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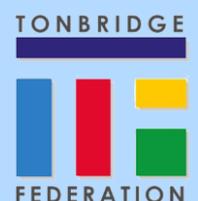
**PRESCHOOL**

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## About us

Bright Stars is a Preschool provision for children from the term after their third

*"YOUR children have been AMAZING and so well behaved."* Visitor

birthday.\* The school is open for morning sessions Monday to Friday 8:30-11:30 and afternoon sessions Monday to Thursday 12:20-15:20.

Graded *GOOD* by Ofsted in 2019, Bright Stars Preschool provides an excellent start to your child's education.

## Our aims

### Explore

We explore the world around us. We have a special focus on the performing arts and the outdoors, enhanced by our Forest School activities.

### Create

We inspire creative and independent thinking, through our open-ended play activities, and by celebrating and listening to our children's ideas.

### Discover

We give children opportunities to follow their fascinations and discover their capabilities by planning our learning journey with them.



\* The Preschool offers a limited number of places to low income families from the term prior

to their third birthday. Please contact the Preschool for more information.

## How do we achieve our aims?

- We create an atmosphere of fun and friendship for everyone, adults and children alike.
- We celebrate the unique characters of our children and embracing their different interests.



- We develop high self esteem and a strong growth mind-set.
- We offer diverse opportunities for children to develop their gross and fine physical skills.
- We provide a secure and stimulating environment so that all children have the confidence to develop and practise their language skills.



"Our child really does enjoy coming to school and learning" Parent

- We have strong links with the local community.
- We encourage our families to be involved in all aspects of the Preschool including supporting learning at home.



## Our staff team

Our Preschool is staffed by exceptionally well qualified and experienced people.

**Felicity Webster** is a qualified teacher. She has twenty years' experience teaching children in nursery and reception classes. She is passionate about education and believes that every child's early learning should be a happy and exciting process. She is a Forest School leader and is very excited about learning outdoors; inspiring and motivating children in the fresh air and ever changing woodland.



**Nicky Wilson** is a qualified Nursery Nurse with nearly forty years of experience working with nursery age children and their families. Nicky is a Designated Safeguarding Leader trained to keep children safe. She feels very strongly about including all families and ensuring they feel welcomed and part of the Preschool.

**Lois Dann** has been working with children for 4 years. She has qualifications in childcare and has completed the course Understanding Autism. Lois enjoys working with children in both reception and preschool classes. In addition to this she has worked for several years at the Aslan group at Tonbridge Baptist Church, where all children with special needs are loved and nurtured.



## Our accommodation

The Preschool is based on the site of Long Mead Community Primary School with its own separate learning accommodation and play space.

We are very fortunate to have large and very well resourced indoor and outdoor spaces.

Outside we have a gardening area and planting beds so children can plant flowers and vegetables. There is a large three tiered sandpit, role play house, bikes, scooters, balancing equipment and a climbing frame on a soft surface.



The indoor space is divided into areas for role play, art and craft, reading, writing, construction and small world play.

All together, these spaces provide an amazing place for your child to learn and play.

*"Thank YOU so MUCH for all YOU have done for OUR daughter She has loved her year with you and YOU have given her an amazing start to her school career." Parent*

## Our unique edge

Our Preschool offers a range of unique opportunities to excite young children into exploring, discovering and creating.

Music, Dance and Drama are important in teaching young children how to express themselves. The children get the opportunity to play instruments, sing, act and dance so they can be creative and discover new talents.



The Preschool also has a superb Forest School area where the children can explore and discover the great outdoors.

Children have many opportunities to explore and discover the world beyond the Preschool. For example, the children visit farms, the seaside, places of worship and restaurants to name a few.

We also welcome visitors from outside to enrich the children's experiences. For example, we have regular visits from fire fighters to talk about keeping safe, vets to help the children look after their pets, computing experts to help the children discover new skills and sports coaches to teach the children about fitness.



So as you can see from the few examples above, Bright Stars really provides children with an excellent range of different and exciting experiences.

## Our curriculum

Children in the Preschool will follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. This is designed to give them the very best grounding and preparation for starting school.

We will focus on:

- Personal, social and emotional development
- Physical development
- Communication and Language
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding of the world
- Expressive arts and design



The activities we provide will enable the children to explore, discover and create in these areas within a happy, safe and playful environment.

Your child's achievements in all these areas are carefully recorded by our trained professionals so you can see the progress they are making.

### **A typical day at Bright Stars.....**

- ◇ Greeting friends and table top activities to develop fine motor control
- ◇ Whole class welcome, singing songs and rhymes together and whole class activities.
- ◇ Plan-Do-Review (child initiated play).
- ◇ Snack time.
- ◇ A range of different activities as a small group
- ◇ Story and preparation for home time.



**"Our child has been given a great start to their academic years ahead."** Parent

## **Further information**

We will provide fifteen hours free Preschool to every child from the term after their third birthday.

The Preschool will offer an additional 'lunch time' experience for children who are staying all day. This will be charged at £5 a day.

If you are interested in finding out more information or would like to arrange a visit, you can contact us in the one of the following ways:

- \* Telephone: 01732 350601
- \* Email: [brightstars@tonbridgefederation.co.uk](mailto:brightstars@tonbridgefederation.co.uk)
- \* Website: [www.brightstarspreschool.net](http://www.brightstarspreschool.net)
- \* Facebook: [www.facebook.com/brightstarspreschoolTF](http://www.facebook.com/brightstarspreschoolTF)

## **Want to apply for a place?**

Complete an application form (available on the website or from the Preschool or Long Mead school reception) and return it to us as soon as possible.

