

Springfield Nursery



For children aged 3-4years old



Springfield
Infant School

“Space to grow and wings to fly”

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Welcome to our happy and caring nursery school that offers young children varied and exciting learning experiences. All of our children are valued individuals that are encouraged to be independent, develop self-esteem and self-respect and are inspired and motivated to do their very best.

We have an experienced, hardworking and wonderful team of staff who are committed to ensuring that every child in our nursery receives an 'outstanding' start to their first few years of school life.

The Nursery Class

Our nursery class can admit up to 30 children aged 3 – 4 years per session. The sessions are as follows:

8.00am – 9.00am	Early Ducklings Breakfast Club (£6.50)
9.00am – 12.00noon	Funded/non funded Session
12.00noon – 3.00pm	Funded/non funded Session

We would require children to apply for a minimum of 3 sessions per week to qualify for the additional sessions but also to ensure that sufficient time is given to individual children to be able to make progress and to feel part of the nursery school.

Children can join the nursery from the age of three. Entry into nursery is usually at the start of each term, however if you would like to start after a half term then please speak to the school office.

Free entitlement/cost of sessions

From September 2017, the current rules are changing regarding free entitlement for pre-school children. Everyone continues to be entitled to 15 hours (5 sessions) government funded nursery provision per week.

However, the new rules encourage working parents to claim for up to 30 hours (10 sessions) government funded nursery provision per week.

To be eligible, parents (and their partners if they have one) will need to make the claim for these additional 15 hours as long as they meet the following criteria.

- Both parents must work and each parent must expect to earn at least £115 a week or work more than 16 hours at the National Living Wage
- Parents expect to have income of less than £100,000 each a year
- Both parents must live in England

There are some exceptions and full details of these new rules, and to find out if you would be entitled to claim, please see the following link:

<https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/moreinfopar/2>

Entitlement starts the term **after** their 3rd birthday. This can be sorted out by our staff for your convenience. For those children, who wish to attend after they have reached their 3rd birthday, and before their free entitlement begins, the cost will be £15.00 per session payable in advance. Invoices will be sent in advance for those sessions booked and the school reserves the right to withdraw sessions if fees are not paid.

Early Ducklings Breakfast Club is held from 8.00am to 9.00am at the cost of £6.50 per session. This includes a healthy breakfast being served and supervised activities by our designated Nursery Practitioner.

Staffing

The Nursery Staff consists of a Lead Practitioner and nursery teaching assistants, and the availability of learning support assistants, learning mentors, the school medical officer and our school Inclusion Team. The Early Years Foundation Stage Team (Nursery and Reception classes) will be led by Mrs Jess Burns, our senior teacher.

Parental support is always welcome. You will need to do a DBS check and we can do that in our school office.

Facilities

The nursery will be housed within our main school building but in its own bright and airy rooms. Both rooms promote a large well-resourced learning environment with toys and equipment suitable for young learners. There is continuous access to the secure 'all weather' outdoor area that is well equipped and provides different experiences. The nursery children will also have opportunities to work and play with our Reception Class children that will enrich and extend their learning. Each room has an interactive whiteboard, learn pads, laptops and the children will have access to the computer suite. We also have a sensory room that is specifically designed for young children and helps develop their multi-sensory skills as well as fostering a calming influence.

The Nursery Curriculum

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) sets standards for the learning, development and care of children from birth to 5 years old. The Nursery and Reception staff work together as a team to ensure there is a quality approach to early learning and care.

The curriculum can be divided into seven main areas of learning and development. There are three prime areas which are essential for igniting curiosity and enthusiasm for learning, and for building the capacity to learn and to build relationships and thrive. These areas are:

Communication and Language – speaking, listening and understanding

Physical Development – moving, handling, health and self-care

Personal, Social and Emotional Development – self-confidence, managing feelings and behaviour and making relationships

Children are also supported in four specific areas, through which the prime areas are supported and applied. These areas are:

Literacy – reading and writing

Mathematics – number, shape, space and measure

Understanding the World – early scientific, technological, historical and geographical learning

Expressive Arts and Design – imaginative play, modelling, printing, drawing, painting and music.

We have a French teacher on the staff that will be able to deliver French lessons on a weekly basis.

The majority of our learning in the Nursery will take place through play with specific activities set up in order to develop ideas. As teachers we will observe and question the children to help manage and steer their understanding and development. We aim to provide the highest quality early learning in order to allow all children to make the best progress and develop their abilities and talents as they continue to grow.

There are opportunities for both self-initiated and adult-led play, and this is shaped by the available resources in both the indoor and outdoor environment. More structured learning opportunities will take place with focused weekly tasks which involve more teacher input. Children's work will be displayed in the nursery environment and in individual Learning Journals which will show the journey your child has taken during their time at Springfield.

During the day, every opportunity will be taken to observe your child's skills, knowledge and experiences. This plays an essential role in our monitoring and assessment of each individual and helps us to target their emotional and educational needs more accurately. Each child will have their own individual targets for each area of learning and progress will be shown in the Learning Journals. We invite you to play a firm role in your child's learning and development throughout their time at Springfield Nursery and welcome you to come and share with us the development of your child's Learning Journal.

Throughout the year you will be invited to two parent consultations with the nursery staff. This provides a more formal opportunity to discuss your child's progress and the next steps in their learning. We are always on hand to talk to you informally about your child and welcome your questions and comments.

School involvement

There will be opportunities for the nursery children to be part of the school and join in with themed weeks, events and assemblies.

Uniform

The children in the Nursery school will be able to wear their own clothes but we would encourage you to purchase our nursery polo shirt. These can be obtained from Broadwater Sports Shop. The shirts have our nursery school logo and will enable us to easily identify the children within the school setting.

Food and Drink

All of the children in the nursery will be entitled to free cool milk and fresh fruit. Water is freely available at all times.

Children that will be having lunch will have the option of choosing to eat a hot healthy school lunch at the cost of £2.50 or they can bring in a packed lunch as well as any additional snacks.

Registration

Applications can be made as soon as you have decided that you would like your child to attend our nursery school. If you would like to join us please fill out the attached application form and return to:

Springfield Infant School
Sackville Road
Worthing
BN14 8BQ

We will then write to you to confirm your place and provide you with your start up pack consisting of start dates, taster sessions and ways of paying. Places are limited, so I would encourage you to apply promptly.

Important

A place at Springfield nursery school **does not** automatically guarantee admission to Springfield Infant school. Parents wanting their child to attend the school will need to apply for a place through West Sussex County Admissions Department.

Springfield Infant School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

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Application Form

I wish to apply for a place at Springfield Nursery School for

Child's Name: _____

Child's date of birth: _____ male/female

I would like my child to start at Springfield Nursery in:

September 2017 January 2018 April 2018

I would like them to attend the following sessions (please indicate below):

	Ducklings Breakfast Club 8am – 9am	Morning Session 9am – 12noon	School lunch	Afternoon session 12 noon -3pm
Monday				
Tuesday				
Wednesday				
Thursday				
Friday				

Children must attend for a minimum of three sessions.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Numbers: _____

Email: _____

Do you have a child at Springfield Infant School? **YES / NO**

If yes, please state name and class.....

Where did you hear about our Nursery?

Please return to: Springfield Infant School, Sackville Road, Worthing, BN14 8BQ