



Nestlings
Forest School

Nursery Prospectus



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Welcome to Nestlings Forest School and Nursery

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Little Nestlings,

Welcome to Nestlings Forest School and Nursery, a place where curiosity knows no bounds and nature becomes our greatest teacher. Nestled in the heart of Bwlchgwyn in Wrexham, our forest school nursery is a haven for young minds eager to embark on a journey of discovery and play.

At Nestlings Forest School Nursery, we believe that learning is an adventure, and what better classroom than the great outdoors? Our forest school is designed to ignite a love for nature, foster creativity, and build a strong foundation for lifelong learning.

As you leaf through the pages of this prospectus, we invite you to imagine the endless possibilities that await your child at Nestlings Forest School and Nursery. We encourage you to join us on this exciting journey where each day is a new chapter in the great story of exploration and growth.

Thank you for considering Nestlings Forest School and Nursery as your child's first stepping stone into a world of wonder and learning.

Sincerely,
Michelle Blakemoore
Principal/Founder, Nestlings Forest School and Nursery



Our Mission

At Nestlings Forest School, our mission is to create an enchanting haven where children embark on a journey of self-discovery and connection with the natural world. We nurture a spirit of wonder, independence, and resilience in every child.

Our Roots:

Nestlings Forest School and Nursery was born from a shared passion for creating a nurturing environment that seamlessly blends the enchantment of the great outdoors with the foundations of early childhood education. Nestled in the heart of Wrexham, our school is more than just a place of learning; it's a sanctuary where children flourish in the embrace of nature.

Dedicated Forest School Leaders:

The heart of Nestlings Forest School and Nursery beats with the passion and dedication of our Forest School Leaders. All our Leaders are trained professionals with a love for teaching and a commitment to the well-being of each child, they create an environment where every child feels seen, heard, and encouraged to spread their wings.

Community Connection:

We understand the importance of community in a child's journey. At Nestlings, families become an integral part of our extended community, joining hands in nurturing the growth and development of our young explorers.

Join the Nestlings Family:

Whether it's the laughter echoing through our forest, the inquisitive eyes of a child discovering a hidden treasure, or the shared moments of joy and accomplishment, Nestlings is a place where memories are made, and foundations are laid for a future of boundless possibilities.

Our Values

- Caring and passionate staff who will support your child's learning and encourage independence.
- Sense of security: ensuring the children feel safe and secure; safeguarding is at the heart of all we do.
- Happy and healthy children create thinkers and provide opportunities to build confidence and resilience.
- Active bodies and minds enhance physical development, an awareness of healthy lifestyles, and emotional wellbeing.
- Inspiring inquisitive imaginations by igniting their interests and developing independence and individuality.
- Success: celebrating all achievements, no matter how small, to support self-belief, confidence, and self-esteem, ready to embark on their next adventure.

Our staff carefully plan and prepare for each child's needs through a blended curriculum that includes child-led and adult-led activities. We adopt an 'in the moment' approach when the child's interests are ignited during a certain activity, which allows them to pursue their interests further. We also incorporate elements of the 'Curiosity Approach' into our curriculum, which provides many opportunities for 'Awe and Wonder' to take place via our array of learning opportunities.



Facilities

Location and Surroundings:

Nestled within an organic, natural environment, our forest school is situated amidst a diverse woodland ecosystem. Surrounded by tall trees, native flora, and natural elements, the premises provide a unique and immersive learning experience for children.

Classrooms:

Instead of traditional indoor classrooms, our forest school embraces the concept of outdoor learning spaces with open-air learning areas, natural seating arrangements, and learning stations that foster a connection between children and the natural world. Furthermore, we have sheltered spaces, such as tree canopies, eco-friendly structures, teepees, and indoor firepits, for protection during adverse weather conditions.

Play Areas:

Nature-inspired play areas are strategically integrated into the forest school landscape. Play areas include natural elements like fallen logs, climbing structures, and sensory gardens, encouraging physical activity and imaginative play. Sandpits, water play, and exploration corners provide opportunities for hands-on learning and creative expression.

Sleeping Rooms:

Restful areas are nestled within the forest, providing a tranquil setting for naptime or quiet moments. Portable, nature-themed sleeping mats or hammocks allow children to rest comfortably while surrounded by the calming sounds of the forest with adequate shading and protection, which will ensure a safe and peaceful sleeping environment.



