



# CS Nursery Schools Ltd

Tilford Meadow Nursery School

Woodland Nursery School

Churt Village Nursery School

Pine Wood Nursery School

Please find listed below the contact details for Tilford Meadow Nursery School

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Welcome to Tilford Meadow Nursery School a privately owned nursery – We provide care and learning opportunities for children from 2 years 6 months up to school age. The nursery school is an important start in education and care for parents as well as children and we hope you find it a friendly and approachable experience, enjoying your time with us. Above all we hope your child will be happy at our nursery and you will be able to make the most of the opportunities provided.

## Tilford Meadow Nursery School aims to:

- To provide high quality childcare and education in a caring, safe and stimulating environment
- To work in partnership with parents and keep them informed of their child's development and well-being at all times
- To develop a highly skilled, motivated staff team within the nursery who will work collaboratively to ensure every child has a happy and rewarding nursery experience
- To develop and implement a comprehensive nursery curriculum which has achievement, health, safety and wellbeing at its core
- To encourage children to become independent and actively involved in their own learning
- To encourage children's natural curiosity by carefully planning purposeful, indoor and outdoor play activities which will sustain their interest and develop both problem solving and decision making skills.

- To be responsive to the needs of each child, using assessment to identify and plan individual next steps in learning
- To treat all members of the nursery community with fairness and respect, promoting equal opportunities for all children, parents and staff irrespective of gender, race, culture or disability
- To establish mutually beneficial relationships with the local community and other agencies allowing us to enrich our provision and the experiences of the children
- To ensure that our service is in accordance with latest national care standards and government guidelines

**Tilford Meadow Nursery Hours are at the following times:**

	From	To	From	To
<b>Monday</b>	9.15am	12.15/1.15/3.20 pm	12.15 -3.20 pm	
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.15am	12.15/1.15/3.20 pm	12.15 -3.20 pm	
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.15am	12.15/1.15 pm	All children aged 3yrs attend until 1.15 pm	
<b>Thursday</b>	9.15am	12.15/1.15/3.20 pm	12.15 -3.20 pm	
<b>Friday</b>	9.15am	12.15/1.15/3.20 pm	12 -5 -3.20 pm	

All children in Yellow Class, our youngest class aged 2.5 years to 3 years of age attend the hours 9.15 -12.15 pm all other classes are 9.15 -1.15 (there is no exemption to these hours).

We also offer double sessions on a Monday, Thursday and Friday from 12.15 to 3.20. The nursery is open for 38 weeks a year over three academic terms in line with the local schools. We are closed during the school holidays.

**Working together for your children -The staff who work at our setting are:**

Carolyn Stidston	Manager/SENCO/DSL	NVQ 3 Early Years, First Aid
Jill Taylor	Deputy Manager/SENCO/ DSL	NVQ 3 Early Years, First Aid
Kim Rafano	Key worker/SENCO	NVQ level 3 Early Years, First Aid
Jill Palmer	Practitioner	NVQ 2 Early Years
Grace Reukers	Key Worker	QTS
Charlotte Stidston	Key Worker/Forest School Manager	NVQ 3 Early Years -First Aid. Forest School Level 3
Ruth Gardner	Forest School, Nursery Assistant	Forest School Level 1 - First Aid
Vicki Gostage	Key worker, Deputy DSL, Forest School	NVQ Level 2, Forest School Level 2
June Chuter	Key Worker	NVQ 3 Early Years –First Aid
Ali Welch	Key Worker, SENCO, Forest School	NVQ 3 Early Years -First Aid , Forest School Level 2
Jess Mackenzie	Key Worker	QTS- First Aid
Becky Thomas	Forest School	Training Level 3 Forest School,First Aid
Tamzin Greggs	Forest School	Level 3 Forest School- First Aid

At Tilford Meadow Nursery School we easily maintain the ratio of adults to children in the setting as directed by the Early Years Foundation Stage. These ratios allow us to

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- give time and attention to each child;
- talk with the children about their interests and activities;
- help children to experience and benefit from the activities we provide; and
- allow the children to explore and be adventurous in safety.

