

# Welcome to Kingswood Nursery School



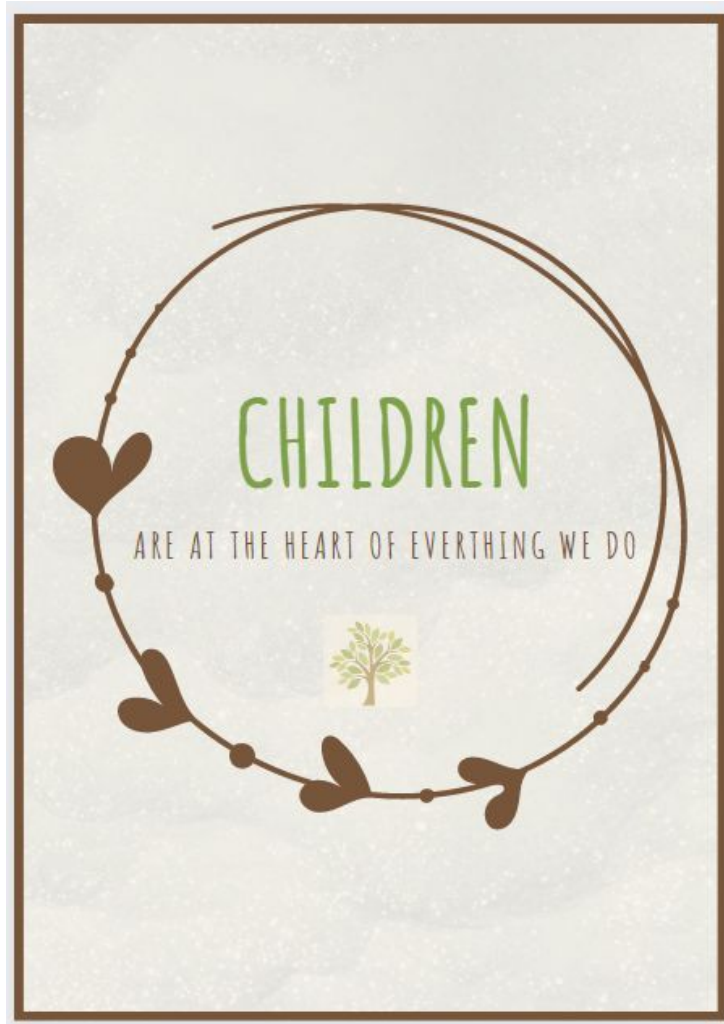
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# Kingswood Nursery School

- ▶ is a unique and special place
- ▶ has a wonderful community spirit
- ▶ has a vibrant and inclusive atmosphere
- ▶ celebrates diversity
- ▶ nurtures positive relationships
- ▶ places wellbeing of the children at the heart of the school



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# How will I settle into school?

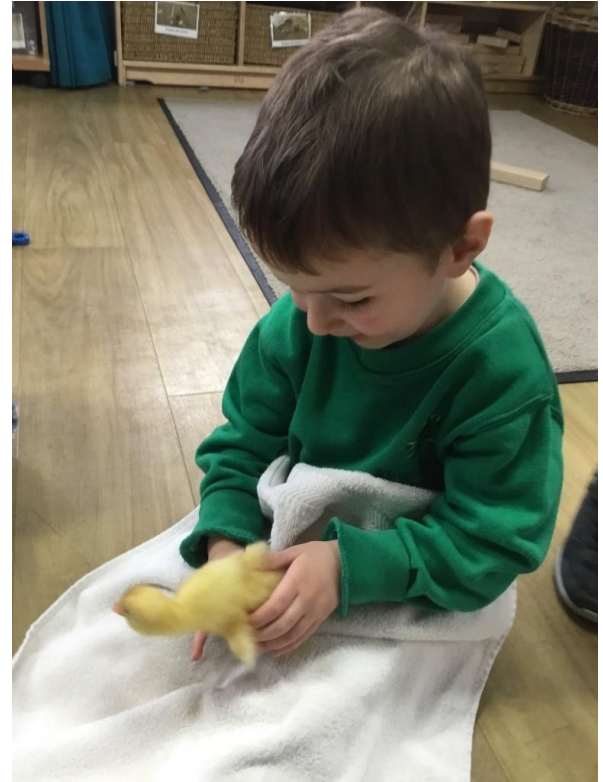


- Stay and Play sessions in Summer Term
- Home Visit with Key Person in September
- Staggered start in September
- Provision planned based on interests
- Allocated Key Person finds out what I already know and what I can do

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# Who will take care of me?

