online and speak to a member of our team to find out more about how these can be used.
- **Am I able to change or increase my sessions once my child has started?**
If you require a change in your hours, please speak to a member of the leadership team or send us an email and we will try to accommodate your requests, however please be aware that this may not always be possible. Please give us as much notice as possible. If you require additional hours as a one-off, again please let us know as soon as possible and we will do our best to meet your needs. You may not swap days; if you require a different day this will incur an additional charge to your usual hours as you are paying for the reservation of a space.
- **Do you have an experienced staff team?**
Our staff team are all either qualified or working towards relevant qualifications. Our staff's qualifications range from level 2 all the way to full degrees in relevant subjects. Our TEAM bring with them a wide range of experience, knowledge and skills which they use to provide outstanding experiences for all children. Each member of our team will undertake regular Paediatric First Aid training, safeguarding training and ongoing CPD.
- **What meals do you provide?**
We offer home-cooked meals for lunch and tea for an additional charge. This can be added to your invoice if you prefer. If your child attends a session before 8.30am, breakfast will be included in the session price. Snacks are provided in the morning and afternoon and these are included in the session price. If you would prefer for your child to bring a packed lunch or tea, you may do so.
- **Do you cater for special dietary requirements and allergies?**
Yes, please inform us of any special dietary requirements or allergies and we will ensure that these are catered for. This information can be provided upon enrolment but do keep us up to date if anything changes. This is important whether your child has our meals or brings their own.
- **Do you cater for additional needs and disabilities?**
Yes, we can. We will discuss with you your child's needs to ensure that we will be able to fully support them and you.
- **How will I be invoiced?**
Invoices are sent monthly via email. Please pay by the end of the following month.
- **Do you have a garden and outdoor space?**
We are incredibly fortunate to have a very large outdoor space and separate gardens for each of our rooms. We also make the most of our local community and go on regular outings. We enjoy the outdoors in all weathers and all-year round so please ensure that you supply suitable clothing.

Still have questions or want to book a visit? Email us or give us a call!

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