



# **Watton Westfield Infant and Nursery School**

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



## **Hedgehog Class**

## Message from our Head of School

Welcome to Hedgehog 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. Hedgehog Class will be monitored by a 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.

Rachel Mather – Head of School

## The Curriculum

In Hedgehog Class we follow the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum, focusing on the three prime areas of the curriculum:

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Communication and Language
- Physical Development

All areas of the curriculum are covered through practical, play-based learning experiences. High quality interactions with staff and purposeful resources are a priority to create effective and meaningful learning opportunities. The environment, both inside and outside, is set up to enable children to become independent learners.



## Session Times (Hedgehog Class)

Hedgehog class 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

We accept both disadvantaged and working family funding, and privately paid places. Please speak to the office for the current prices.

Please visit <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/> to find out about all the different funding options available.

Please note private sessions are invoiced in advance by calendar month.

## **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 all together. During the session the children will have snack where a drink of either water or milk and a healthy snack will be provided. We do ask for a termly contribution of £1 per week towards snack.

## **What to bring to Hedgehogs**

- At least 2 changes of clothes in a named bag
- Any nappies, wipes and nappy bags that may be needed during the session
- You are welcome to leave named wellies in a named carrier bag on your child's peg
- Appropriate outdoor wear (e.g. warm hats in the winter and sun hats in the summer).
- A named water bottle with fresh water in each day. For health reasons, we ask that it is only plain water in these bottles, not squash, juice or flavoured water.

## **Nappy / Toileting Care**

In Hedgehogs we are equipped with changing facilities and small toilets, and we exercise good hygiene practices to accommodate children who are not yet toilet trained.

We ask parents to provide any nappies, wipes and nappy bags which will be needed during the session. We see toileting as a self-care skill, which children will 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 Class, please come to the door on the left-hand side of the main building, next to the smaller buggy shelter. Staff will open the main door at the beginning of each session to welcome the children into school. Parents are politely asked to remain outside.

We understand that some children settle more easily than others, but the staff will offer the children support and reassurance to help build their confidence. Although it can be distressing to leave a child who is upset, staff will encourage parents to leave as soon as possible as this usually helps the children calm down more quickly. Parents are welcome to phone the school or send a message on Class Dojo to find out how a child has settled. We can also trial shorter sessions for a longer period for some children if needed.

## **Collecting your child from Hedgehogs**

At the end of each session the room leader will open the Hedgehog Class main entrance 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 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.

### **Being Part of the Wider School Community**

The children in Hedgehog Class are an important part of the school, and we are lucky to use the school facilities.

-Once a week we visit the woods (on school site) and have lots of opportunity to make use of the playgrounds and play equipment to support our learning.

-Every Friday the children go to the school library and choose a book to share at home and return it again the following Thursday.

### **Class Dojo**

When your child starts with us, we encourage you to join our Class Dojo page, this is a platform to let you know what we are doing in class each week. There is also an option to message the teachers and ask any questions you might have.

### **My Child at School app via Bromcom**

My Child at School app via Bromcom is used to pay for any cooked lunches the children attending for 30 hours order and to pay for snack. You can request log in details from the school office. We ask for a weekly voluntary contribution to cover the cost of our daily snack, this can be paid half termly.

### **The Hedgehog Class Nursery Staff**



Miss Chilvers  
Hedgehog Room Leader



Mrs Paterson  
Nursery Assistant



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.