



Toad Hall

Children's Nursery



Little Steps... Large Leaps



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A note from Claire and Gail

For over 25 years our philosophy at Toad Hall places each individual child at the centre of their relationship driven learning environment. Children develop at different rates and in different ways, each child's potential will emerge under favourable conditions, where the children feel loved and secure. The value of parents, as the primary educators, in their child's life is reflected in the spaces we create for our children at nursery. The quality of our professionally designed care environments allows your child to build on their existing knowledge whilst developing new ways to embrace challenges.

Gail Tanner and Claire French Co-Managing Directors

“ ...what your child brings home in their head is more important than what they bring home in their hands. ”

“ We don't stop playing because we grow old, we grow old because we stop playing. ”

George Bernard Shaw

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Our Ethos

Parents as Partners

It is important to remember that you know more about your own child than anyone else. Practitioners will ask you regularly about your child and share information with you about their progress. Information from home about your child's interests, achievements and challenges are valued and we love to hear about them.

Why do children play?

It enables them to.....

- ✓ explore, develop and represent learning experiences that help them make sense of the world around them
- ✓ learn how to control impulses and understand the need for rules and boundaries
- ✓ practise and build up ideas, concepts and skills
- ✓ be alone and be alongside others
- ✓ take risks and make mistakes
- ✓ think creatively and imaginatively
- ✓ investigate and solve problems
- ✓ have fun!



The Early Years Foundation Stage



What is the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)?

The EYFS is a framework for children's development from birth to the end of their first year in school. It describes how your children should be kept safe and cared for and how all concerned can make sure that they achieve the most that they can in their earliest years of life. The EYFS framework describes how early years practitioners should work with children and their families to support their development and learning.

The EYFS supports the view that young children learn best through play and first-hand experience. Practitioners provide your children with a range of appropriate play and learning experiences for their stage of development and help them develop new skills. The activities that are provided for young children will underpin the skills and knowledge they need to work towards the Early Learning Goals at the end of their reception year at school.



Our Care Environments



0-2 year olds (Storks, Hedgehogs, Butterflies, Dragonflies)

Each room has its own fully qualified Room Leader, supported by a highly qualified and experienced team of nursery nurses, who are both paediatric first aiders and specialists in the under twos.

We care for our babies from 3 months old, whilst maintaining their routines from home. Each babies admission is sensitively managed enabling

both babies and parents to become familiar with the new surroundings. We feel the outdoor environment is equally important for all ages and we encourage this by ensuring there are times dedicated for babies to spend outside with safe and exciting areas to explore.



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2 years + (Little Toads, Ladybirds) Pre-school (Badgers, Owls)