Yellow class (children aged two and half to three years of age) has 2 members of staff to a maximum of 8 children, All other classes are for children aged three years plus. Classes in the main hall there are 4 members of staff minimum (often) to a maximum of 26 children and classes in the Centenary Room have a minimum of 2 members of staff to 14 children. The legal ratio of staff to children is 1:6- aged under 3 and 1:8 for children aged 3 and over.

Our staff training is ongoing as we ensure all staff are given the opportunity to keep up to date with new thinking about early years care and education.

### **Key persons and your child**

Tilford Meadow Nursery School allocates a key person to every child. This means that each member of staff has a group of children for whom she/he is particularly responsible. Your child's key person takes a special interest in them and keeps records and evidence of their progress. These records are used to help plan sessions around the children's needs. Your child's key person will also maintain links with you in order to ensure that your child can reach their full potential. All of the staff are involved with the children during daily activities and will contribute to your child's development. When your child first starts at Tilford Meadow Nursery School, the key person will help your child to settle and they will help your child to benefit from the setting's activities. Please see our "Settling In" policy.

### **Record of development**

Tilford Meadow Nursery School keeps a record of development for each child, this is known as their "Learning Journey". Staff and parents working together on their children's records of achievement is one of the ways in which the key person and parents work in partnership. Your child's record of development helps us to celebrate together her/his achievements and to work together to provide what your child needs for her/his well-being and to make progress.

Your child's key person will work with you to keep this record. To do this you and she/he will collect information about your child's needs, activities, interests and achievements. This information will enable the key person to identify your child's stage of progress. You and the key worker will then decide on how to help your child to move on to the next stage.

### **The Curriculum**

Within the group, all children are supported according to their individual needs to develop their potential at their own pace, by means of developmentally appropriate play activities and a high level of adult input. Children are encouraged to learn and investigate independently in a safe and nurturing environment. The curriculum is flexible in order for the nursery staff to work with the children's individual interests.

### **Children's development and learning**

The provision for children's development and learning is guided by The Early Years Foundation Stage document (EYFS) issued by the department of Education. The

document sets the standards for learning and development and care for children from birth to five years.

Children start to learn about the world around them from the moment they are born. The care and education offered by our setting helps children to continue to do this by providing all of the children with interesting activities that are appropriate for their age and stage of development.

The EYFS principles which guide the work of all practitioners are grouped into four distinct but complimentary themes;

**A Unique Child** recognises that every child is a competent learner from birth who can be resilient, capable, confident and self-assured. The commitments are focused around development; inclusion; safety; and health and well-being.

**Positive Relationships** describes how children learn to be strong and independent from a base of loving and secure relationships with parents and / or key person. The commitments are focused around respect; partnership with parents; supporting learning; and the role of the key person.

**Enabling Environment** explains that the environment plays a key role in supporting and observation, assessment and planning; support for every child; the learning environment; and the wider context-transitions, continuity, and multi-agency working.

**Learning and Development** recognises that children develop and learn in different ways and at different rates, and that all areas of learning and development are equally important and inter-connected

**The Childcare Act 2006 provides for the EYFS learning and development requirements to comprise three elements**

**The early learning goals-** the knowledge, skills and understanding which young children should have acquired by the end of the academic year in which they reach the age of five;

**The educational programmes-**the matters, skills and processes which are required to be taught to young children;

**The assessment arrangements-**the arrangements for assessing young children to ascertain their achievements.

There are seven areas covered by the early goals and educational programmes:

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

For each learning goal, the statutory guidance establish expectations which describe the stages through which most children are likely to pass as they move to achievement of the goal. Our setting uses the guidance to the early learning goals to

help us to trace each child's progress and to enable us to provide the right activities to help all children to achieve and progress.

We aim to help all children achieve the goals by offering a varied programme of activities within all six areas of learning.

### **Personal, Social and Emotional Development.**

Within the nurturing environment, children are individually supported in developing confidence, autonomy and self-respect. They are encouraged to work and concentrate independently and also take part in the life of the group, sharing and co-operating with other children and adults. Through activities, conversation and practical example, they learn acceptable ways to express their own feelings and to have respect for the feelings of others. All children are given the opportunity, as appropriate, to take responsibility for themselves and also for the group, its members and its property.

