

Dear Parents and Carers,
At Guildford Nursery School we use the principles of Friedrich Froebel to guide our work.

What does this mean for your children in our nursery school, how it might be different to being in another educational setting? Here are the answers!

At Guildford Nursery School, children are able to spend as much time as they like outside and they choose whether they spend time indoors or outdoors.

Experiences such as gardening, cooking, woodwork, sewing, climbing trees, lighting a fire, using clay are all features of our curriculum.



Children are given the freedom to make choices with adults present to guide them when necessary.

We accept each child exactly as they are and build on their strengths, providing the right support at the right time.

The resources offered for children provide them with opportunities to really think and use their imagination, are often reusable and recycled, and are always beautifully presented.

Children are given plenty of time and space to play and communicate.

Staff look for the good intentions behind every child's actions.



Adults observe each child carefully so that they can respond to their interests. They teach the skills and knowledge that the children need.

Relationships between staff and children are always warm and respectful; together they share in the joy and delight that is discovery and learning.



Froebel wanted to *“educate people to be free, to think, to take action for themselves.”* We would love every child everywhere to be educated so that they too can have the freedom to make choices; to think creatively and critically; and to be able to make their dreams a reality. Froebel knew that you are never too young or too old to start.

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If you would like to know more, please see:
[Shaping-our-future.pdf \(guildfordnsc.surrey.sch.uk\)](#)

I am really looking forward to **meeting with you** on the following dates:

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.

Please do take a look at the flyers with this newsletter. One is all about our governors and asks whether this is something that would interest you. The other is advertising our new Community Gardening and Social Group.

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.**