



Whitehill Nursery School Prospectus



Introduction

Welcome to Whitehill Nursery School, a service provided by Whitehill Childcare Services. We are a privately owned group, registered since 1999, operating from a purpose built building and additional classroom within Whitehill Infant School, a new build ECO school in Crowborough.



About us

Whitehill Nursery School is registered with OFSTED for 50 children per session between the ages of two to under five years inclusive.

The Nursery School has two ground floor rooms (Caterpillars and Butterflies), toilet facilities, kitchen and enclosed outdoor play areas consisting of a tarmac safety surface and grassed area. In addition, children have access to the school library, hall, nature and playground areas with activity trail and climbing wall.

In July 2010, the Nursery School achieved the highest grade from OFSTED of "Outstanding" in all 17 categories, a unique achievement.

We support children with learning difficulties and disabilities and also support children who speak English as an additional language.

The Nursery School employs 15 members of experienced, friendly staff who all hold appropriate early years qualifications.

The Nursery School receives support from the Local Authority. We accept children who receive Early Years Education Entitlement (EYEE) funding.

We welcome visitors at all times.



Our aims and ethos:

Every child deserves the best possible start in life and the support that enables them to fulfil their potential.

Children develop quickly in the early years and a child's experiences between birth and age five have a major impact on their future chances. A secure, safe and happy childhood is important in its own right.

Good parenting and high quality early learning together provide the foundation children need to make the most of their abilities and talents as they grow up.

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) sets the standards that all early years providers must meet to ensure that children learn and develop well and are kept healthy and safe. It promotes teaching and learning to ensure children's 'school readiness' and gives children the broad range of knowledge and skills that provide the right foundation for good future progress through school and life.

Daily routine

We organise our sessions so that the children can choose from, and work at, a range of activities and, in doing so, build up their ability to select and work through a task to its completion.

Free play and free flow play indoors/outdoors is a main part of the session. The children are also helped and encouraged to take part in adult-led small and large group activities which introduce them to new experiences and help them to gain new skills, as well as helping them to learn to work with others. These activities also take account of children's changing energy levels throughout the day.

Play helps young children to learn and develop through doing and talking, which research has shown to be the means by which young children learn to think. Our Nursery School uses the practice guidance Early Years Foundation Stage to plan and provide a range of play activities which help children to make progress in each of the areas of learning and development.

We cater for children's individual needs for rest and quiet activities during the day. Outdoor activities contribute to children's health, their physical development and their knowledge of the world around them.

Key events in our Nursery School calendar:

- Christmas Nativity Plays
- Christmas parties
- Annual Drusillas Zoo trip
- End of term leavers parties



How you can get involved:

All parents/carers are welcome to be involved in their child's education at any time by joining staff and the children during Nursery sessions. You can participate on a regular basis or occasionally as it suits you for as long as you like. Parents can also help at events such as parties, nativity plays, as well as participating in the designated 'Stay and Play' weeks which take place each term.

We welcome parents/carers to drop into the Nursery School to see it at work or to speak to a member of staff at anytime.

Sessions and opening times

The Nursery School year consists of six terms: 1 & 2 (Autumn), 3 & 4 (Spring) and 5 & 6 (Summer) and is similar to East Sussex County Council school term dates.

Whitehill Nursery School is open five days a week during each term and provides the following sessions:

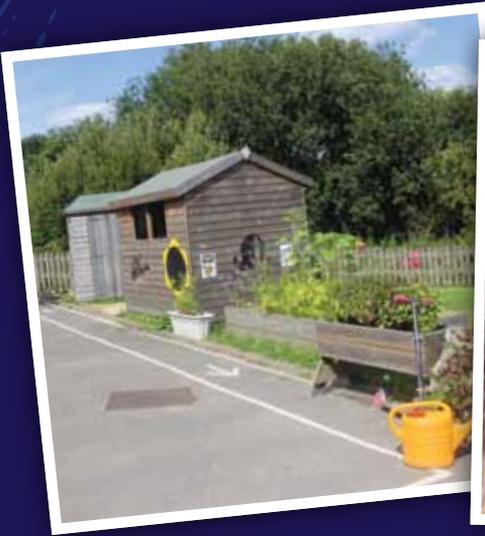
Nursery Sessions	Start	Finish
Morning	08.45	11.45
Morning with lunch	08.45	12.30
Afternoon	12.00	15.00
Full Day	08.45	15.00

Applications

Children are welcomed from all sections of the community and are not excluded because of race, learning difficulties or disability.

Please complete/return the attached Application Form to register your interest.

Please Note: This is not a registration form, parents will be informed when a place is available at the Nursery School.



For further information please contact:
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www.whitehillnurseryschool.com

Whitehill Childcare Services also operates an After School and Holiday Club within the same premises. For further information on these services, please visit:

www.whitehillholidayclub.co.uk | www.whitehillafterschoolclub.co.uk

Disclaimer: Attendance at Whitehill Nursery School will not affect a child's eligibility or likely eligibility to attend Whitehill Infant School and all admissions to Whitehill Infant School are dealt with by East Sussex County Admissions Department in accordance with its current selection criteria.