Safety and Security Measures:

- **Qualified and highly experienced staff:** Our staff includes certified forest school leaders with expertise in outdoor education, first aid, and wilderness safety.
- **Emergency Procedures:** Comprehensive emergency procedures are in place, including evacuation plans and communication systems, to address unforeseen situations effectively.
- **Supervision:** Children are under constant supervision by trained professionals, ensuring their safety during outdoor activities.
- **Health and Hygiene:** Hygiene practices are maintained, with provisions for handwashing stations and proper sanitation in outdoor facilities.

Wildlife Awareness:

Staff members are educated on local flora and fauna, promoting an understanding of the natural environment and ensuring children's safety in their natural surroundings.

Our forest school premises are designed to create a harmonious blend of education, play, and safety within the enchanting embrace of nature, providing a truly immersive and memorable experience for young learners.



Forest School Nursery Daily Schedule

8:00am-8:30am. Arrival and Nature Greetings:

- Warm welcome in the outdoor gathering area.
- Nature-themed morning routine to ease into the day.

8:30am-9:15am. Nature Play and Forest Exploration:

- Unstructured play in the forest surroundings.
- Guided nature walks, tree climbing, and sensory exploration.

9:15am-10:00am. Outdoor Circle Time:

- Gathering for stories, songs, and morning discussions around the campfire.
- Nature-inspired themes to kickstart the learning journey.

10:00am-10:30am. Snack Break in the Forest:

- Healthy, nature-themed snacks enjoyed from our gardens (children will help pick and prepare)
- Opportunities for social interaction and nature observation.

10:30am-11:15am. Nature Crafts and Woodland Art:

- Creative activities using natural materials.
- Artistic expression with a focus on the forest environment.

11:15am-12:00pm. Forest Games and Imaginative Play:

- Organised group games that blend with the natural surroundings.
- Imaginative play scenarios inspired by the forest.



12:00pm-1:00pm. Picnic Lunch in Nature:

- Picnic amidst the trees.

1:00pm-2:00pm. Rest and Quiet Time:

- Outdoor rest areas for napping or quiet activities.
- Gentle transition to a calmer part of the day.

2:00pm-2:45pm. Forest and Nature Investigations:

- Hands-on experiments and nature-based learning.
- Exploration of local flora, fauna, and ecosystems.

2:45pm-3:30pm. Free Play and Nature Discovery:

- Child-led play and exploration in designated areas.
- Encouragement of curiosity and self-directed learning.

3:30pm-4:00pm. Afternoon Nature Activities:

- Rotating activities such as nature art, storytelling, or group projects.
- Continued exploration and free play in the forest environment.

4:00pm-5:00pm. Closing Circle and Nature Reflection:

- Group reflection on the day's adventures around the campfire.
- Closing routine and sharing of discoveries.

5:30 PM Homeward Bound:

- Parents/guardians pick up children from the outdoor gathering area.
- Final reflections on the day's experiences and upcoming adventures.

This extended daily routine provides a full day of engaging and nature-centric activities, ensuring a rich and immersive experience for children at Nestlings Forest School and Nursery.

Admission Information for Nestlings Forest Nursery

- Parents are to submit an application form, which is available with our prospectus.
- Prospective families are invited for a nursery tour to get acquainted with the forest nursery environment and educational approach.
- Settling in Day: In some cases, a trial day may be arranged for the child to experience the forest nursery setting and engage with educators and other children.

Fees

1 Full Day £59.50

1 Half Day 8.00am-12.00pm £38.00

1 Half Day 12.30pm- 5.30pm £38.00

2 Full Days £119.00

3 Full Days £178.50

4 Full Days £238.00

5 Full Days £260.00

Additional charge per hour or part
hour £10.00





Thank you for considering our forest school nursery – where nature becomes the best classroom for your child’s growth and learning journey.

