



11th August 2025

Dear Families

We are writing to inform you of the outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection, which took place on 4th June 2025. Rotherfield Preschool has been rated as 'Requires Improvement'.

This is a change from our previous 'Outstanding' judgement and, understandably, not the outcome we had hoped for. However, we welcome the findings and are using the report as an important opportunity to strengthen our provision.

Ofsted identified areas for development, particularly in strengthening staff and leadership relationships and ensuring the curriculum is consistently well delivered so that all children are supported to make strong progress.

We are pleased to share that safeguarding was judged to be effective, with a positive, open culture in place that prioritises children's wellbeing. Inspectors also noted a number of strengths across the setting, including children's emotional security, strong friendships, and the calm, supportive way in which staff respond to behaviour and help children express their feelings. The report also highlighted the rich opportunities children have to develop confidence and independence, especially through outdoor play.

We are already taking action to respond to the areas identified for improvement via an Action Plan. Planned responses include:

- Strengthening staff support and communication
- Using assessment more effectively to inform planning and teaching
- Reconfiguring our indoor space to create a more flexible and collaborative environment
- Investing in our outdoor learning areas, which is possible thanks to the generosity of parents following our recent fundraising activity

We would like to reassure parents that Pre-school will be reopening in September as planned.

We remain fully committed to providing a safe, nurturing, and engaging environment for every child. If you would like to read the full Ofsted report, it is available <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/16/ey461031> Please do speak to a member of the team if you have any questions or would like to discuss any part of this in more detail.

You can contact us at: board@rotherfieldpre-school.co.uk

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Kind regards,
Clair, Erin and Matt

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