

# **Priority: Create wraparound, high-quality nursery provision to complement our existing EYFS setting.**

## **Why are we doing this?**

Parents have requested a more flexible approach to our nursery hours and organisation and we want to be able to meet this identified need from working parents with young children in our local area.

## **Flexible Sessions**

We run a sessional nursery with a 3 hour morning session (8.45am-11.45am) and a 3 hour afternoon session (12.30pm-3.30pm), Monday- Friday. Parents have the flexibility to choose which sessions their children attend.

## **Extended Hours**

We will have the capacity in the near future to provide wraparound care for our nursery children including a Breakfast Club (8-8.45am) and after school provision (3.30pm-6pm).

## **High Quality Indoor Environment**

We try to offer the best of both worlds with a well resourced, secure natural indoor environment which includes a beautiful home corner, a cosy “Book Nook” and a sensory room for our 2-year-olds.

## **Rebranding the nursery**

We have rebranded our nursery as The Woodland Nursery to better reflect the unique woodland environment in which children are encouraged to play and explore. We believe that access to natural environments has a direct impact on children’s wellbeing and education, which is why our children have free flow access to the outdoor areas throughout our sessions.

## **Developing the Outdoor Environment**

As well as our incredible natural woodland area, we also have a large vegetable patch which we encourage the children to help develop and maintain, a soft-tarmac “balls and bikes” area, a “Secret Garden” complete with a Crooked Cottage and access to the school’s large two acre playing field.

## **Two-Year-Old Provision**

The Woodland Nursery now takes children from two years old until they start school and offer the free entitlement funding from the term after a child is three. We have employed an additional member of staff as the 2-year-old key worker to support our youngest children.

## **What impact is this having?**

Parents are delighted with the changes to the nursery and the outdoor environment being offered by the school: “My child loves coming to the Woodland Nursery and I couldn’t be happier with the work that Mrs Hanley and her team are doing”. In addition, numbers have increased and there have been productive talks with the onsite private nursery about how best to work together going forward.