Michelle (*Owner*): **info@nestlingsforestschool.co.uk**

Tel: **07972173102**

If we are playing in the woods, we may not have a telephone signal. Therefore, please just leave a message, and we will call you back.



| FORM 1 | |
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| Child's Surname: | |
| Child's first and middle names: | |
| Family address | |
| D.O.B: | |
| Age of child at time of completion | |
| Gender: | |
| Ethnicity: | |
| Religion: | |
| First language: | |
| Are any other languages spoken at home? | Yes - Please specify which other languages are spoken by your child. No |
| Parent or carer's full name: | |
| Relationship: | |
| Does this person have parental responsibility? | Yes No |
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| Relationship: | |
| Does this person have parental responsibility? | Yes No |
| Is your child a Looked After Child? (In the care of the Local Authority) | Yes No |
| Is your child a Forces Child? (Parent or carer in the armed forces) | Yes No |
| Is your child adopted? | Yes No |
| Is your child entitled childcare funding? | Yes – Which funding will you be accessing? No |
| Will anyone else be dropping off or collecting your child? | Yes No |
| Names of people who have permission to collect your child: | |

Please choose a password for your child. This password should be used when your child is collected by someone other than yourself. **Please inform staff when dropping off your child if there will be someone else collecting your child.**

Current or previous childminder, preschool and/or school settings that your child has attended.

| Date | Name of Setting |
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Please select the sessions that you would like your child to attend.

| Monday | Am 8.00-12.00 | Pm 12.30-5.00 | Full day 8.00-5.00 |
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| Tuesday | | | |
| Wednesday | | | |
| Thursday | | | |
| Friday | | | |

Please select Yes or No and sign and date all information below.

1. By signing below, I give permission for my child to receive first aid by a trained Paediatric Level 3 First Aider.

| Parent/carer name | Parent/carer signature | Date |
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2. By signing below, I give permission for my child to have their photographs and or videos taken whilst engaging in activities. These images will be shared with you via a secure parenting App.

| Parent/carer name | Parent/carer signature | Date |
|-------------------|------------------------|------|
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3. By signing below, I give permission for my child to have their photographs and or videos shared on Nestlings Forest School and Nursery social media platforms and/or Nestlings Forest School and Nursery website?

| Parent/carer name | Parent/carer signature | Date |
|-------------------|------------------------|------|
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4. Do you wish to be added to the Nestling Forest School and Nursery mailing list?
YES NO

Email address: _____

| Parent/carer name | Parent/carer signature | Date |
|-------------------|------------------------|------|
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5. By signing below, I am confirming that I have read Nestlings Forest School and Nursery's Policies, Terms and Conditions. Policies can be found on our website <https://www.nestlingsforestschool.co.uk/>

| Parent/carer name | Parent/carer signature | Date |
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Form 2

Emergency Contact Information

In the event of a medical emergency this will be the form we take to the hospital. Please ensure all information is up to date

We will **not** let your child leave our care if we have not been informed of any changes to their normal handover arrangements. In these circumstances we will ring the numbers on your child's emergency contact list to arrange collection of your child.

If your child becomes unwell or if we need to contact you in an emergency, we will ring the numbers on your child's emergency contact list to arrange the collection of your child.

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| Child's full name | |
| DOB | |

| Please put contact details in order of who you wish to be contacted 1st, 2nd and 3rd | |
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| 1. Name: | |
| Relationship to child: | |
| Contact telephone number: | |
| Email address: | |
| Address: | |
| 2. Name: | |
| Relationship to child: | |
| Contact telephone number: | |
| Email address: | |
| Address: | |
| 3. Name: | |
| Relationship to child: | |
| Contact telephone number: | |
| Email address: | |
| Address: | |

Medical information

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| Name of GP | |
| GP clinic address | |
| GP telephone number | |

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| Details of any Medical Conditions | |
| Medication given to treat medical conditions. Please include the dose and frequency. You will need to complete a separate medical permission form will need to be completed. | |
| Details of any known allergies | |
| Medication given to treat medical conditions. Please include the dose and frequency. You will need to complete a separate medical permission form will need to be completed. | |

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| Does your child have any ongoing assessments? |
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| Does your child have a diagnosis for an Additional Learning Need (ALN)? | Yes |
| | No |
| If Yes please provide further information. | |
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| Dietary requirements | |
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| Vegan: | Yes No |
| Vegetarian: | Yes No |
| Halal: | Yes No |
| Pescatarian: | Yes No |
| Other: | |

| Parent/carer name | Parent/carer signature | Date |
|-------------------|------------------------|------|
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Terms and Conditions

1. Enrolment and Registration:

Parents/Guardians must complete the enrolment forms accurately and provide all necessary information.

