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A Warm, Nurturing Start For Every Child



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www.netherfieldpreschool.co.uk



Welcome to Netherfield Pre-school

At Netherfield Pre-school, we believe that early childhood should be filled with joy, discovery, and care.

Our pre-school is a safe and welcoming space where children can explore, play, and grow at their own pace.

We know that choosing the right setting for your child is one of the most important decisions you'll make. That's why we put children at the heart of everything we do — nurturing their confidence, independence, and love of learning from the very beginning.



Why Parents Choose Us

- A warm and family-friendly atmosphere.
- Experienced, caring staff who get to know each child.
- A balance of play, structure, and outdoor adventures.
- Strong partnerships with families, working together for the best outcomes.
- A proven track record of helping children thrive as they move on to school.

Our Invitation

We would love to welcome you and your child to visit Netherfield Pre-school, meet our staff, and see what makes our community so special.



Our Values and Ethos

At Netherfield Pre-school, we believe every child deserves to feel happy, safe, and valued. Childhood is a time of wonder, and our role is to nurture curiosity, confidence, and a lifelong love of learning.



What We Believe In

- **A Warm, Caring Community –** Children thrive when they feel secure and loved.
- **Play with Purpose –** Through play, children explore, imagine, and discover.
- **Individual Journeys –** Every child is unique. We celebrate their strengths and support their needs.
- **Partnership with Families –** Parents and carers are children's first teachers. We work closely with you to build strong foundations.
- **Respect & Kindness –** We teach and model empathy, respect, and care for others.

Our Promise

We create an environment where children feel free to be themselves, where friendships blossom, and where learning is joyful every day.



Our Curriculum & Approach

At Netherfield Pre-school, children learn through play, exploration, and discovery. Every activity is carefully planned to spark curiosity, build confidence, and support each child's individual journey.



What We Focus On

- **Personal, Social & Emotional Development** – Learning to share, make friends, and build confidence.
- **Communication & Language** – Storytelling, singing, and conversations that inspire a love of words.
- **Physical Development** – Climbing, balancing, and active play to build strength and coordination.
- **Creativity & Imagination** – Arts, crafts, music, and role play to let imaginations soar.
- **Early Maths & Literacy** – Counting games, mark making, and phonics activities to prepare for school.
- **Understanding the World** – Exploring nature, community, and cultures through hands-on experiences.

Our Approach

We follow the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) framework, but we also know that every child learns differently. By observing their interests, we create learning opportunities that feel fun and meaningful.



Daily Life & Routine

Every day at Netherfield pre-school is filled with play, learning, and laughter. Our routine gives children a sense of security, while leaving plenty of space for creativity and exploration.



A Typical Day

- **Morning Welcome** – Warm greetings and time to settle in.
- **Free Play & Learning Activities** – Children choose from exciting areas: construction, role play, art, reading corners, and more.
- **Outdoor Adventures** – Fresh air and active play in our outdoor spaces.
- **Circle Time** – Songs, stories, and group activities that bring us together.
- **Snack Time** – Healthy snacks shared with friends.
- **Focused Activities** – Small group learning led by staff, tailored to children's interests.
- **Closing Together** – Calm activities and reflection before home time.



Flexibility Matters

Every child is unique. Our routine is flexible, allowing space for children's interests, spontaneous play, and special moments to shine.





Safeguarding

Your child's safety, welfare and wellbeing are at the heart of everything we do.

At Netherfield Pre-school we create a safe, welcoming environment where children can play, learn and grow.

All staff are trained, suitability checked and supported to keep children safe every day.



What we do to keep children safe

- **Trained staff** — regular safeguarding training and paediatric first aid.
- **Safe recruitment** — DBS checks and references for all team members.
- **Clear procedures** — arrival/collection, medication and illness, supervision and emergency plans.
- **Risk assessments** — daily checks for indoor and outdoor areas and trips.
- **Confidential records** — concerns recorded responsibly and shared only when necessary.
- **Inclusion & support** — we work with families and agencies to support every child.

If you have a safeguarding concern

Speak to our Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Yve Playfoot –
07376 259 468

If a child is in immediate danger, call 999.

For out-of-hours concerns contact your local authority children's services.

Full copies of our safeguarding and related policies are available on request and on our website: www.netherfieldpreschool.co.uk



Meet Our Team

At Netherfield Pre-school our experienced, caring team create the safe, playful environment children need to flourish.



Yve Playfoot

Manager/ Early Years Teacher

With 23 years in early years, including 11 as Manager, Yve is calm, nurturing, and playful. She loves stories, songs, outdoor play, and construction, supporting children's emotional development and providing a caring, confident base for learning.



Lee Shaylor

Deputy Manager/ Level 3

Lee has 10+ years' experience and is Deputy Manager alongside Donna. Calm and playful, Lee enjoys singing, dancing, drawing, and supporting emotional well-being, while promoting brain development, Autism awareness, and sustainability.



Donna Puxty

Deputy Manager/ Level 3

Donna has been with us over 12 years and is Deputy Manager alongside Lee. Organised and experienced, she leads admin, events, and mentoring, encouraging children's deeper thinking and unlocking their full learning potential with patience and belief in their abilities.



Sophie Kemp

Early Years Educator/ Level 3

Sophie is calm, nurturing, and playful, with 8 years' experience. She loves arts and crafts, messy play, outdoor adventures, and imaginative role play, helping children learn, explore, and build confidence through creative, hands-on play.

Come and meet us?

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Our Facilities

Welcoming and inspiring spaces designed for play and learning.

The Main Room

Our spacious, welcoming main room is the heart of our pre-school. Bright, engaging, and well-equipped, it offers a wide range of play and learning areas – from role play and construction, to creative arts, early literacy, and group activities.

