



Weydown Nursery School

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Registered with OfSTED Early Years
and a member of The Pre-School Learning Alliance

Owner: Clare Hitchmough B.Ed [Hons]

Weydown Nursery School provides a caring, stimulating and safe environment for children from the age of 2½ to 5 years.

We encourage a calm atmosphere, with a dedicated team of well qualified and experienced staff, who work with the children to develop their interests, their potential and their self-confidence.

The staff are committed to continually improving the nursery provision, as reflected by our completion of the Surrey County Council Quality Improvement Award – awarded in April 2011.

The Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum is the framework of our planning. Each child's learning and development is encouraged on an individual basis, with a key member of staff supporting and planning for their child's needs.

We recognise that parents/carers are children's first educators and therefore aim to foster good relationships between families and staff. We discuss individual children's progress with parents regularly, encouraging a two-way flow of information and observations. We

support parental participation in nursery life, through our parents (helping) rota and through fund raising activities.

We have formed strong links with our local community, by inviting visitors in to discuss their jobs/expertise and by taking our older children out to local places of interest, such as the library, train station, museum.

Weydown Nursery School is committed to providing equal opportunities for all children and families. The diversity of all individuals and communities is respected and celebrated. All families are welcomed and valued.

Weydown Nursery was established in Haslemere in 1968 by Rita Bicknell. It has been run by the current owner, Clare Hitchmough, since July 2003. Clare was previously the nursery's deputy head and has a background in primary education.

We are a non-maintained nursery and are in receipt of the Nursery Free Entitlement. We are open five days a week during term time.



1. Staff

Clare Hitchmough	B.Ed [Hons]
Maxine Card	N.V.Q. Level 3
Cheryl Goodwin	N.V.Q. Level 3
Angie Beare	N.V.Q. Level 3
Kim Skelhorn	Cache Level 3
Chrissie Bettin	N.V.Q. Level 2
Jane Lomas	

One or two parents help daily on a rota basis, plus we have occasional “work experience” students from local schools.

2. Hours

Monday to Friday	9.00am to 12 noon
Monday/Tuesday/Thursday.....	12.00 to 3.00pm (including lunch)

We offer extended full-day sessions for children in receipt of the Nursery Education Grant.

Please use the car park at the rear of the building and use the side steps for access. Parents are responsible for their children in the car park.

3. Fees

Current rate will be given on application.

Parents are asked to pay termly or half-termly by cash or cheque [made out to: Weydown Nursery School].

Our nursery is in receipt of the government’s Free Entitlement Scheme which offers up to 15 hours per week, from the term after a child’s third birthday. Please ask for more details.

Please note: REFUNDS are not given for children absent from school on one or more of their regular sessions.

If for any reason you wish to discontinue your child’s time at Weydown Nursery School, ONE FULL TERM’S NOTICE will be required.

4. Parents Rota

We ask parents to help on a rota system. There are usually 1/2 sessions per term. This allows the parent to see how the school session is run and how their child is progressing. This also helps to keep down school fees.

Parents are informed of events and issues by a half-termly newsletter and by notices on our notice board in the entrance lobby.

5. The Hall

The nursery school is held in a spacious and light hall, built in 1987. The hall lends itself perfectly to the needs of children, giving them space to move freely about the room and natural light to play and learn by.

The nursery school is very well equipped, providing a wide range of activities for our 2½ to 5 year age group.

6. Aims of the Setting

- To provide a safe, enjoyable and stimulating environment, both inside and outside.
- To enable the children to develop their communication and language skills with both other children and adults.
- To help the children learn the necessary social skills of sharing and co-operating with both children and adults.
- To develop a sense of independence in our children and build their confidence.
- To provide a sound basis of pre-school education, in line with the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum, preparing the children for their next stage of schooling.



7. Curriculum

Within the group, all children are supported in developing their potential at their own pace. We have a KEY-PERSON system, whereby each member of staff works closely with a small number of children [usually 5 or 6 children] encouraging their progress in six key areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Curriculum. We also make use of the Surrey Learning Journey Profiles to help us record development and plan for each individual child.



Key areas of the Curriculum:

- Communication, Language and Literacy.
- Mathematics Development.
- Knowledge and Understanding of the World.
- Creative Development
- Physical Development.
- Personal and Social Development.

8. Outdoor Area

We established our nursery garden in March 2005, following fundraising by parents. The garden is well equipped for play, with a climbing frame and slide, a Wendy house and log stepping stones, within a securely fenced gated area. An all-weather surface covers half of the garden area, ideal for outdoor activities in the winter.



We use our garden to extend the curriculum in all six learning areas and have found it to be a key resource for a variety of nature projects. For example, the children have benefited from being able to grow plants

(flowers, herbs and vegetables) from seed and watch and nurture their development.

9. Extended days

Currently our extended days are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. These are whole day sessions from 9am to 3pm, offered to children in receipt of the Nursery Free Entitlement Scheme. These days help to prepare children for going full time at school. We arrange the afternoons as small group times, for the children to concentrate on pre-reading skills, handwriting and number work. We also take the children on local outings, e.g. to the museum, the library, fire and railway stations or a country walk. On Thursdays our nursery cook prepares a tasty, nutritious cooked lunch, using fresh (often organic) ingredients. Pupils and teachers have a "family-style" meal together and staff encourage the children to learn to use knives and forks. On Mondays and Tuesdays children bring a packed lunch.

10. Fund Raising

Our main fund raising event is during the summer term, when we have our annual sponsored "Brick Build" in which all our children join in. This creates funds for new equipment for the nursery.



During the school year there will be other opportunities for raising money that will then be used for funding particular events, such as Christmas Party and our annual Summer Outing.

11. End of Term Celebrations

At the end of the winter and spring terms, the children are given the opportunity to entertain their families and friends with singing, playing percussion instruments and dressing up in costume. We see these occasions as an important celebration of our nursery school life.

At the end of the summer term we usually hold a fun Sports Day in which all our children can take part.

12. Items to be provided

Please provide a small bag (named) containing a change of clothes/ nappies in case of accidents. Also a waterproof coat. Any lunch boxes brought into nursery must also be labelled.



13. Discipline

Each child is treated as an individual; each situation is assessed on an individual basis. Incidents are talked through with the child and dealt with there and then. If necessary, parents will be asked to discuss any problem.

14. Illness/Accidents

Please notify the nursery of any infectious diseases.

Please keep children at home for 48 hours after symptoms have ended, for all sickness/diarrhoea type illnesses. (This is standard government policy for all schools).

If a child becomes unwell during a nursery session, parents or carers will be notified as soon as possible [in order for them to collect their child].

The staff are trained in First Aid and we have a fully equipped first Aid Box.

15. Absences

Please telephone the nursery if your child is not able to attend one of his/her sessions.

16. Safety

The equipment and indoor/outdoor environment are checked daily as part of our daily Risk Assessment. We also take part in regular fire safety checks and half-termly fire drills.

17. Special Needs Policy

We aim to support any child with a special educational need. One of our staff team is our Special Needs Co-Ordinator (SENCO). If a particular need is identified by staff or parents, then outside professional help can be drawn upon, via Surrey Early Years, in accordance with parent's wishes.

18. Policy Document

Please see our detailed policy document in the entrance hall at nursery, for all nursery policies and procedures. You can also find key policies on our website.

19. OfSTED

Under the 1989 Children Act we are required by law to be registered with Surrey Early Years. As recipients of the Nursery Free Entitlement Scheme we are subject to OfSTED registration and inspection. The telephone helpline for Early Years OfSTED is 0300 123 1231. We abide by the Surrey Early Years Code of Practise.