The nursery reserves the right to refuse enrolment if space is not available or if the child's needs cannot be adequately met.

2. Fees and Payments:

At Nestlings Forest School and Nursery fees are due in advance on the 10th of every month. In the event where a standing order is returned unpaid, a return charge is payable in accordance with what the bank charges the nursery. Overdue accounts will be subject to interest of 15%.

We accept most childcare vouchers and fees are based on a 47-week year, Fees can be paid via standing order, direct debit, and cash. If paying by standing order or direct debit, please ensure you use your child's surname as your reference.

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Additional charge per hour or part hour £10.00

A non-refundable booking in fee of £40.00 is required to guarantee your child's placement within the nursery.

Fees are changed on occasions usually annually, at the discretion of the nursery; you will be given one month's notice.

Five weeks holiday per year free of charge, this is when the nursery will be closed, over the Christmas period and 3 weeks in the summer holidays. You will be notified of these dates when your child starts at our nursery.

Other holidays will be charged at **full fee** and must be given in writing; we are closed on bank holidays. **All Bank Holidays must be paid for in full.** Please remember that nursery fees are still applicable even when your child is sick.

Notification of holidays in writing is imperative.

Bank details for payments Nestlings Forest School Limited

Account Number 81755672

Sort code 60-83-71

Monthly payments must be received on or before the 10th day of each month. Weekly payments must be received on the first day of attendance each week.

3. Attendance:

Children are expected to attend regularly and punctually. Parents/Guardians should notify the nursery in advance of any planned absences.

If a child is absent due to illness, parents must inform the nursery on the first day of absence.

We will endeavour to run our sessions outdoors in all weathers however, we may be unable to continue with sessions if:

- A severe weather warning is issued by the Met Office.
- It is deemed to be unsafe by the Forest School Leader.

4. Health and Safety:

While attending Nestlings Forest School and Nursery, your child will have the opportunity to take part in a range of Forest School activities, alongside free play. These activities may include digging, sculpting, whittling, tree climbing, constructing shelters and cooking over a campfire.

Parents/Guardians are responsible for informing the nursery of any medical conditions, allergies, or special requirements of their child.

In the event of a medical emergency, the nursery will take necessary action and contact parents immediately.

5. Clothing and Equipment:

Please make sure all children are appropriately dressed; light layers in the form of long sleeves and leggings/jogging trousers are the best protection from the sun, wind, and nettle stings. Waterproofs or snow suits are essential in cold and wet weather. Two pairs of socks minimum when the weather is chilly along with hats, gloves and scarves will keep your child nice and warm. In warmer temperatures please ensure your child has a sun hat and that sun cream has been applied before the session.

Parents/Guardians are responsible for ensuring their child has the necessary equipment, such as a backpack, water bottle, and any other items specified by the nursery.

6. Communication:

The nursery will communicate with parents through newsletters, emails, or other designated channels.

Parents are encouraged to communicate any concerns, changes, or updates regarding their child promptly.

7. Withdrawal and Termination:

Parents/Guardians must provide one month's written notice in advance if they intend to withdraw their child from the nursery.

The nursery reserves the right to terminate enrolment if the child's behaviour poses a risk to themselves or others.

8. Governing Law:

These terms and conditions are governed by the laws of England and Wales. Any disputes shall be resolved through mediation or arbitration in accordance with the laws of England and Wales.

9. Changes to Terms and Conditions:

The nursery reserves the right to update these terms and conditions. Parents will be notified of any changes in advance.

10. Agreement:

By enrolling your child in Nestlings Forest school and nursery, parents/guardians agree to abide by these terms and conditions.

By signing below, you are agreeing that Nestlings Forest School Leaders have done all they can to minimise risks on site, and that you understand that some risks have benefits - allowing your child to learn to manage risk for themselves, with our supervision. For further information please refer to our policies, these can be found on our website.

Thank you for your cooperation, if you have any questions, please get in contact.

Parent/carers name _____

Parent/carer signature _____

Date _____

Office use

Received by (staff name) _____

Staff signature _____

Date _____