

Acorns Nursery School Prospectus

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Welcome to our prospectus. Here are a few bits of useful information about our school.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO US ABOUT A PLACE FOR YOUR CHILD, PLEASE COMPLETE OUR ENQUIRY FORM ON THE WEBSITE - <https://acornsnurserieschool.co.uk/get-in-touch/>

About us



Acorns Nursery School opened in September 2023 and is led by a qualified teacher. Our vision is to provide high quality childcare whilst creating a natural and sustainable environment for all children. At Acorns Nursery School, children enjoy a daily variety of activities to nurture their social, intellectual, emotional and physical development indoors and out.

Within the setting we have a highly qualified staff team and safeguarding is embedded in everything that we do. Our whole team is DBS checked and approved to work with children, leaving you with the knowledge that your children will be well cared for and looked after during their early years.

Our Curriculum

At Acorns Nursery School we follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Statutory Framework. We aim to provide a curriculum that offers children a wide range of opportunities, broadening their experiences and encouraging them to engage in new challenges. We use a long-term curriculum plan which shows topics based around celebrations and predictable seasonal interests with linked stories and songs.



We know that children learn best when they are allowed to explore, experiment and take risks on their own and with their peers. We offer a play-based learning environment both indoors and outdoors, and incorporate principles of the Montessori method and Forest School approach through our curriculum.

Ethos and values

At Acorns we provide a natural and sustainable environment for all children to engage with. We foster a lifelong love of learning and develop children's respect for their environment. We understand how important and valuable outdoor play is and use the local environment to enhance your child's learning.



Starting at Acorns Nursery School

We offer a number of settling-in sessions, attended by the child and parents, to support children through the transition from home to Nursery.



Parents initially complete an 'All About Me' form for their child and are then able to update ongoing interests and needs on our parent app (called Blossom) for our practitioners to see. This can help to plan topics and provide experiences to further the children's learning.

Each child is assigned a 'Key Person' which gives them the opportunity to develop a positive and nurturing relationship with a member of staff.

Parents are provided with a daily diary and observations via Blossom to keep up to date with their child's day-to-day nursery life and learning and development.

Things to bring to nursery

We will provide protective clothing for when your child plays with messy activities, although we do not recommend children wear their best clothes to nursery.

We also have a nursery uniform available for parents to purchase at low cost. The uniform offers children a wonderful sense of pride and belonging.

Parents will need to provide the following items:

- Changes of clothes in case of accidents
- Outdoor clothing; wellies, coat, sun hat (depending on weather conditions)
- Nappies, creams and wet wipes
- A comforter if needed.



Classrooms

There are three classrooms at Acorns Nursery School, this helps to cater for the children’s developmental stage and their age.

Room	Age	Description
Baby Room	Up to 2 years old	We recognise how important these first, formative months and years of a child’s life are. Our staff have trained to work specifically with babies and ensure the babies get emotional and physical nurturing alongside sensory stimulation. The baby room have their own garden which they use multiple times throughout the day to ensure they are getting fresh air and can develop their physical skills.
Toddler Room	2 to 3 years old	Our staff plan for more challenging activities which helps foster their language and literacy skills through social interaction. The children are encouraged to progress and become confident and independent in their play. The toddlers are prepared in readiness for the Pre-school Room by focusing on listening and attention skills during circle time.
Pre-school Room	3 years old until school age	We provide a range of educational play opportunities to prepare your child for school, the children will become more independent as they take advantage of free-flow activities between indoors and outdoors. We begin to further the children’s curiosity about how and why by using experiments such as sink and float activities. Staff will also encourage the children to engage in sustained shared thinking through problem-solving. We aim for our children to become independent and autonomous learners.

Each classroom is set out to enhance the children’s development and ensure the children get the most out of their environment and resources.

We use our local environment to allow children to participate in Forest School sessions. These take place in the playground and also in the local woodland and park areas. These sessions teach them to engage in risk and understand their limits.



Meals and snacks

All meals and snacks are provided as part of the nursery fee. Our menus promote a healthy, well-balanced diet and are prepared by our on-site cook.

Please alert us to any allergies so that our menus can be planned accordingly. Please be aware that we are a nut-free nursery.

Please see sessions below to see which meals are included.

Sessions and Fees

Sessions	Drop-off	Collection	Total Hours	Meals included
School day	8:45	3:45	7	Lunch
Short day 1	8:30	4:00	7.5	Lunch
Short day 2	8:00	4:00	8	Breakfast & Lunch
Short day 3	8:30	5:00	8.5	Lunch & Tea
Long day 1	8:00	5:00	9	Breakfast, Lunch & Tea
Long day 2	8:30	6:00	9.5	Lunch & Tea
Full day	8:00	6:00	10	Breakfast, Lunch & Tea

Fees

- Fees are reviewed every April.
- Fees will be discussed with you as part of your nursery show-around.
- A fee sheet will be shared with you after visiting the nursery.
- We accept Tax-Free Childcare and some childcare vouchers.
- There is a deposit and registration fee required to secure a place.

Funding

- We accept Government Early Education Funding
- Please flag if you are planning to claim funding so that the details can be discussed with you on your show around.