- I will be assigned a named Key Person.
- They have a responsibility to comfort and reassure me and to liaise with my parents.
- Their role is to help ensure that my learning is tailored to meet individual needs.
- They will play with me, observe me and plan meaningful experiences.
- My Key Person will update our online platform, speak to you and share our group floor book with you



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# What will I learn?






## Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)



- This is a statutory framework that must be provided for children aged between 0-5 who attend a setting.
- Delivered through play based, and hand on learning experiences
- Promotes playing and exploration, active learning and critical thinking

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# 5 Ways to Wow: Our Outcomes for children at Kingswood

<p><b>I can converse.</b></p> 	<p><b>I care.</b></p> 	<p><b>I make connections.</b></p> 	<p><b>I am creative.</b></p> 	<p><b>I am confident.</b></p> 
<p>I use an extensive vocabulary to add detail to my explanations and observations.</p>	<p>I have a positive sense of self so that I can independently participate in a small group, and the wider community.</p>	<p>I can make links in my learning to deepen my understanding of the world.</p>	<p>I relish participating in stories, music, songs or rhymes, and I use materials both imaginatively and with a purpose.</p>	<p>I can take risks, stay safe and willingly engage in new experiences.</p>

# Our Curriculum Intent

Our **ambitious** curriculum is organised to ensure that the children at Kingswood aim high, enabling them to be **confident and capable learners** in the next phase of their education, and **conscientious citizens** of the future.







Planned and spontaneous first hand learning!



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# Well organised environments!



# Balance of child initiated and adult initiated play!



# Daily stories and rhymes



# Seasonal walks in the local environment!





- ▶ access to a range of open ended resources



Supplemented  
by events,  
visitors and  
celebrations  
across the year!



**Supported by knowledgeable,  
experienced and sensitive adults.**



# How will we share this with you

- ▶ Observe at Stay and Plays
- ▶ Floorbooks
- ▶ Face to face conversations and meetings
- ▶ Online school:home app
- ▶ Newsletters
- ▶ Regular whole group updates on our online platform



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# What will I do?

- Participate in adult-led activities, 'Key Person Time' within a small group and 'Child Initiated Learning' where I will make my own choice about where and who I play with
- Access a curriculum planned to meet my interests and needs
- Participate in new experiences inside and outside
- Access interesting resources that inspire thinking and creativity
- Be supported by staff who support my learning and extend me at every opportunity.



**Parents can view what your child has done by viewing our group Floor Books.**

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# Snack Time!



## Each session we provide:

- Milk or water
- A healthy snack
- We promote healthy eating and good oral hygiene practices.
- We request a voluntary contribution of £2.50 per week to help us meet these costs.

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# Can I stay for lunch?



- You can request a place for your child at lunch club.
- You will need to request and pay for this 30 minute session in advance.
- We do not provide lunch.
- You will need to bring a healthy packed lunch from home.
- No sweets, drinks, crisps, biscuits or chocolate.
- Aim to keep portions sizes minimal and limit waste.
- NO nuts or nut products including Nutella, or pesto.



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# What shall I wear?

- Clothes that are comfortable, practical, and suitable for the weather
- Clothing that is easy or to wash, and that may get stained.
- School sweatshirt and polo shirt is optional. You can order via the website on the QR code.
- All items of clothing must be NAMED
- Elasticated trousers and skirts, and loose clothing, are easy for toileting
- Short sleeved shirts are practical for water and creative play
- Flat sturdy shoes, no laces, Crocs, flip flops or sliders!
- No jewellery should be worn for safety reasons
- We provide wellington boots.



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# What shall I bring?

- A Kingswood book bag – check for letters
- No HUGE RUCKSACKS – we just don't have the space in the cloakroom area.

Weather dependent:

- A raincoat
- Sunhat (I must have cream applied BEFORE school)
- Warm winter coat, hat and gloves



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# What do we celebrate?



- A range of relevant events and festivals
- Birthdays
- Please **DO NOT** send in cakes or sweets for birthdays.
- Alternatives include fruit, a house plant or book for school with a message written in the front.



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# How do we keep your child safe?



