



Welcome to Rotherfield Village Pre-School

Our Pre-School In Pictures



preschool

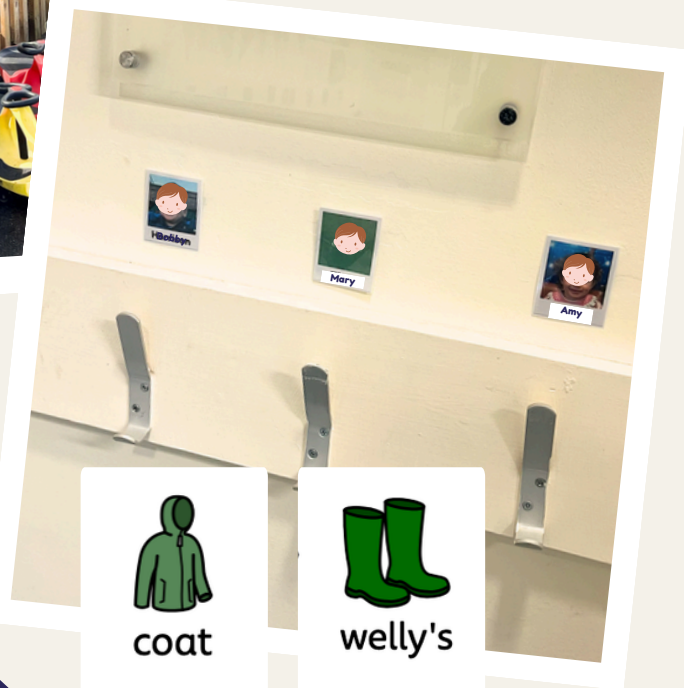
This is the gate you'll come through when you arrive at pre-school.

Your grown-up will bring you here in the morning, and we'll be ready to welcome you with a big hello! Then it's time to start a happy, fun-filled day of playing, learning, and exploring together.



You can hang your coat and bag on your very own peg.

When you first start pre-school, your peg will have your name and a picture of you on it. This will help you know exactly where your things belong!



coat



welly's

Your lunchbox will go on the shelf, and your water bottle will have its own special place too.

You can have a drink whenever you feel thirsty during the day!



water



drink



lunch boxes

This is what your pre-school looks like inside!
There are lots of exciting toys and fun things to explore,
including puzzles, games, and even dinosaurs!

It's a happy place where you can play, learn new things,
have lots of fun, and make new friends.

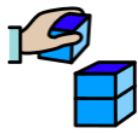



arts and crafts


toys


learning

 + 
singing and dancing



building



What do you like to play with?

We have a big construction area where you can build amazing towers, make your own village, and use the trucks to move the bricks around! There are lots of fun things to build and explore.



home corner



We have lots of fun toys that can help you learn and discover new things! If you tell us what you like to do, whether it's drawing, building, or playing pretend, we can find the perfect toys for you and join in the fun!



exploring

We have a lovely home corner where you can look after the babies, play with your friends, and pretend to be anyone you like!

You could be a police officer keeping everyone safe, a pirate sailing across the sea, or even a magical mermaid swimming under the water.

This is your Forest School area!
You can make magical recipes in our mud kitchen,
run, jump, climb, and explore the great outdoors.

And guess what? We even have a pirate ship where
you can set off on your very own adventure!



Forest



welly



boots



mud



kitchen



insects



swing



water play

What's outside?

Our also have an outdoor kitchen over here, so we have lots more space to get creative!.

Our balcony is full of exciting things to explore! We've got messy tuff trays, giant blocks, sand and lots of water play equipment.



play house



trike

Our diddicars will be outside the front door ready for us to explore Rotherfield Park.

Here are some pictures of the lovely people who will be looking after you while you're at pre-school!

They love to bake yummy cakes, paint colourful pictures, play fun games, and do lots of exciting things with you. They can't wait to see you and have lots of fun together!



Katie P
Manager and DSL



Laura
Early Years Educator, SENCO
and DSL



Mel
Early Years Educator
& 3rd In Charge



Shelley
Early Years Educator



Natalie
Early Years Educator



Louise
Early Years Educator



Sue
Early Years Educator



Diana
Early Years Educator



Molly
Early Years Apprentice

Settling-in Sessions

We are committed to working closely with parents and carers to help every child settle confidently into our setting. Our aim is to ensure that each child feels safe, secure and comfortable with both the staff and their new environment from the very beginning. We recognise that every child and family is unique, and we tailor our approach to meet individual needs during this important transition. We want parents to feel fully reassured that their child is being cared for, supported and understood.

