

pegasus Childcare Centre

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Information for Prospective Parents



A warm welcome awaits!

We are a small, Charity run Preschool and Nursery, where all our parents are members, giving them a strong voice in the strategic operation of the setting. We pride ourselves on offering excellent provision for the children we nurture and teach, in full partnership with parents, ensuring that we fully meet the needs of each individual child.

All staff at Pegasus Childcare Centre and Nursery are well qualified, dedicated practitioners who are fully committed to caring for young children. They ensure that they support children to meet their full potential through the delivery of an exciting Early Years Curriculum, where Personal Development and learning are intrinsically linked.

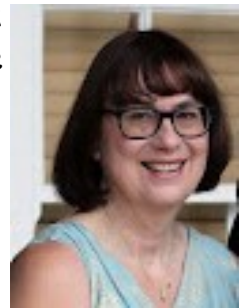
Parents are always made welcome at the setting and their views and aspirations for children are listened to and used to inform our work.

I hope that you will find this e-brochure useful and will be inspired to visit us to experience our wonderful setting for yourselves. Please look out for our Open Day Posters, or contact us to arrange a visit using the details on the back page. Every prospective parent visiting Pegasus Childcare Centre will receive a voucher for a free 'Taster Session' for their child. (Details on the back page of this brochure).

I very much look forward to meeting you in the near future!

Machaela Heavens.

Pegasus Charity Trustee and Chair of the Management Committee.



Why choose Pegasus Childcare Centre & Nursery for your child?

Of course you expect the best provision, nurture, care and learning experiences for your child, wherever you decide to send them. You will certainly receive this at Pegasus and this e-brochure aims to show you just how we do it!

Who we are.



We are a small, charity run childcare centre and nursery offering a caring, natural 'home from home environment', where the children are educated, cared for and nurtured to become confident, resilient and happy children who develop skills for their future learning. The children are treated as unique individuals and the environment reflects their needs and interests. Safety and safeguarding are the golden threads

running through everything we do. We view ourselves as your partners in your child's learning and development and believe that effective communication is crucial. All our parents automatically become members of our charity giving you a strong voice in the running of the setting along with voting rights at our AGM.

Transition into our setting

We understand how important it is for you to know that your child settles well into nursery when they join. By the time they start at Pegasus, your child will have experienced our setting using your free 'taster session' voucher. They will have received a booklet for you to share with them at home, with pictures of our setting, activities and staff so that you can look at it together and talk about all the fun that they will have at Pegasus!



Our team of childcare professionals



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CENTRE MANAGER

SENCo,
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DEPUTY MANAGER

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Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



**GEMMA
HARTLEY**

Nursery
Assistant &
School
Transition Lead
Level 5



NATASHA TAYLOR

Nursery Assistant
Level 2
Designated
Safeguarding Officer
Community Links
Lead
Fundraising lead

We have a warm, talented team of childcare experts at Pegasus all of whom are passionate about early years childcare, learning and development. Some of our staff are parents themselves and they understand the pressures parents face. We recruit staff with full and relevant childcare qualifications, having at least a level 2 qualification in childcare; Level 3 for our managers. All Staff receive paediatric first aid and safeguarding training. We continue professional development and learning, with regular training for all staff, to ensure that we provide the very best care and education. When you join us, your child is allocated a 'key person', the person who is with your child the most. You'll see that person regularly. Your child's key person will build strong relationships with your child and with you. They ensure your child is safe and happy, developing well both personally and in their Early Learning.

Our Setting

We are located in the rural village of Osgodby, 3 miles North of Market Rasen and 6 miles South of Caistor, one mile off the A46 commuter route to Lincoln & Grimsby.

Indoors

Our indoor environment is bright and welcoming with a good range of resources to support child development and learning through play. The setting is laid out to encourage children to become independent learners as they progress through the EYFS. Children can easily access and choose the toys and resource they wish to use and are encouraged to care for them.



Outdoors

We are very proud of our excellent Outdoor Environment which has been recently refurbished. Our children have full access, all year round and in a variety of weathers, to this large, securely enclosed provision. Children are able to access a variety of resources independently including a kitchen, a mud kitchen, climbing frame and slide. Our staff use the outdoor environment creatively as a teaching and learning resource.





There are many more photos of our setting to view on our website!

Community Links and resources

Pegasus is very much a part of the local community and we have strong links with Osgodby Primary School, the Village Hall Committee and the local Church. As such we are very fortunate to have access to outdoor facilities at the school and a woodland and wildlife area at the village hall. We regularly go on learning walks in the village, enjoying the beautiful, nature rich and safe environment of the rural location.

We visit the mobile library once a month when it comes to the village hall and the librarian provides additional learning experiences for the children. We also have links with a local care home and have had 'teams meets' and visits there.

