



"The Roots To Grow & The Wings To Fly"

LITTLE FORESTERS

NURSERY CLASS BROCHURE





“There are only two lasting bequests we can hope to give to our children. One of these is roots; the other wings.”

~
Hodding Carter



Welcome to

WESTERN DOWNLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

“the roots to grow and the wings to fly”

We are very proud of our school and the children, parents and staff who make Western Downland so special.

We aim to provide a loving, supportive, safe environment filled with warmth and promise, nurturing each individual's talents to give the *“Roots to Grow and the Wings to Fly”*.

We offer the friendly, family atmosphere of a village school. You will find us a happy community where all members of the school team are dedicated to ensuring children feel valued, safe and cared for based on our Christian school values of Love, Fellowship and Righteousness.





What people say about us :

"The quality of practice and provision, particularly in Year R is of the highest quality and is outstanding."

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HCC Visit Report November 2018

"The Early Years Foundation stage is a real strength of the school. "

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Ofsted 2017

"Parents are overwhelmingly positive, with many commenting on the 'nurturing environment' and the 'family feel' of the school."

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Ofsted 2017

"My daughter adores being outside and having fun in the Forest School area."

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Parent

"The Little Forester's sessions are hugely beneficial for my child and I feel they are supporting her transition to school."

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Parent

"This is a good school. It has strong, caring ethos and high expectations of pupils that ensure they achieve well, both academically and personally."

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Ofsted 2012

An aerial photograph of a school grounds. In the upper right, there is a large green field. Below it, a white building with a red roof is visible. To the left of the white building, there is a red building. The foreground is dominated by a large, dense green field. In the bottom right corner, there is a red building with a white roof. The background shows a line of trees and a road.

Forest School

Our Forest School environment is set in the school grounds of the infant site in Damerham. The woodland area provides a rich and stimulating setting for children to explore, play and learn.

Through Forest School sessions children learn how to handle risks and to use their initiative to solve problems, co-operate with others and develop resilience as well as expand their knowledge about the natural environment around them. They understand boundaries of behaviour; both physical and social, establish and grow in confidence and self-esteem, becoming self-motivated and independent learners.

Forest School forms part of our broad and balanced curriculum once the children start formal education in their reception year. This continues throughout the school.

We do not charge additional fees for Forest School and it is integrated into the nursery.



The Nursery Classroom

In addition to exploring the forest school area, the nursery class also benefit from their own purpose built classroom and outdoor area. The nursery classroom is linked to the reception classroom in our Early Years unit. The links with the reception classroom along with access to school facilities ensure the children are familiar and confident in their surroundings before they start school.

Staff

One of the features that makes our nursery unique is that we have a fully qualified teacher to lead our nursery setting as well as support staff with many years' experience in caring for young children. In addition to this our Forest School is led by a fully qualified Forest School Leader.

Our Partnership with Parents

We truly value the relationships we build with parents and families and we encourage parents to be a part of their child's education - we believe that one of the key tools in our partnership with parents is communication. To foster this culture and forge strong links with parents we:

- Offer settling sessions
- Have a 'key worker' system in place
- Use online learning journeys to share children's learning and adventures
- Publish regular newsletters, to include curriculum and activity information
- Offer parents consultations to discuss your child's progress



Key Information

WHAT DO WE NEED TO KNOW?

Admissions

We can take children from the term of their third birthday (2 years and 9 months+). Spaces are allocated on a first come first serve basis. Please contact the school for further information.

Transfer to School

The September following your child's 4th birthday they will transfer to Primary/Infant education. Most children go on to attend Western Downland CE VA Primary School, however some children may choose to attend other schools. Children are admitted to Western Downland CE VA Primary School in accordance with the admissions arrangements which can be found on the school website.

Please be advised that admission to the Little Foresters Nursery does not mean automatic admission to Western Downland CofE VA Primary School.

Accessibility and Equality

We actively promote equality of opportunity and anti-discriminatory practice. We value and promote all children's individual and diverse needs. We aim to provide a school which enables all children to have full access to the provision in order to progress and achieve their full potential regardless of race, faith, culture, gender, disability or Special Educational Need. We encourage our children and community to recognise and celebrate differences. Our provision is in line with the Single Equality Act 2010. The School's Policy and Equality Objectives are available at the school office or can be viewed on our website.

Special Educational Needs and Disability

Our school is accessible to children and adults with disabilities.

We work in partnership with parents to identify where individual support may be needed. If your child requires specific support we will work with you and other professionals to ensure your child's needs are met in line with the Special Educational Needs and Disability Code of Practice 2014, which informs the School's Policy available to view on our website.





Safeguarding your Child

At Western Downland, the security, stability and safety of children in our care is paramount. We aim to work in partnership with you to ensure your child's best interests. If we have any concerns about your child we will discuss them with you. The school may be able to offer support for your family if required. Our Safeguarding and Child Protection policies are available to view on our website.

To ensure site security, all visitors to the school sign in and out and are issued with badges to be worn whilst on the premises. Staff will ensure that only the people identified by parents / carers will be able to collect their children.

Clothing and Footwear

We want your child to have lots of fun at nursery and become a confident and independent learner. We do lots of exploring and hands-on activities both indoors and outdoors and your child may get messy!

Your child will need to wear appropriate and manageable clothing and footwear. This includes coats, hats, gloves, sunhats and secure footwear.

Although not compulsory, we do offer a Little Foresters uniform, also available through Wovina. This can continue being used for Forest School when children enter Reception.



Snacks and Lunch

During the morning and afternoon sessions children will be provided with a healthy snack.

Our in school catering team offer the opportunity for our nursery children to have a hot meal at lunch time at a small additional cost. We offer a varied, healthy and well-balanced menu and there is always a meat and a vegetarian option available. We also welcome bringing home packed lunches if preferred, but please ensure these are **nut free**

Permissions

A permission consent form will be signed on admission to enable your child to be taken on supervised outings and visits.

A Privacy Statement will also be included to clarify how your data is kept and used in accordance with the new General Data Protection regulation (May 2018)

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If you would like to find out more about our Little Foresters setting please contact us to ask any questions or arrange a visit.



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