

ALBOURNE UNDER FIVES

GOOD NEIGHBOUR POLICY

Sept 2025

The aim of our setting is to equip children with the skills, knowledge and confidence they need to explore and understand the world around them and to be ready for the next step in their schooling journey.

The teaching and learning of new skills and knowledge is delivered through both child and some adult led opportunities both indoors and outdoors. We adopt an in the moment approach, making the most of opportunities within the child's play, then and there, to support and extend thinking, knowledge, development and independence.

All settings work to the Early Years Foundation Stage Statutory Framework which sets the standards for learning, development and care for children from birth to five.

Children are usually present in the setting between 9am and 3pm Monday to Thursday, and 12 on Friday, for Pre School, with After School Club sessions, Monday to Thursday, returning around 3.30 to currently 5pm, both term time only. Our children range from 2 years to 11 years, and as an inclusive setting we welcome all children, including those with various Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

We mainly use the Hall and Garden area, but also our allotment, and local park as well as walks and outings in the local area.

Operating from within the Village Hall we appreciate we are in a residential area and have several residents close by. We endeavour to maintain a good respectful relationship with open communication with the neighbours and villagers.

Park

The park is well used by a lot of members of the community and local school families. We respect other members of the public using the park, and encourage our children to share and include, being kind and courteous. We ensure we leave the park clean and tidy. We ensure we report any issues or concerns with the Park equipment or area to the Park Rangers.

Allotment

When attending the allotment with children, if other gardeners are present we always check they are happy for us to come in. Children know where our area is and are respectful to others areas. The area is kept tidy and maintained.

Garden

When the garden is available children generally have free flow access between the Hall and garden and can choose where they wish to play. Toys can move between areas but generally we do not have excessively loud toys. Whilst we may sing in the garden, we do not play music or use a speaker in the garden.

Hall

A range of activities and resources are available to provide a stimulating, enriching environment. Singing and music is a big part of our pre school learning environment. We will endeavour to keep windows closest to neighbours closed when speakers are being used and be aware of the volume.

Community

We have a small food basket of non perishable items available on the doorstep during our sessions, that our families and members of the public can help themselves to, providing an easy free meal. This also includes nappies, toothbrushes and toothpaste

We can make referrals to the local foodbank

We have a childrens book library on the doorstep, any child can help themselves to books

We can make referrals to local Present Banks to help support families at Christmas

We support the local school and village fairs, promoting to our families, as well as providing raffle prizes and running stalls as required

We support local charities, joining in and promoting appeals

We support local Schools by taking Work Experience students

We visit the local Residential Home, embracing the generational gap

We always try to recruit locally. Currently all our staff live in Albourne and the surrounding villages

We welcome visits from members of the local community, sharing interesting jobs, skills, animals or hobbies with our children

Feedback

If a neighbour or villagers has any feedback, comments, questions or concerns they are very welcome to contact us.

We would hope any concerns could be quickly and amicably resolved.

Please come and talk to us, email Albournepreschool@outlook.com or call 07801 689852

If we can not resolve any concerns Ofsted can be contacted on enquires@ofsted.gov.uk