School on The Farm

# About

School on The Farm (SoTF) is a new outdoor day nursery inspired by the Scandinavian forest kindergartens where children explore, learn and develop their skills outdoors, whatever the weather. We cater for pre-school children aged 2 – 5 years old. As we believe that personal relationships are important, we have set a maximum capacity of 12 children in any session, meaning you can be sure your child will get to know all our practitioners. The children will spend all of their time outdoors, but don’t worry, we do have a safe, warm shelter for when the weather is really horrible!

SoTF is an OFSTED registered childcare provider and fully complies with the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS).

# Philosophy

At SoTF we offer our children the opportunity to experience the wonder of the natural world in a safe and secure environment. Our aims are to ensure that emotional well-being is at the centre of everything we do. Learning is child-led with practitioners supporting where appropriate to do so. Our setting has a warm and welcoming atmosphere we pride ourselves on creating a happy, homely and stimulating environment to enable children to develop to their full potential. Your child will have the time and space to create, build and learn through play.

## The Outdoor Environment

Being outdoors through the changing seasons provides a host of natural occurring learning opportunities. To complement this, SoTF has a variety of small animals for our children to look after and interactive with as well as opportunities to visit the bigger livestock on the farm. We believe the mode of being, doing and experiencing is best achieved through the outdoor environment.

## Self-Directed Learning

We use an evidence-based approach and self-reflection to track learning against the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. All our children are encouraged to be independent within a supportive group and to care for themselves, one another and the natural environment. Outdoor play has clear physical benefits for developing children including helping them to acquire gross motor skills, eye-hand coordination and helping to prevent obesity.

## Professional & Dedicated Staff

SoTF has brought together a small group of experienced childcare practitioners with a real passion for nurturing young minds in an outdoor environment. With extensive experience between us in the areas of nursery management, Forest School, child psychology, SEN provision and activity instructing, you can be sure your child is in safe hands.

All of our staff are qualified childcare practitioners and fully DBS checked.

# Funded Hours

School on The Farm is an approved childcare provider and you may use your funded hours with us!

The amount of funding varies but generally 3-4 year olds are entitled to 15 or 30 free hours per week depending on your circumstance. 2 years olds can also claim funding under certain conditions.

Visit the UK Government website to find out more or do get in touch if you are unsure and we’ll see what we can do to help.

# Who We Are

I'm Mrs Brown and I head up the team at School on The Farm.

I’ve worked as a nursery manager for over 20 years I have experienced a range of approaches to early years provision. The reason I’ve started SoTF is because I passionately believe that our young children can get the best start in life within a safe outdoor environment. The team and I are therefore committed to providing an outstanding provision for outdoor childcare in our local area.

# Registration

Great to have your onboard! Sign-up to join our mailing list and be first off the block when enrolment starts.

By registering here you will get a chance to enrol your children on your preferred session before places open to the general public.