This is where friendships are made and learning comes alive.



The Duckling Room

Our flexible Duckling Room gives children the chance to learn and play in a quieter, more focused environment. It is thoughtfully used for:

- Small-group or calm play
- Physical activities in a safe space
- Rising 5 sessions to prepare children for school

Tailored activities for our youngest learners (aged 2).

This space helps us provide the right balance of challenge and support, ensuring every child feels comfortable and confident.

Outdoor Play

We believe outdoor learning is just as important as indoors. Our secure outdoor area offers bikes, climbing, sand, water, digging and opportunities to grow plants and explore nature. Whatever the weather, children enjoy daily access to fresh air, movement, and discovery.

Come and have a look

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Admissions & Fees

Joining Netherfield Pre-School

We would love to welcome your family to Netherfield Pre-school. Our simple admissions process is designed to give you the information you need, help your child settle confidently, and make sure the sessions you choose work for your family.

How to apply

1. **Phone or email us** to arrange a visit and a tour. We will show you around, introduce you to the team, and answer your questions.
2. **Complete a registration form** (we can email or give you a printed copy). This secures your child place on our waiting list.
3. **Visit and settling-in session.** We offer short, supported settling sessions so your child gets used to the room and key person.
4. **Confirm sessions & paperwork.** When a place is offered, we will ask for the completed documents.

Sessions & Opening Hours

- Opening days: Monday–Friday, 9:00 – 3:00
- Term time only
- Flexible options: We offer a mix of morning, afternoon and full-day sessions to fit family needs (subject to availability).

Payments & Notice

- **Invoices** issued termly in advance. Payment is accepted by bank transfer and childcare vouchers.
- **Notice period:** We require 4 weeks written notice to change or end sessions. Fees are payable during the notice period.
- **Late or missed payments:** We reserve the right to charge interest on overdue accounts and may withhold places after repeated missed payments (we will always contact you first).



**We support
funded hours
and tax-free
childcare**



At A Glance

- **Ages:** 2–5 years
- **Sessions:** Morning / Afternoon / Full day
- **Hourly rate:** £5
- **Notice:** 4 weeks
- **Invoices:** termly
- **Funded hours** supported – we help you apply



Parent Partnership & Communication

We believe that the best learning happens when children feel secure, loved, and supported both at home and in preschool. That's why we work hand in hand with families every step of the way.



How We Work Together

- **Daily Updates** – We share what your child has been learning and enjoying, so you feel part of their day.
- **Parent Meetings** – Regular catch-ups with your child's key person to celebrate progress and set new goals.
- **Open Door Policy** – You are always welcome to chat with us about your child's needs or achievements.
- **Family Involvement** – Stay-and-play sessions, workshops, and special events so you can join the fun!

Why It Matters

When parents and practitioners work together, children feel confident, supported, and ready to shine. At Netherfield, we see parents as partners, not just observers.



Suggestions & feedback

We welcome feedback and aim to act on it. Please share your ideas to make Netherfield Pre-School the best it can be.



Policies & Key Information

At Netherfield Pre-school, the safety, wellbeing, and development of children are at the heart of everything we do. To provide a secure and nurturing environment, we follow clear policies and procedures, which are always available for parents to view.

Our Approach

- **Keeping Children Safe** – Every member of staff is trained in safeguarding, first aid, and health & safety. We make sure our preschool is a secure and welcoming place for your child.
- **Healthy & Happy** – From nutritious snacks to regular outdoor play, we encourage healthy routines that set children up for life.
- **Celebrating Every Child** – We value individuality and ensure every child feels included, respected, and supported.
- **Learning Together** – If your child has additional needs, we'll work in partnership with you to provide the right support.
- **Positive Guidance** – We nurture kindness, sharing, and respect so children learn how to build strong friendships.

Practical Bits You'll Want to Know

- **Opening Hours:** 9 – 3pm Mon-Fri, term time only
- **Sessions:** Morning, afternoon, or full day – whatever works best for your family.
- **Clothing:** We recommend comfy clothes and a spare set (for messy play adventures).
- **Meals & Snacks:** Healthy snacks are provided; children bring a packed lunch for full days.
- **Funding:** Government-funded hours are available, with extra sessions to suit your needs.



Need more details?

We keep a full Policies Folder available for parents to look through at any time.

If you would like a copy or have questions, just ask – we are always happy to chat.



Get in Touch



**We are here
to help
with any
questions**

Contact Details

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Testimonials & Parent Voices

Real experiences of parents and the difference
Netherfield Pre-School makes.

A humungous thank you for all your hard work, dedication, perseverance & patience with our little girl over the last year & a half. It has been so lovely to see her confidence grow & there has never been a day where she hasn't wanted to go to pre-school, so thank you for giving her such an amazing start & foundation to her Netherfield time. We appreciate you all.



We would like to thank you all for all your hard work and patience with J. Without you all he wouldn't be who he is today! He has learnt and grown so much with your support and we will be forever grateful for all you have done!

Thank you so much for taking great care of R these past two years. I couldn't have asked for a better bunch of women to look after her. She has loved her time at Pre-school so much. you will all be missed by R.

Thank you all for all your hard work, care and energy put into giving K the most wonderful experiences she has in Pre-school. She always comes home excited about her day and really looks forward to her time there.

None of this would be possible without the immense care you put into her.

Thank you for the years of care, support, kindness, nurture & love you have shown F, you have helped shape him into the lovely boy he has become. F will miss you all very much.

Preparing children for school and nurturing happy
young learners



Thank you & Next Steps



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Thank you for considering Netherfield Pre-school. We'd love to welcome you and your child to our warm, caring community — where every child is known, supported and encouraged to grow.

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journey starts here.**

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All welcome!