Each child will be assigned a key person, based on the sessions they attend.

Families will be invited to join stay-and-play sessions, giving you the chance to meet staff, explore the setting and complete any remaining enrolment paperwork.

During a child's first session, they will be gently introduced to staff and other children, shown around the environment and supported to begin feeling at home. We understand that children settle at different speeds. Some may feel comfortable very quickly, while others may need more time, and a child who appears settled at first may still need additional support later on. Our practitioners take time to get to know each child, observing their behaviours, interests and developmental stage, while keeping communication open and regular with parents.

Parents will be kept fully informed of their child's progress, and we will always let you know in advance if we feel the settling-in period needs to be extended. You will be asked to complete an **'About Me'** form to help us learn more about your child. Within the first six weeks, the key person will use this information, alongside their own observations, to complete an early assessment of your child's development and learning goals. You will have full access to your child's learning journey through our Family app, where we share observations, updates, and general news and information from the pre-school.

To support your child even further, we have created a **picture book** on our website that you can share at home. It helps children become familiar with pre-school before they start, and includes helpful conversation points for adults too.

Daily Essentials

Your child will have a named peg for their coat and bag. Wellies can be stored underneath their peg. We recommend providing suitable clothing for all weathers, as we like to go on outside adventures when we can. It's important to ensure that everything is **clearly labelled** with your child's name, especially shoes, wellies, coats, bottles, lunchboxes/food containers, and any other items. Any medication or prescriptions must be in the original containers and labelled. You will be required to fill out a medical form for this.

- ☐ Spare clothes (please note clothes may get messy so please only pack items of clothing you don't mind getting untidy!)
- ☐ Spare underwear, especially if potty training
- ☐ Suitable clothing for all weathers (for example, a jumper on cold days and a raincoat is always handy!)
- ☐ Wellies (clearly labelled) or you can borrow some of ours
- ☐ Waterproof trousers or similar for woodland learning (clearly labelled)
- ☐ Sun hat or Winter hat when required (clearly labelled)
- ☐ Healthy packed lunch (clearly labelled)
- ☐ Water bottle (please only provide water and not juice and make sure it's clearly labelled)
- ☐ Nappies, creams and nappy sacks if required
- ☐ Please make sure your child's information is correct on the Family App

Our New Uniform

From September 2026, we will be introducing an optional pre-school uniform.

The uniform consists of a bottle-green T-shirt and red jumper, along with a green baseball cap and backpack, all featuring our new Rotherfield Pre-school logo. Children are welcome to wear their own shorts, trousers or skirts. Purchasing the uniform is entirely optional and completely up to each family. We kindly ask that children do not come to pre-school wearing dungarees, as they can be difficult to manage and may restrict their independence when using the toilet.



For the 2026/2027 academic year, every child registered with us in September 2026 or who joins later in the year will receive a free T-shirt, which we will hand out at the start of term.

Here is the link to order additional uniform

<https://www.brigade.uk.com/parents/school/RO8899PD/>

Our Clubs

Early Bird Club

From September 2026, we will open from 8:00am on Mondays and Tuesdays initially, while we build interest. If demand continues to grow, we hope to extend this to additional days from January. Our Early Bird sessions will therefore offer either an 8:00am or 8:30am start, depending on your needs. Please note that breakfast is not included in these sessions.

After School Club

Our After-School Club will remain unchanged and will continue to run at pre-school until 5:00pm. A light tea will be served for all children staying two hours.



Storybook Studio delivers wonderfully immersive, story-led experiences across Kent and Sussex, and we are thrilled to be able to offer these high-quality classes directly to our pre-school children. Lana's Storybook Wiggle & Sing class will take place on **Wednesday afternoons** in the Scout Hut, with children accompanied by two members of our pre-school team. **Each session costs £6.50** and offers excellent value for a rich, creative learning experience.



We will continue using the Famly app as our main platform for communication. Famly is where we share observations of your child's

learning and development, send invoices, and keep you updated with important pre-school news and community information.

If you are new to our setting, you will receive a link to download and set up our app on your device. Please ensure that your child's contact details are kept up to date at all times, including all emergency contacts. This helps us to make sure we can contact you quickly if needed and that we always have the most accurate information for your child.

We look forward to continuing to make communication smooth, consistent and engaging for all families through Famly.

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