

# Welcome to Herstmonceux Pre School

We look forward to watching your child blossom along their learning journey with us. We hope that together in partnership with you, we can nurture and support them to reach their full potential. The Pre School has operated from the village hall since 2000 and has achieved 'Outstanding' Ofsted judgements in all areas in 2007 and 2011.

Thank you for choosing our Pre School for your child and we really hope you find the content of this leaflet useful and informative.

We understand how important this decision is for you as a parent and we would like to reassure you that our team of knowledgeable, dedicated and friendly staff will help you every step of the way and they will be able to answer any questions or concerns you may have.

## Transition from home

We like to see your child in their own home, 'home visit', before they start officially, this provides the opportunity to observe them playing and for you to ask any questions. We bring along 'Flopsy' our mascot to play and lots of information for you to read and forms to complete.

## Your child's first days

Following the home visit and confirmation of sessions, we encourage parents to commit to a minimum of a two week settling in period. This is to support your child and help them with forming attachments with their key person and other adults; building a trust between the child and adult - developing a secondary attachment figure (Bowlby theory). During this period we ask you to come in for a short period and be very active in their child's play, assisting them in finding and doing things, then we encourage parents to gradually retreat and become less interested in their play (a little bored!) so that their child will seek support from their key person and thus form the desired attachment. These settling in visits are an ideal opportunity for us to show parents our observation, assessing

and planning records and talk about the Early Years Foundation Stage framework- EYFS and see all the wonderful facilities we offer.

## A nurturing environment that fosters creativity and development

Unique to Herstmonceux Pre School is our team of highly qualified and experienced early years practitioners. They work closely with you to understand your child's individual needs and tailor their learning and play accordingly. Our Pre School aim is to offer a 'home from home' environment for all children where they are nurtured and motivated to grow as individuals.

## What to bring in your child's book bag for Pre School:

When your child starts we ask that you bring along:

- **Plenty of spare clothes/underwear and a pair of wellington boots/sun hat/coat ~ clearly labelled with name**
- **If applicable sufficient supply of nappies, wipes and nappy sacks**
- **Fruit vegetables or other healthy food each week, to support the Pre School's healthy eating programme.**
- **If applicable their library book**
- **A labelled drink bottle to place onto the drink shelf on arrival**
- **Communication books – to share information and observation between home and the setting**
- **Throughout the term please collect any junk media and materials for creative play**

*Other requests and items to bring into Pre School will be stated in our newsletter.  
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*Additionally, we will put up the terms for you to read involved with activities at setting.*



## Encouraging developmental growth in a loving and safe environment

### Your role

Your role is SO important and vital to the success and happiness of your child~ we never underestimate your role in your child's learning and development. We strive to create a warm, friendly, helpful and supportive partnership where your child is central to all we plan and do together. We ask you to record what your child likes to play with and do at home, either by writing about what you have seen on our home observations forms, taking photographs or videos to share with your child's key person.

## Links with our community

We take the children out and about in the village to familiarize them with key landmarks, stimulate their self-confidence, language and understanding of the world around them. The recreation ground is a real favourite with the children and they enjoy visiting it throughout the year, observing the seasons and the changes. We have excellent links with the Primary school and together worked to create a smooth transition process for the children when they start in reception.

# A welcome guide for Parents & Carers



A nurturing, safe and exciting environment where children can learn, grow, share and succeed.

