



# Swallowfield Pre-School

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## The Pre-School

Swallowfield Pre-School was established over 40 years ago and has seen generations of families from local villages benefit from the teaching, social and community aspects of the Group.

Based in Swallowfield Parish Hall, the Pre-School boasts a large indoor space, dedicated messy play area, its own garden and use of the vast open spaces and playground adjacent to the setting. Swallowfield Pre-School is a member of the Pre-School Learning Alliance, a national organisation which supports and advises groups catering for the under fives age group. The Pre-School is registered with and regularly inspected by OFSTED Early Years and follows the Government's Early Years Curriculum. Swallowfield Pre-School is a registered charity and relies on the support, generosity and enthusiasm of parents, staff and the local community to help ensure it continues to thrive long into the future.

## Aims of the Pre-School

The Pre-School has a number of aims including the provision of an open, friendly, safe, positive environment in which local children and families can come to play, learn, prepare for school and make friends.

## Pre-School Staff

The Pre-School is run by a committee of elected parents with a dedicated staff of qualified childcare and teaching professionals.

## Equal Opportunities & Special Needs

The Pre-School promotes a policy of equal opportunity for both children and staff and welcomes special needs individuals.

## Our Children

We welcome children from 2½ to rising 5 and take them on a journey of discovery through to induction at primary school.

## Fund Raising Activities

To help maintain the high levels of care and choices available to the parents and children of Swallowfield Pre-School, a number of fund raising activities take place throughout the year. These are open to and rely on the help of everyone; including parents, friends and the local community. To date these have included regular jumble sales, a children's Halloween craft event, a disco, race night, band night and our family oriented Sports Day and Christmas events.



## Opening Times

Swallowfield Pre-School runs five mornings a week, 9.15am-12.30. Free entitlement funding is available for eligible children; we make a small charge for the non-funded element of each session to help sustain the Pre-School. Please call to discuss the details of our charges. All procedures and policies are clearly documented and copies are made available to parents/guardians.

## The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Curriculum

The Pre-School follows the recently updated EYFS Curriculum's Early Learning Goals in preparing children for school:

- Communication & Language
- Literacy
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Physical Development
- Expressive Arts and Design

Within the Pre-School, all children are supported in developing their potential at their own pace. They are encouraged to make choices and decisions about what they want to do, thus increasing their self-esteem and developing self-confidence.

## Activities at Pre-School

A typical Pre-School day follows a structured format with themes and topics pre-planned based on ideas from the children. These themes are used to guide the direction of play and learning and are regularly evaluated and adapted. Activities include:

- Role Play & Dressing Up
- Small World Play
- Art & Craft
- Computer Work
- Puzzles, Games, Books
- Music & Movement
- Seated Snack & Lunch Times
- Phonics - Reading, Singing & Rhymes (*National Strategies, Letters & Sounds*)
- Outdoor Play - Garden, Mud Pit, Park & Copse
- Large and Small Group Time
- Trips & Visitors

**Please contact us to arrange a visit - 0777 1184982**