

# Providing quality early years childcare and education in your community.



**Create • Play • Fun**  
**For children 2-4 years**



# Welcome

Welcome to Cornmeadow Early Years & Families.

We offer a settling-in session of approximately three hours (or more if needed) on booking a place, to help your child build confidence and settle into Cornmeadow.

Families can choose from a range of flexible hours to suit their family needs and lifestyles.

If you would like more information, or to arrange a visit, see our website or drop in and speak to Lorraine.

- Childcare for early years (2-3 yrs) and pre-school (3-4 yrs);
- Full-time, part-time, and flexible day-care sessions;
- Open 8am – 6pm Monday – Friday, (term time: 38 weeks);
- Designated Special Needs Co-ordinator;
- Breakfast, dinner and tea;
- Holiday Clubs;
- Forest School.

## opening times

We offer full-time, part-time, and sessional provision

- 8am – 6pm Everyday (38 weeks)
- Flexible Day-care Sessions
- Holiday Clubs



## forest school

The philosophy of Forest Schools is to encourage and inspire individuals of any age through positive outdoor experiences.

Forest School is an inspirational process that offers children and adults, regular opportunities to achieve, and develop confidence and self-esteem through hands-on learning experiences in a natural environment. Led by our accredited leaders the children hunt for mini-beasts, pond dip, make mud sculptures, build shelters and explore within a safe and monitored area. The experiences are very real, the benefits range from that healthy, active outdoor lifestyle, social and skills development, risk assessing, problem solving, and real-life learning.



## additional needs

Our philosophy is that children with additional needs have a right to be cared for and educated alongside other children – sharing the same opportunities. We have a designated Special Needs Co-ordinator who works alongside the key person and family, developing individual plans and liaising with professional agencies.

## family partnership

Cornmeadow value the whole family, from initial visits, daily diaries, newsletters, stay & play, social events and termly family interviews. The flow of communication is our priority.

## promoting health in early years

You'll be pleased to hear that breakfasts, dinners, and teas are healthy and wholesome. In partnership with Northwick Manor Primary School the main dinner is freshly prepared in their professional kitchen, before being delivered to us. Menus are well balanced taking into consideration the main food groups and quantities of salt and sugar. We can easily adapt menus to include any special dietary needs so that your child will have nutritious meals throughout the day. Meal times are also encouraged to be social and our staff sit with the children during them to encourage table manners and social grace.







## early years (2-3 years of age)

### the meadow room

Your child will learn fast at this age. Learning about themselves and others, your child will be encouraged to develop their own personality by exploring through play, in a safe, friendly, and caring environment. We encourage social skills through group and table top activities to support development in sharing, taking turns, and model self-help skills such as washing hands, eating, and drinking. Free choice activities vary hugely and are above all fun and stimulating. We will help your child to enjoy early maths, develop their language skills, undertake creative play, and learn to relax at story time.

A nominated key person works closely with the whole family to gain continuity and to secure successful outcomes through all stages of your child's development. The Early Years Foundation Stage – Pathway Profile builds on learning and development already started within the family home, it records your child's progress and achievements, helping them to reach their full potential. Cornmeadow Individual Learning Journals provide a memorable keepsake of your child's life at Cornmeadow.

We use positive language and reinforcement to promote good behaviour. As communication isn't always established at this age we use distraction techniques and work closely with the family to formulate action plans to support your child.

When the time comes to transfer into pre-school, you and your child will have met staff, spent time together, and enjoyed each other's environments, therefore making the transition smooth for everyone involved.



## pre-school (3 years to school)

### the forest room

In the Pre-school room your child will be prepared for mainstream school. We follow the key areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage, our programme of activities are rich and varied and focus on children learning through play balanced with adult-led activities to extend and develop.

Your child will grow in confidence, demonstrate skills in building relationships, they are given time and space to work independently – which boosts self-esteem and well-being. Other curriculum activities include PE, Music & Movement, Busy Feet, Letters & Sounds with Mr Chips, and outings.

Daily Circle Time encourages your child to develop good sitting, listening, looking and thinking skills. In small key groups your child will have the opportunity to talk about themselves 'Marvellous Me', 'Show 'n' Tell', exchange news, listen to stories, sing songs, and develop language skills.

Your child's key person will track and record their progress. Profiles and Journals are transferred from our Early Years Room, or from other settings, and continue to record progress and development.

Cornmeadow recognises the benefits of its links with local schools, with visits and group discussions to reflect on change, you and your child's transfer into mainstream education will be smooth. As your child leaves us, we finish each year with a Pre-School Prom and a Farewell Ceremony to which all the family are invited, to reflect on fond memories and development milestones that we have shared with you and your child.



### how to find us



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