Further afield, Pegasus has developed links with a nursery in Derbyshire and we are now firm pen-pals!

Our curriculum

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Curriculum sets the standard for Learning and Development from Birth to Five Years old. We use this and the Department for Education guidance 'Development Matters' as the foundation stones of our provision, building on what children already know and can do.

We begin our planning process with the children, allowing their interests to be reflected in the provision. Staff plan a range of activities to stimulate children's interest and to develop their creativity, encouraging them to 'think outside of the box'. We believe in active, hands on learning which is enjoyable, memorable and sometimes messy (no mess is too much for us!)

We are proud that Pegasus children achieve well during their time here, developing good relationships with their peers and becoming effective communicators. They receive a strong beginning for their learning journey in the areas of literacy, mathematics, knowledge of the world and expressive art & design.

(More) Curriculum Enrichment

At Pegasus, we understand that children benefit from a wide range of experiences, so we enhance our curriculum through external visits and engaging with other organisations.

We invite visitors to our setting, including the Emergency Services (Fire, ambulance and police), local farmers, forest schools practitioners and animal handlers. We are always on the look out for new experiences for our children.

As a charity, we hold a number of fundraising events each year and children are involved in setting these up, making things to sell and sending out invitations and thank you letters to the local community. This enables our children to develop some very useful early skills in entrepreneurship!



Left: Fun at our Easter Egg Hunt

Above: Washing, peeling, smelling, tasting and chopping vegetables to make a vegetable soup with the help of Farmer Jayne.

SEN & Disabilities (SEND) support.

Pegasus Childcare Centre offers excellent support for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). Our staff are experienced in a range of SEN provision. Children with SEND add a richness to the diversity of our setting and we highly value the progress that all our children make when they are with us. Our aim is to help children to integrate into our setting and support them responsively to reach their full potential. Pegasus Childcare Centre works with health and education professionals to ensure that all the children in our care and their parents access available support around raising children with SEND.

Our team members are also well trained to spot and support any emerging difficulties. From mild speech delay to life-limiting illnesses, we support each child with understanding and encourage them to be the best they can be.

Communication with Parents

Excellent systems for communication are vital to ensuring that our partnership is strong. Our 'handover' times are crucial to this, allowing you to pass on any information we need as the children start their day and allowing us to do the same at the end of the day.

We know you love to find out more about your child's day too, so in addition to the handover conversation, we provide parents with a written summary of their child's day in a very user-friendly format!

At Pegasus, we use an online learning journal called Tapestry to record children's experiences and learning and every parent has access to their own child's record. Additionally, parents can make entries on Tapestry of experiences and activities at home, allowing us to weave together each child's 'story' of learning and development. Using photographs, videos and diary entries, together we can build up a very special record of your child's experiences and journey through the EYFS.

Lunchtimes and Snack times

Mealtimes are fun times and social times at Pegasus. They are also calm times and relaxed times. Our children enjoy having conversations with each other and with adults as they eat.

We encourage healthy eating for our children, talking about the nutritional value of different foods as part of their learning.

Parents have the choice of providing a packed lunch or ordering a hot meal for their child. Hot meals are provided by a local café and delivered fresh to our door. More information is available on our website.

Snack times occur each morning and afternoon and this is provided by us. Children have access to a drink whenever they need it.



Transition to Primary School

We know that a child's first day at Primary School is a huge step for them and a source of both pride and a little nervousness for you. That is why we at Pegasus make sure that we support the move into school for your child. Our provision for our 'rising 5's' is tailored to ensure that they are 'school ready' when the time comes. Many of our children move into Osgodby Primary school, though some move to other schools in the local area.

We have excellent relationships with all our partner schools, wherever they are located. A dedicated member of staff leads a transition programme to ensure that the children are well supported in making this important step. For us, supporting the transition into primary school is the final stage in our work to provide your child with an amazing learning journey.

We hope you have enjoyed learning about Pegasus Childcare Centre and would like to consider us to provide your Early Years childcare and learning for your child.

Funded childcare places are available for both 2 and 3 year olds and we would be happy to help if you have any queries or need support with your funding application.

FREE TASTER SESSION VOUCHER!!

We want you to feel fully confident with your choice of childcare provider and we are confident that you would be confident with us. Don't just take our word for it though - try us out!

Every family attending one of our Open Days or booking a visit to Pegasus Childcare centre will receive a free taster session voucher for their child.*

And please don't forget to check out the rest of our website where you will find lots more information, pictures and testimonials from former families.



Should you require any further information or wish to book a visit, please contact Paige Shackleton: Tel: (01673) 828187 E-mail pegasuschildcare1@outlook.com

* Offer applies only to children new to Pegasus Childcare Centre. One voucher per child only. One session is 3 hours and dates / times are at the choice of parents (subject to availability).