

Springfield Nursery



Springfield
Infant School

PROSPECTUS 2017/18

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“Space to grow and wings to fly”

Welcome to Springfield Nursery

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to Springfield Infant School and Nursery, Worthing.

Springfield Nursery is a happy and caring environment that offers young children varied and exciting learning experiences. We believe that young children learn from a stable and inclusive environment, where we can foster a desire for knowledge and a continuing interest in life-long learning.

All our children are valued individuals who are encouraged to be independent, develop self-esteem and self-respect and are inspired and motivated to do their very best. The Early Years staff are passionate about providing all the children here with an excellent start in their school life.

I hope your child will feel very much at home with us and I wish them every success at Springfield.

Kind regards

Becky Wycherley

Headteacher

Term Dates 2017-2018

Please note the nursery will be closed on INSET days

Please note if your child is absent you will not be able to claim back this money

Autumn Term 2017

Monday September 4th 2017	INSET DAY 1
Tuesday 5 th September 2017	School re-opens for children
Half Term - Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October	
Monday 30th October 2017	INSET DAY 2
Wednesday 20 th December 2017	Last day of term

Spring Term 2018

Thursday 4 th January 2018	School re-opens for children
Friday 9th February 2018	INSET DAY 3
Half term – Monday 12th to Friday 16th February	
Monday 19 th February	School re-opens for children
Wednesday 7th March 2018	INSET DAY 4
Thursday 29 th March 2018	Last day of term

Summer Term 2018

Monday 16 th April 2018	School re-opens for children
Half term – Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June	
Monday 4 th June 2018	School re-opens for children
Friday 6th July 2018	INSET DAY 5
Tuesday 24 th July 2018	Last day of term

Our Philosophy

Our aims are to create a safe, caring, stimulating and challenging environment in which the potential of every member of the school community is fully developed and each individual achieves success and satisfaction. We are pleased that our children enjoy coming to school.

Springfield aims to be a fully inclusive school. The monitoring of provision and the progress of each child and groups of children is undertaken. If differences in levels of achievement are identified, strategies are put into place to deal with them. Strategies for handling these differences are reviewed for appropriateness and effectiveness. We also encourage our children to have open minds, think for themselves and to become independent learners. Our vision statement is "Space to grow and wings to fly".

Joining the Nursery, Admissions Policy

Children are able to join the nursery from the age of 3 years old. If you would like your child to start after a half-term then please speak to the school office.

School Times

9.00am – 12.00pm Funded Session
12.00pm – 3.00pm Funded Session

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. This will be payable in advance.

Child drop off and collection

Session 9am -12 and 12 – 3pm

Please arrive by 8.55am through our main EYFS entrance. Your child's coat peg will be situated on the left hand side. Please collect your child from the playground Nursery door. If you have older children at Springfield Infant school, please collect Nursery children first at 3pm.

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.

Session Fees from September 2017

3 to 4 year olds		
Session	Time	Fee
Ducklings Breakfast Club	8am – 9am	£6.50
Core Unfunded Session	9am – 12 noon	£15.00
Daily charge for lunch	Not compulsory	£2.50
Core Unfunded Session	12 noon – 3pm	£15.00

Pupil Premium Grant

If you qualify as a low income family you can register for Pupil Premium. This will mean that Springfield School will get extra money to support your child. By providing us with your National Insurance Number on the registration form we will be able to see whether you are eligible for this funding and let you know.

Settling In

Springfield Nursery will provide your child with 'settling in' sessions before they join the nursery and for the first few days of the school term in September (or at the start of each term). Please feel free to stay with your child during this time if you/they feel more comfortable, but they often settle more quickly, after the initial parting, once you have gone. Staff will be responsible for helping your child to settle.

EYFS Curriculum

At Springfield we ensure that the Early Years Foundation Stage:

“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.”

(Statutory Framework for the EYFS 2012)

The EYFS is based upon four principles:

- **A unique child** – developing resilient, capable, confident and self-assured individuals.
- **Positive relationships** – supporting the children in becoming strong and independent.

• **Enabling environments** – where opportunities and experiences respond to the individual needs of the child by developing a strong partnership between practitioners, parents/carers and the child.

• **Learning and developing** – An acknowledgement that children learn in different ways and at different rates

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, 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

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.

Helping in The Nursery

We always welcome parental support for activities in the nursery. Some of these activities may include:

- Reading stories
- Creative activities
- Outdoor learning
- Nursery trips

Please note we will require you to complete a DBS (Disclosure Barring Service) disclosure form prior to helping the children in school. Springfield has a duty to

safeguard all pupils, and as part of this all adult helpers must be DBS checked. The school office will provide forms and help you with this process.

Nursery 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 shirts. 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.

Please provide a pair of shorts and t-shirt for PE sessions in a clearly labelled bag.

Toileting, Accidents, Sickness and Medication

Many young children have 'accidents' which is why we request a spare set of clothes be sent in each day. If your child needs changing they will always be treated with dignity and respect. There is always a member of staff with a relevant First Aid Qualification on site, and an up-to-date first aid box is kept in the Nursery at all times. Minor accidents are recorded in an accident book and we will require you to sign this when collecting your child.

Please inform us if your child contracts an infectious illness/disease. In the enrolment booklet you can make us aware of any other medical issues.

Springfield Nursery is unable to accept children who are ill. Please do not send them in for 24 to 48 hours after sickness and/or diarrhoea or with conjunctivitis as these are particularly contagious. Any child suffering from an infectious disease should be excluded from the Nursery for the appropriate period of time advised by the doctor. If your child needs medication, you will need to complete the relevant forms.

Special Education Needs

We aim to meet the needs of all our pupils, identifying quickly any who may have special needs. Children who do have special needs will have a carefully planned individual learning plan and their progress will be continually monitored. Sometimes outside agencies will be involved. We have a highly qualified Inclusion Manager to support in the nursery.

Parents will always be kept fully informed and involved in any decisions made about their child.

No child will be refused admission because of his or her special needs.

Please contact the Headteacher if you should require further information.

Educational Visits

To support and enhance the work the children are undertaking in the classroom there will be occasions when the children will be taken on educational visits.

You will always be given prior notice of any visits planned for your child along with a permission slip for you to sign and return. We have to request a donation towards the cost.

School and Nursery policies

The school and nursery have a comprehensive list of policies that are available to parents. The main policies are all on our school website. www.springfieldschool.co.uk

Complaints Procedure

Parents who have any complaints are encouraged to discuss their concerns with nursery staff. The school has a detailed complaints policy and is available from the school office.

The procedure for general complaints is set out:

General Complaints Procedure - Overview

Stage One: Discuss concerns informally with the relevant teacher

Stage Two: Discuss concerns formally with the Headteacher

Stage Three: Make a formal complaint in writing to the Chair of Governors or a nominated governor who will then convene a Complaints Panel.

Important

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