### **Communication and Language, Literacy.**

In both small and large groups, children are encouraged to extend their vocabulary and fluency by talking and listening and by hearing and responding to stories, songs and rhymes. Children are helped to understand that written symbols carry meaning, to be aware of the purpose of writing, and when ready, to use and draw and write symbols for themselves. A well-stocked book corner gives every child the opportunity and encouragement to become familiar with books, able to handle them, and become aware of their uses, both for reference and as a source of stories and pictures.

### **Physical Development**

A range of equipment and opportunities, both indoors and outdoors, allows children to develop confidence and enjoyment in the use and development of their own bodily skills. A high level of adult supervision enables children safely to create and meet physical challenges, developing increasing skill and control in moving, climbing and balancing. At the same time, children are supported in the development of the fine motor skills required to use tools, including pens and pencils, and to handle small objects with increasing control and precision.

### **Mathematics**

By means of adult-supported practical experience, children become familiar with the sorting, matching, ordering, sequencing and counting activities, which form the basis for early mathematical development. As they use their developing mathematical understanding to solve practical problems, children are assisted to learn and use the vocabulary of mathematics, identifying objects by shape, position, size, volume and number. Songs, games and picture books help children become aware of number sequences and, when ready, to use simple mathematical operations such as adding.

### **Understanding of the World**

A safe and stimulating environment allows children to explore and experiment with a range of natural and manufactured materials. They learn to observe the features of objects and substances, recognising differences, patterns and similarities, and to share and record their findings. Children are assisted in exploring and understanding their environment, both within the group and also in the wider community. A range of safe and well-maintained equipment enables children to extend their technological understanding. The children use simple tools and techniques to make things and have access to a range of I.C.T. resources.

### **Expressive Arts and Design**

Children are encouraged to use a wide range of resources in order to express their own ideas and feelings and to construct their individual response to experience in two and three dimensions. Art equipment, including paper, card, paint, glue, crayons and pencils as well as natural resources, provides for open ended exploration of colour, shape and texture and the development of skills in painting, drawing and collage. Children join in with and respond to music and stories, and there are many opportunities for imaginative role-play, both individually and as part of a group

### **Special needs**

The number of adults present in pre-school enables us to provide individual attention for each child. Each child is able to progress at his/her own rate in all areas of development, and this is true for children with and without disabilities or learning difficulties. We are experienced working in close liaison with professionals across the range of special needs. If you wish to discuss the group's ability to meet your own child's needs please talk to Carolyn Stidston or your child's key person. Tilford Meadow Nursery has 4 trained SENCO's (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinators).

### **Starting Nursery**

#### **Arrivals and Departures**

We ask you and your child to wait in the hallway before each session to enable the staff to set up efficiently and safely. During this time please take your child's outdoor shoes off and replace with their indoor shoes which should be kept in their class shoe box or clothing rack, put their cardigan/jacket on their class coat rail. All shoes and clothing should be named. A member of staff will welcome everyone into the main hall, Green Room or Centenary Room at the appropriate time (9.15 am). At the end of the session a member of staff will welcome you into your child's class to collect your child. Please ensure that you arrive promptly to collect your child, as it upsets them if they are left waiting when everyone else has gone.

If your child is in Yellow Class (ages two and a half to three years of age) then please provide them with a named water bottle only. Should your child be in any other class they will also require a lunch box – named with a chill pack. All children have access to water/milk and snack during their morning.

If it is necessary for someone else to collect your child, please inform your child's key worker and complete the collection consent record. You will be asked to sign a book informing us who will be collecting your child and a password will be given. The nursery will not let a child go with anyone apart from the normal collecting person, without prior permission. Should arrangements need to be put in place during the session then please call the nursery on 07786 515866 and you will be asked to give the new named collector a password.

#### **The first few days**

A child who is tense or unhappy will not be able to play or learn properly, so it is important for parents and nursery staff to work together to help the child to feel confident and secure within the setting. This takes longer for some children than others and parents should not be worried if their child takes a while to settle. The nursery policy on settling in is enclosed with this prospectus. We feel we need to emphasise the importance of visiting the nursery, with your child, before they start to give them an opportunity to meet the staff and get used to the environment so that they are familiar with it when they are left. This is arranged via the nursery manager prior to your child's start date.