- We encourage risk taking and we teach the language of consent
- No mobile phones to be used in school grounds
- No Smoking OR vaping in school grounds or outside the school fence
- Park considerately (and do not block our neighbours driveways)
- Shut the gate behind you
- Password for pickup
- Let us know immediately if you change your phone number
- Share any relevant medical, allergy and family information
- Hand prescription medicines to staff
- All staff have a full DBS check and more than not are paediatric first aid trained
- We have designated safeguarding leads and deputies in school

**We have a statutory duty to report any concerns about the safety or welfare of children in our care.**

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# Will I be photographed?

We use photographs of the children to:

- Celebrate learning
- Share progress with parents and children
- Inform parents of what is happening in school
- Remind children of previous learning
- Showcase our practice on our website



**Please sign the photo permissions form to enable this to happen.  
We never place children's names alongside photos of them on our  
the website.**

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# Commitment to Inclusion

- We are committed to providing the best outcome for every child in our community
- Every child is valued as an individual and has equal access to education opportunities regardless of race, religion, colour, gender or special needs.
- We encourage children to be caring, tolerant and interested in each other and their cultures.
- We recognise that all children develop at different rates and progress is not 'linear'.
- With a knowledgeable and experienced team we are quick with early identification of need

<https://www.founnyears.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/What-to-Expect-When-2018.pdf>



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# How often do I need to attend?

- 15 hours OR 30 hours plus wraparound (Nursery)
- Session Timings:
  - 8:30-11:30am
  - 12-3pm
  - OR 8:30am-3pm
- Punctual
- Expected to attend every session (welfare)
- Importance of routines
- Notify us of medical absence on first day
- Remain home if infectious
- Prompt collection



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# How can my parents be involved?

- Talk to us!
- Read, comment and upload photos to our online platform
- Tell us about your family celebrations
- Share photos and artefacts that we can look at together
- Consider becoming a parent governor
- Tell us about your skills and careers
- Support your child's learning at home
- Attend the forums and workshops we provide
- Provide feedback via questionnaires



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# How can you support my learning at home?

- Have conversations
- Read to your child every day
- Go for walks in your local community and talk about what you can see
- Sing songs or rhymes
- Play turntaking games
- Encourage your child to help with daily chores like cooking, loading the washing machine, pegging out clothes
- Point out letters and numbers on the journey to school and around your home
- Promote independent skills like putting on a coat and shoes
- Practice eating lunch in preparation for lunch club



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# How we communicate at Kingswood

- **School Website**



- **Email**

Email: [admin@kingswood.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@kingswood.herts.sch.uk)

- **Regular Newsletters**



- **Face to face**

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# What shall I do now?

- Ensure you have read the policies on the website
- Complete:
  - Google Form Document
  - Home School Agreement
  - Parent Declaration
  - All About Me
- Attend the Stay and Play sessions
- Visit:

[https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/Schools-and-education/Starting-school.aspx#DynamicJumpMenuManager\\_2\\_Anchor\\_4](https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/Schools-and-education/Starting-school.aspx#DynamicJumpMenuManager_2_Anchor_4)

- Set up Wise pay
- Talk to your child about starting at Kingswood

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# Checkpoint!

<b>Do I need to let you know if my child is off sick?</b>	<b>What are the school times?</b>	<b>Can I use my mobile phone on site, when the children are not around?</b>	<b>Do you provide hot dinners?</b>
<b>What should I put in my child's lunch box?</b>	<b>Do I need to bring welly boots, or will my child stay inside on a rainy day?</b>	<b>Is it OK to park across a residents driveway ... just while I am dropping off?</b>	<b>I've got held up. Can I send someone you don't know to collect my child?</b>
<b>How do I get preferential treatment to park on the zigzags outside school?</b>	<b>Can I use lunch or extended care on an adhoc basis?</b>	<b>Who do I speak to if I have concerns about my child?</b>	<b>Can I volunteer in school?</b>
<b>Is it OK to send my child in lace up shoes?</b>	<b>How will I find about what it is going on at school?</b>	<b>Do I need to pay for snack?</b>	<b>Will my child learn to read and write?</b>
<b>My child is still in nappies. Can they start at nursery?</b>	<b>Can I send my child in if I have given them Calpol?</b>	<b>Is uniform compulsory? How do I order it?</b>	<b>Can I send in cake on my child's birthday?</b>

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**We look forward to welcoming  
you soon!**



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