



# **Watton Westfield Infant and Nursery School**

**A Guide to our 2 to 3 year old Nursery**



## **Hedgehog Class**

## Message from our Executive Head Teacher

Welcome to Hedgehog Nursery Class

Thank you for choosing Watton Westfield Infant & Nursery School's Hedgehog Class, where your child will receive plenty of adult support and encouragement to begin their journey. We have worked hard to provide an interesting, stimulating and safe environment both inside and out. The Hedgehog Nursery will be monitored by a fully qualified teacher.

We are very proud of our Nursery classes and we look forward to working in partnership with you to develop your child's education.

Helen Kemp Executive Head Teacher

## The Curriculum

In Hedgehog Nursery we follow the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum. There are seven areas of learning within the EYFS;

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

All areas are delivered through planned, purposeful play, which is child-led with some focussed activities which children are encouraged to try. The environment is set up to enable children to become independent learners.

Throughout Westfield, we teach using Core Stories and have a different Core Story each half term. We try to link as much of the learning to the story to really engage the children and encourage their love of reading and books.



## **Session Times (Hedgehog Class)**

The 2 to 3 year old Hedgehog Nursery will be open from 9.00am to 3.00pm, Monday to Friday

The session times are:

Morning session: 9.00am to 12.00pm

Afternoon session: 12.00pm to 3.00pm

All Day sessions: 9.00am to 3.00pm

The cost is £3.85 an hour.

Please note sessions are invoiced in advance by calendar month. Refunds will not be offered for sickness or holidays.

Some parents may be eligible for funding available from the government. Please visit <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/children-and-families/childcare-and-early-learning/free-childcare-and-learning>

## **A Typical Day in Hedgehogs Class**

We begin each session with self-registration and free play, to allow all the children to arrive at Nursery and say goodbye to their parents/carers in a calm and happy manner.

The children will learn through child initiated activities and some adult-led tasks which, take place both inside and outside. The children are free to choose what they would like to do and are encouraged to take part in activities but do not have to do so.

Within the session we will also have stories, circle time, singing and music activities altogether. During the session the children will have snack where a drink of either water or milk and a healthy snack will be provided.

## **What to bring to Hedgehog Nursery**

- At least 2 changes of clothes in a named bag
- Any nappies and wipes that may be needed during the session
- You are welcome to leave named wellies in a named carrier bag on your child's peg
- 50p snack money each week (voluntary contribution).

## **Changing Children**

Our Hedgehog Nursery class is equipped with changing facilities and small toilets and we exercise good hygiene practices in order to accommodate children who are not yet toilet trained.

We ask parents to provide any nappies and wipes which will be needed during the session. We see toileting as a self-care skill, which children have the opportunity to learn. We work with children and parents towards toilet training at a time which is appropriate for the child. Please discuss any concerns with the Nursery staff

## **Bringing your child to Hedgehogs**

To arrive at our Hedgehog Nursery, please come to the door on the left hand side of the main building, next to the smaller buggy shelter. You will then be greeted by a member of the Nursery team at the beginning of the session and they will welcome your child into school.

We understand that some children settle more easily than others but the staff will be in class to give the children support and reassurance. Although it can be distressing to leave a child who is upset, staff will encourage parents to leave as soon as possible as the children usually calm down once their parent has gone. Parents can always phone school to find out if the child has settled. We can trial shorter sessions for a longer settling period for some children if needed.

## **Collecting your child from Hedgehogs**

At the end of each session the room leader will open the classroom door and children will be 'matched' to their parents, carers and childminders.

Please let the school know if someone different will be collecting your child. We cannot let your child go with anyone if we have not received permission for from you as their parent.

We appreciate that you may occasionally be delayed, however, if you are going to be late, please telephone school to let us know. Any additional time may incur a charge.

## **The Hedgehog Class Nursery Staff**



Mrs Haynes (Hedgehog Nursery Lead)



Mrs Vine (Nursery Teacher)



Mrs Wright (Nursery Assistant)



Mr Fleming (Nursery Assistant)

Everyone at Watton Westfield wants to make your child's time at our nursery an enjoyable learning experience and we are really looking forward to you joining our school soon.

If you have any concerns or questions at any time, please do not hesitate to speak to us. We are always happy to discuss any concerns you might have with you.