### **What to wear**

Your child needs to be practically dressed for play and exploration of the world around them. We recommend your child wear clothes suitable for play as they have access to a wide range of resources, including messy ones, and it is not disastrous if these items get dirty. It is good for the children to practise the skills that will make them independent therefore simple clothing that they manage themselves is a good idea as it enables them to use the toilet when they want to without being too dependent on other peoples help. Once again please ensure that all shoes and clothing are clearly named. The nursery has a supply of pants and clothing in the case of an accident, however some children feel much more reassured and comfortable in their own clothing, if that is the case then please could you supply this in a named bag which can be hung on your child's coat rack. If your child is not toilet trained then we will work with you to support them through this process, however we do not provide nappies and wipes so should your child still require them then you will need to supply them – again in a named bag. In warm and sunny weather we advise that children bring in hats to wear outside and have already had sun block applied to them – please see our Sun Policy.

### **What we do**

Each session begins with self registration to class group. This is followed by free play and then group circle time when we will discuss the day and children have the opportunity to "Show and Tell". The children then choose from a range of play based activities that are carefully chosen to provide good access to all the areas of learning outlined in "The Curriculum". They have access to a wide variety of resources which they can select freely from the trolleys. For 45minutes during the session we organise a café style snack system where children are encouraged to help themselves from a choice of healthy food options. The younger children have their snack as a small group. Milk, squash or water are also available, children are also encouraged to pour their own drink. Water is available throughout the session if a child requires a drink, we encourage children to come with their own names sports bottle these can then be taken to the outdoor area. Our sessions are designed to allow for continuous provision/play for the children along with adult led/focused activities provided to support and extend individual learning. All children in the nursery participate in outdoor play and activities on a daily basis and in most weathers. We use our courtyard, outdoor area, local, woods, river and meadow land for all aspects of the curriculum.

### **Outdoor Play**

We have a safely enclosed landscaped outdoor play area with an outdoor classroom, timber frame house, role play structure, climbing platform, digging area, growing area, water play, wheeled toys, balls and lots of things for outdoor activities. This area is used daily unless the weather is dangerous. We also have gated access to woodland and the green and river are opposite the setting. Outdoor activities contribute to children's health and physical development and their knowledge of the world around them.

### **Other**

At the end of each term the children perform a concert, Autumn Term – Nativity Play, Spring Term – Easter Concert, Summer Term – Leavers Concert. We have a Christmas party at the end of term for all children with food and entertainment and we have a Leavers Summer party at the end of the summer term, again for all children.

We have parent consultations in the Autumn and Summer Terms where you have the opportunity to formally review and discuss your child's progress and development

(please feel free to speak with us at any time should you have concerns in line with our open house policy).

We have a photographer visit the school twice a year and have special visits from the fire brigade etc

### **Personal Belongings**

Any items brought in to show from home should be clearly marked with your child's name.

Please do not send your child to nursery with any valuable items, as we cannot accept responsibility for these. Jewellery should not be worn, as it can be dangerous.

### **The Role of Parents**

The nursery recognises parents as first and most important educators of their young children. Our nursery aims to support parents. Parents are welcomed;

- to help at sessions
- to assist with fund-raising for nursery and charity events
- to take part in the management of the nursery through discussion and exchange of views and opinions.
- to exchange knowledge about their children's needs, activities interests and progress with staff
- to take part in events and formal/informal discussions about the activities and curriculum provided by the setting

### **Communication**

Information about current events at Tilford Meadow Nursery School are displayed on the notice board in the hallway and also on the nursery website, [tilfordmeadownurseryschool.co.uk](http://tilfordmeadownurseryschool.co.uk). It is important for parents/carers to read it regularly. There is a termly newsletter on the website informing you of the topics that will be covered by the children and events coming up.

Your child's Key person will inform you about your child's progress and should you wish to discuss your child's progress at any time they are always available at the end of sessions. Should you require a more a detailed discussion you can make an appointment to see your child's Key person or the supervisor during session time. Daily plans are available for parents to see during sessions if they wish.

