

Dear Parents and Carers,

Did you know that Guildford Nursery School is a **maintained nursery school**?

Do you know the difference between a maintained nursery school and other nursery settings?

Maintained nursery schools are local authority schools:

- They are funded and controlled by the local authority. They are not run for profit.
- They must be led by a headteacher and employ other qualified teachers (QTS).
- Like other schools their special needs co-ordinator must be a teacher.
- They are inspected in exactly the same way as primary and secondary schools whereas other nursery settings have a different, separate inspection framework.
- They provide high quality early education, led by specialist headteachers, and delivered by qualified teachers and qualified early years educators. The focus is education rather than childcare.
- There are just 4 maintained nursery schools in Surrey.



If you are interested in knowing more please do get in touch with me

You might like to watch our **short film** which explains more of what we do:

[Guildford Nursery School at York Road - YouTube](#)

[Guildford Nursery School at Hazel Avenue - YouTube](#)



We would like to **invite you all to meet with myself and other staff** on:

22 September 9am-9.45am at York Road.

4 October 9am-9.45am at Hazel Avenue.

This will be very informal so please drop in at the time that suits you between 9am and 9.45am. If you have your child with you then feel free to bring them along too.

It will be lovely to catch up with each of you.

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We are on both **Facebook and Instagram** so please do follow us and see all the children do.

If you have any queries or concerns please do contact me. We are here to support you all.

Kind regards

Sally

Headteacher



Dates for your diary:

Week beginning 3 October: **Come and play sessions** at nursery when you can come to nursery with your child and let them show you around. Your key person will be in touch with timings.

4 October: **Photographer** at Hazel Avenue.

13 October: **Photographer** at York Road.

24 – 28 October: half-term. **Nursery closed**.

7 November: **Parent meetings** with your child's key person.

Week beginning 21 November: **Come and play sessions** at nursery.

28 November: **Nursery closed** for staff training.

16 December: **Term ends at 12pm**.

NB: There will be several **Christmas** events which will be confirmed in a few weeks.

19 December – 4 January: **Nursery closed**.

5 January: **Children return to nursery**.