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Why Everyone Loves Our Food



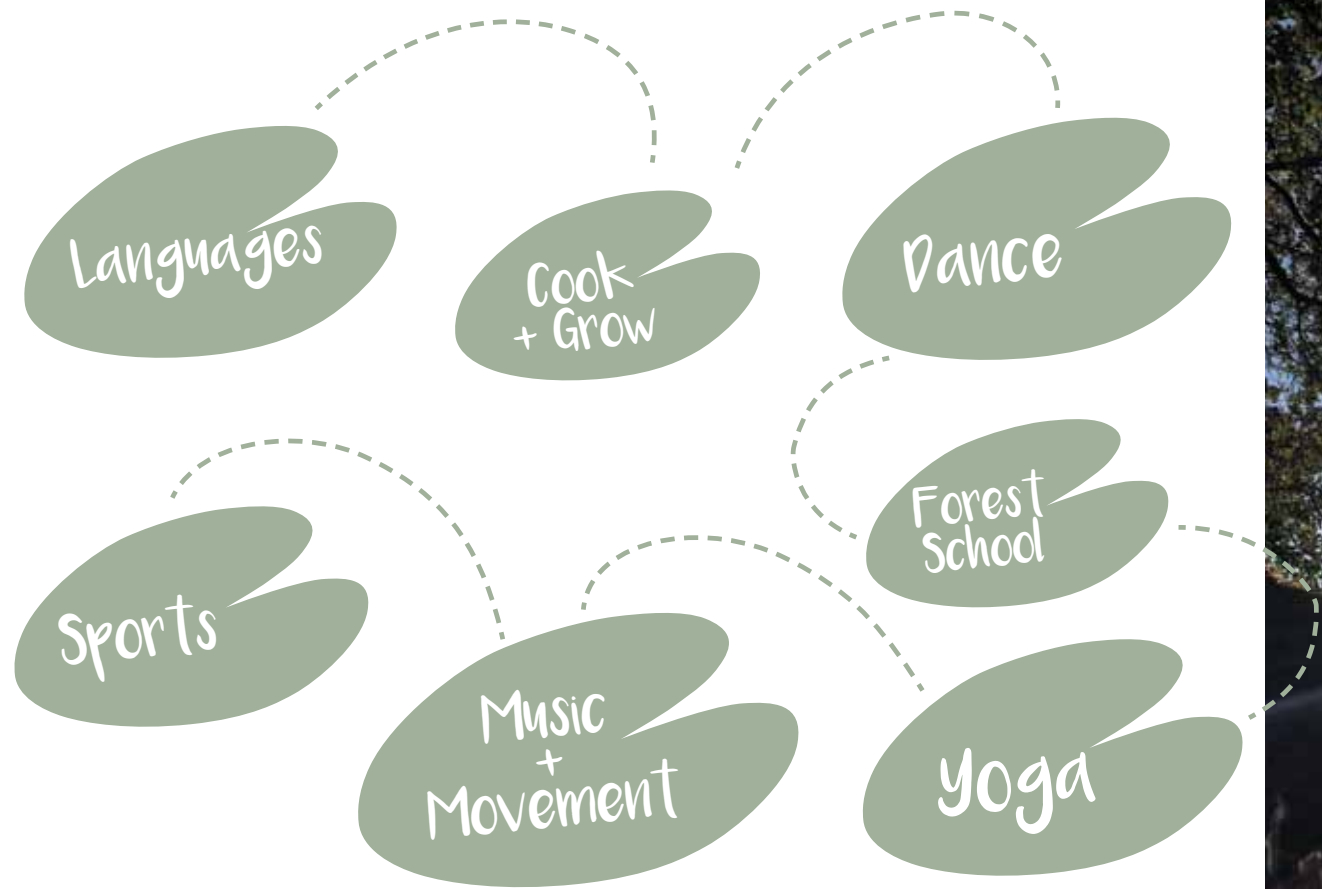
Our mealtimes are social occasions at Toad Hall where we encourage staff and children to sit and eat together. We pride ourselves on the attention to detail we give to the quality of our food and mealtime experiences the children and families in our care receive. Our experienced chefs and kitchen assistants, carefully prepare and cook a variety of freshly cooked meals from recipes put together by our Head chef and his team. Our weekly menus adhere to the government Eat Well guidelines to ensure healthy and nutritious meals which are

accredited by Action For Children and recognised at Silver Award level by The Soil Association. Our partnership with these organisations and our food supplier mean our menus and ingredients are sustainably sourced and Red Tractor meat certified, which covers the standards for animal welfare together with the safety, traceability and environmental impacts. Our menus take into consideration different cultural backgrounds and also cater for meat and vegetarian diets as well as any specific dietary requirements, such as allergies.



How We Make The Extra Leap







What our families say...

'My partner and I love Toad Hall. It's a fantastic mix of fun and learning in a great location with excellent and attentive staff. I could rave on and on about it all day but the real reviewer, our 2.5-year-old son describes Toad Hall as amazing. He gets excited to go to nursery every morning, which to us, is worth every single penny. You should check it out, you won't be disappointed.' - **Nick E**

'As soon as you walk through the door to Toad Hall day nursery, the atmosphere is warm and welcoming. This follows through to all the staff who are ever so kind, patient and friendly. My list of positive words could go on. The space available is more than plenty, the toys provided are many things a child could ask for, the activities are well thought out and the meals on offer even make my tummy rumble.' - **Ella**

'My son has been going to Toad Hall for almost four months and he absolutely loves it. I'm very grateful for all that the lovely staff do for him and their hard work. It fills me with happiness that he has so much fun and that he is learning so much. I would highly recommend this place to anyone who is looking for a nursery.' - **Dean**

'We are thrilled that Ava gets to go to forest school every week with nursery. It's the highlight of her week. She has so much fun chasing pirates, splashing about in the stream, searching for mini beasts and all of the different activities they do every week. She has become much more confident in climbing and has come home liking new food that they've made there. It's a very special place.' - **Parent**

'I can highly recommend this nursery for so many things. Most importantly the childcare is fantastic. Staff really care about the children and their individual interests and likes. From making cardboard trains, to gardening, to drama, the activities organised are so different and enjoyable and always with a development skill in mind. The management know all of the children and parents, and along with their efficient admin, make this a great nursery choice.' - **Nina M**





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