

Inclusion and equality of access

We welcome children, young people or adults with disabilities and learning difficulties, all children from all races, religions and cultures, high or low income families will be included in all activities, outings and events within our Nursery. Our aim is to treat all children as individuals and to support and assess their individual needs. We strongly believe that all children should be equally valued and have the same opportunities for participation.

Health and Safety

Any special needs of your child will be discussed and we will record any details of your child's medical history, including any allergies.

You will be asked to sign a permission slip for any occasional visits the staff may take the children on (these are normally kept to within the village boundaries). As a safety precaution, the external doors are all tied with a bungee rope once all the children have arrived. This is to prevent the children from getting out but can easily be undone should we need to get out in the event of an emergency. All visits to the Pre-school should be arranged with staff.

At the end of the session, your child should be collected promptly. In an emergency, we can be contacted on 07770 963701. Should someone else be collecting your child, staff must be informed in advance. It is essential that up-to-date contact numbers are given to staff in case of an accident or an emergency.

We hope you have found our brochure interesting and look forward to hearing from you soon!



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Introduction

We are a small privately owned nursery located in a lovely rural area, next door to St John the Baptist School. We aim to provide a quality, positive, fun environment for the children; somewhere they make friends, learn, build confidence, and most importantly have fun!

The Nursery runs term-time only for children between 2 and almost 5. We are open from 9am to 3.00pm Mondays, Tuesday, Wednesday & Fridays. We have morning and afternoon sessions but children are welcome any time between these hours and there is a lunch club for children staying all day. On Thursdays we hold a 4's club focussed on the older children with more challenging activities linked to EYFS goals (especially numeracy and literacy) to help to prepare them for school.

What will my child do at nursery?

When new children join, we endeavour to settle them in by welcoming them into our 'homely', friendly and relaxed environment. They will be introduced firstly to their key worker; their special carer at nursery. The key worker will speak to you on a day to day basis to tell you how your child is settling, achievements, concerns, and how you can help. We work with you to decide on the best way to do this bearing in mind that every child is different.

A range of activities is available each day music, outdoor play and arts and crafts are organised around themes each half term. Children are divided into small groups with others their age for circle time each day.

A healthy snack time, takes place mid morning and afternoon. Included in the session is time for physical play. We encourage the children to go outside whenever they want to and have a lovely outdoor

classroom, Wendy house, playground and large enclosed field. Each session usually finishes with a group story time and /or games and songs.



Who manages the Nursery?

Great Amwell is a privately owned by Louise Raja who is also the Leader/manager. Louise has a Bsc Hons, is qualified to Graduate level in HR Management and is also an Early Years Practitioner. (NVQ Level 6 Equivalent). She is supported by Bev Howlett, Deputy Leader and Sarah Morris and Martin Haynes who are senior key workers. (Both NVQ 3)

The staff team meet regularly to decide on policy, to organise maintenance of equipment and plan activities for each day. We send out newsletters to parents to tell you all about our activities and how you can help / support your child.

How Can Parents Help?

We have a parent committee/fundraising team who organise social events at nursery and help raise funds. The children love to have their families involved so Parents, families and friends are always invited in to play a part in these activities.

We also invite parents in for activities such as cooking, nature walks or playing with the children. It's up to you how involved you want to get as we appreciate many parents work and are not always able to do this. Even if you can't always get in to the nursery we still keep them informed by email and we send your child's "special book" home for them to share with you several times each year so you can see what they are achieving at nursery.



Staffing At Nursery

We have a high staff: child ratio. Staff are police checked. There is always a first aider on site. They hold up-to-date qualifications and we have a continuing programme of staff development. Details of current staff and their qualifications are held at the Nursery.

When can my child start?

We accept children from 2 years of age and will talk to you about signs that they are ready. Children usually begin by attending two or three times a week building up to 5-6 sessions as they get older.

How Much does it Cost?

The good news is that although we are private we are very affordable as well! At present the government pays for a place for every child for up to 15 hours per week, from the term **after** their 3rd Birthday. Before this time current fees are £4 an hour or £11 per 3 hour session payable termly in advance.

Support funding for two to three year olds is available to families on low income. Please note fees are due at the START of each term. You may pay in 2 equal installments at the start of each half term if you prefer. We also ask for a £20 registration fee should you decide to accept a place at the nursery.

How do I find out more?

If you think Great Amwell Nursery might be good for your child, please contact us ASAP to come in and visit! You are advised to put your child's name down ASAP as the nursery is very popular and there is a wait list.

