

## Sandhurst Nursery School Ethos and Values

At Sandhurst Nursery School, we believe in creating a nurturing and stimulating environment that fosters a love of learning and a respect for the natural world. Our ethos and values are based on a blended approach to forest schools and curiosity, and we strive to create a learning environment that is child-led, inclusive, and collaborative.

### Respect for the Environment

We believe in fostering a love and respect for the natural world and encourage children to explore and appreciate their surroundings. We provide opportunities for children to learn about nature through outdoor exploration and incorporate environmentally friendly practices into our daily routines.

### Child-Led Learning

We believe in following children's interests and allowing them to take the lead in their own learning journey. We encourage curiosity and exploration and provide opportunities for children to develop their own ideas and theories. Our staff are trained to observe and respond to children's interests and needs, and to scaffold their learning experiences in a way that supports their individual development.

### Inclusivity

We believe in creating an environment that is inclusive and welcoming to all children, regardless of their background or abilities. We promote respect for diversity and celebrate the unique qualities of each child. Our staff are trained in inclusive practices and work to ensure that all children feel valued and included in the learning community.

### Play-Based Learning

We believe that play is a fundamental part of children's learning and development. We provide opportunities for children to engage in open-ended, creative play, and use play-based activities to support learning across all areas of the curriculum. We also incorporate elements of forest schools into our learning approach, providing opportunities for outdoor play and exploration.

### Collaboration and Teamwork

We believe in the power of collaboration and teamwork and encourage children to work together and support each other in their learning. We promote positive relationships and a sense of community and encourage children to share their ideas and experiences with others. Our staff also work collaboratively, sharing their knowledge and expertise to support the learning and development of all children in our care.