### **Health and safety**

As a Tilford Meadow Nursery School we hold the necessary Public Liability Insurance. The nursery undertakes daily risk assessments on both the indoor and outdoor area prior to the children's arrival. We practise emergency evacuation drills twice a term and all key practitioners hold up to date First Aid certificates and all staff are CRB checked. All staff have attended "What to do If?" in line with our Safeguarding Policy. The nominated DSL is Carolyn Stidston.

If your child is taken ill at nursery we will phone you. Please make sure our contact numbers are kept up to date.

If your child has any allergies, dietary requirements or needs any special care please inform Carolyn Stidston prior to their first session at nursery as a healthcare plan will need to be put in place.

Prescribed medicines can be administered at nursery if your child has been taking them for a long time, e.g. medication for asthma. The prescribed medicine should be clearly labelled with your child's name and we will require written instructions and



authorisation for its usage. We cannot administer medicine that is not prescribed by a doctor e.g. Calpol or cough sweets. Please see Carolyn Stidston who will put a Medical/ Healthcare plan in place.

If your child has any infectious illness then please keep them away from nursery for the relevant incubation period and let the manager know. **Please do not bring your child to nursery if they have any of the following; Temperature, sickness and diarrhoea, conjunctivitis or untreated cases of head lice. Children with temperatures, sickness and diarrhoea must be clear of symptoms for at least 48 hours before they return. If your child has impetigo please keep them at home until the spots have stopped blistering or crusting or until 48 hours after antibiotic treatment has been started.**

There is an illness and incubation period booklet in the information folder on the information table in the hallway.

### **Fees/funding**

The government now provides funding for all children from the beginning of the term after their third birthday. However, please note that if your child is three after the 31<sup>st</sup> March and before the Spring Break they will not be funded until the Autumn term. We will issue you with a form each term that will need to be filled in and returned to us by the date stated on the form, in order for the funding for your child to be claimed by Tilford Meadow Nursery School on your behalf. Failure to return this form will result in you being billed in full for that term as no Grant will be claimed on your behalf.

The Grant as of September 2010 allows for 15 hours free childcare for children eligible over the age of three. The nursery provides the grant over 5 days that equates to three hours free child care each day. We currently provide four hours care for our children aged three years and over so there is a fee payable for the additional hour, this is non negotiable. Fees are set at the beginning of each academic term and all parents will be notified of the current fees.

We are registered for FEET funding (funding for two year old's) and Early Years Pupil Premium.

We are registered with many Childcare Voucher Scheme's; this is currently a tax free way of saving for childcare via your company of work. Please see Carolyn Stidston should you require more information.

We require a terms notice when removing a child from Tilford Meadow Nursery School or a term's fees in lieu of notice.

Fees due for your child will be sent to prior to the start of term and payment must be made prior to or during the first week of term.

Fees are reviewed annually and increased in the first academic term (from September).

### **Enrolment**

If you would like your child to attend Tilford Meadow Nursery School you should complete an application form and consent forms and return them to Carolyn Stidston. Applications and allocation of days and availability are made on a first come basis in line with our admissions policy.

**Policies**

All the nursery school policies are regularly reviewed. A copy of all the nursery policies and procedures are available each session in a folder kept on the information table in the hallway. Should you wish to have a copy of the current policies then please see Carolyn Stidston and she will e mail you a copy of each policy.

**Ofsted**

Our latest Ofsted inspection can be found online in the Ofsted website under "Inspections", you can search by nursery name or our Ofsted registration number which is EY361024. Our last nursery inspection was in October 2013 and the outcome was "Good". We are currently completing a Quality Assurance Programme through Surrey. This scheme encourages nursery to reflect and improve in all areas of practice. The Surrey Quality Assurance Scheme is like a "kite mark" for nursery provision and it shows that the nursery is striving for high quality care.

**Ofsted website [www.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.ofsted.gov.uk)**

**Finally**

We hope that your child's time at Tilford Meadow Nursery School will be a happy and productive one. If you have any queries, or if we can be of help in any way, please contact your child's key worker or the manager, Carolyn Stidston.