



All About Us

Thank you for showing an interest in Nettlestone Pre-School and welcome to our Foundation Stage Classroom. The pre-school is very much part of our school. The early years staff team led by Mrs Howard (EYFS Phase Leader) will work hard to create an exciting, playful learning environment for the children.



We will create a curriculum and space that is inclusive and supports children of all abilities and ages to play and learn together. We want the children to be happy, independent and confident learners, who are keen to explore, be challenged, be curious, experiment, investigate and discover the world around them.

The children will follow the national EYFS curriculum through a child-led approach. We will focus learning on current topical events and the children's own interests to stimulate their creativity in learning and support them in meeting their early learning goals. The pre-school will operate during term time and provision will be split into sessions. Akin to the main school, we will offer trips and visits and foster a love of learning outdoors.

At Nettlestone Pre-School we offer Early Years Education for all children from the age of 3 years old until they start primary school.

We have created a calm, natural environment where your child can explore, imagine, learn and express themselves as an individual. Consistent routines and boundaries promote a safe, secure environment which allow risk taking, incorporating individual thoughts and characters. This enables children the space to be themselves developing their own unique individuality.

Keeping children safe relies on safe premises, safe people and safe policies and practices.

There will always be a Designated Safeguarding Lead in the school with a high level of expertise in safeguarding and child protection. All staff are appropriately trained and recognise that keeping children safe is their primary responsibility. We have fully qualified first aiders across the school and the majority of the Early

Years staff have received paediatric first aid training, with all staff on site trained in basic first aid.

We like our little learners to identify as part of our school, therefore we ask that they wear the green polo shirt embroidered with the pre-school logo. An optional hoodie is also available and is really practical for when we learn outside in all weathers! All items are available from Kids and Co in Ryde. We love learning outside and therefore a warm waterproof coat is essential.

As children play indoors and out, they need shoes less likely to result in a trip so we state no open toe sandals, sling backs or crocs. We ask that a pair of wellington boots and a waterproof all in one, are left at pre-school for us to use daily. Velcro fastenings on shoes/trainers make it easier for your child to be independent when changing footwear too! We suggest that leggings, tracksuits or joggers are more practical for our style of learning, although shorts are also great in the warmer weather! Please ensure all of your child's clothes are named - including any spare clothes you may want to send to school just in case your child does not quite get to the toilet

in time.

We operate a healthy snack café! This consists of a selection of fruit, vegetables and healthy food items that encourage the children to taste and experience different textures and flavours. We promote independence and encourage children to recognise when they are hungry and thirsty, and come to the snack café when they are ready. We ask for parent contributions to supplement our variety of daily snacks on offer. Children who stay for lunch are asked to support our healthy school ethos and be supportive of those children who may have allergies. To this end, nut products are strictly forbidden and sweets/high sugar foods should be kept to a minimum.

Learning at Nettlestone Pre-School

Throughout the day teaching staff will facilitate learning by playing alongside the children.

They will challenge and extend their ideas and promote 'next steps' towards their personal developmental milestones. They will capture their learning outcomes through personalised

observation which will be shared with you via 'Seesaw' - our online learning journal.

We would love to read your comments and feedback, as you comment on those 'WOW' moments.



Children are lucky to be able to learn at times with their peers in Reception Class and will experience 'continuous provision' which facilitates free-flow opportunities, so children will be able to choose where they want to be and what they want to do. We actively encourage use of our lovely outdoor space whatever the weather!

Sessions

You are welcome to choose how you arrange your sessions, choosing a morning or afternoon

3 hour session or an all day 6 hour session to include an additional lunch hour.

Our pre-school class can take advantage of the opportunity to enjoy lunchtime with Reception class. You can choose to provide a packed lunch for your child or purchase a school dinner for an additional cost of £2:58 per meal. Our meals are provided by Chartwell's and uses ingredients that are locally sourced. These can be ordered and paid for, in advance, using SchoolMoney.

Mon - 8:40 - 12:40 - Lunch 11.40 -2.40

Tue - 8:40 - 12:40 - Lunch 11.40 -2.40

Wed - 8:40 - 12:40 - Lunch 11.40 -2.40

Thu - 8:40 - 12:40 - Lunch 11.40 -2.40

Fri - 8:40 - 12:40 - Lunch 11.40 -2.40

Do you offer eligible children 30 hours of education?

Yes - The term after your child's third birthday you are entitled to **15 or 30 hours** of early education funded by the Government. Parents must apply through the Government's Child Care Service via www.childcarechoices.gov.uk for the extended entitlement. We currently offer 24 places for 3/4 year olds per session. Any sessions exceeding the universal funded 15 hours will be charged at £12.50 per 3 hour session, should you not be entitled to the additional funded allocation.

Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND)



At Nettlestone Primary School we believe that every child is unique. Every child has the right to receive an education which enables them to fulfil their potential. We value the abilities and achievements of all our children, and we are committed to providing the best possible learning environment.

Our aim is to provide all children with the best possible outcomes in preparation for life-long learning. We recognise the capacity for personal growth, development and change when individuals are given the encouragement and support they need. We believe it is important that children acquire skills, knowledge and confidence that can be applied to all future learning experiences, including social, physical and spiritual development. We endeavour to raise aspirations and expectations for all pupils, including those pupils with SEND by working in partnership with parents/carers and listening to pupils.

We recognise that some children will have additional needs at some time during their school life and will require something additional to or different from what is provided for the majority of children. There are a wide range of difficulties which may lead to special educational needs. Needs arising from such may be both short and long term. Provision for children with SEN is a matter for the whole school. All staff have important day-to-day responsibilities when meeting the needs of children with SEN.

As children grow and develop at Nettlestone they will become more independent, resilient and confident in their learning.

