



Prospectus



Welcome to Paint Pots

Thank you for taking the time to consider our services, values and ethos. Our mission statement reads -

"Paint Pots makes a difference by providing high quality childcare and education, benefiting the child, the parents, the staff and the community, in a safe, caring and stimulating environment, full of love, laughter and learning."

Our staff will be delighted to show you how we can meet your requirements for childcare and how we work with parents, as their child's primary carer, to nurture and develop each individual.

Anna & David Wright

We currently have 10 locations across Southampton -

1 nursery	20 Waterloo Road	Freemantle	SO15 3AR
2 nursery	400 Bursledon Road	Sholing	SO19 8NG
3 nursery	244 Burgess Road	Swaythling	SO16 3AU
4 nursery	19 Howard Road	Shirley	SO15 5BB
5 nursery	26 Quob Lane	West End	SO30 3HN
6 preschool	Woodlands School	Harefield	SO18 5FW
7 preschool	St Marks School	Shirley	SO15 5TE
8 after-school	Banister School	Banister Park	SO15 2LS
9 nursery	1 Spring Crescent	Portswood	SO17 2FZ
10 preschool	1 Orchard Lane	Holyrood	SO14 3BN

Our nurseries provide full daycare, term-time preschool and school day sessions, out of school care at some sites.

We understand the need for children to have the best of starts in life. We believe we can offer you this. We want to work with you in partnership, in caring for your child. You are always welcome, no appointment is needed.

Paint Pots has a loving and homely environment, which is safe, secure and stimulating. The emotional, social and physical development of all the children in our care is our primary concern. We ensure equality of opportunity for all children. We promote self respect and a respectful, caring attitude towards others and our environment.

Our staff have been carefully chosen for their ability, dedication and love of children, in addition to their qualifications. We have a high staff to child ratio which allows us to really get to know the children and to help them realise their full potential. We are always available to discuss any suggestions or concerns you may have.

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Nursery Operating Hours

We accept children full time and part time. We also run a term-time school day session, pre-school sessions and holiday care (for school age children up to age 8).

The standard nursery opening hours are 8am - 6pm, 51 weeks of the year for Day Nursery children and term time for Pre-School children, between the hours of 9 - 3, school day and 8.30 - 11.30 and 12.20 - 2.50 pre-school sessions.

Nursery Meals

Lunch and Tea, mid-morning and afternoon snacks are included in your fees. A typical day's menu will look something like;

- AM snack - fruit and milk/water.
- Lunch - roast chicken, fresh vegetables
fruit crumble and custard.
- PM snack - crackers milk/water.
- High Tea - assorted rolls, fruit,
homemade cake

Breakfast can be provided at a small extra charge.

Please see the weekly menu, displayed on the notice board for more details.

We can and do cater for special dietary needs or food allergies.

Meal times are fun and a wonderful opportunity to socialise, learn table manners and help each other. Many parents are surprised at the wide range of foods their children will eat when in this sociable atmosphere.

Nursery Age Groups

The children are grouped roughly by age but we are able to adjust this to suit the individual. Each age group has their own base room and staff.

Babies & Toddlers 4 to 23 months

Older Toddlers 24 to 32 months

Pre-School 33 months plus

All children join other age groups from time to time, for a meal, singing etc, which helps maintain our special family atmosphere.

Settling at Nursery

Once you have decided to choose us to provide the care you need, please talk to us about free settling visits. These usually involve spending some time with your child in the Nursery and then gradually increasing the time your child spends alone with us. This may not eliminate upset at separation but can help a great deal. Ensuring your child is happily settled is a real partnership between home and Nursery. You know your child, and we know that distraction works. For the very youngest children, you may need to allow a few weeks for settling, especially if this is your child's first experience of separation from you.

Our Curriculum

Our activities are planned using the government's "Early Years Foundation Stage" guidance which covers children aged 0 - 5 years and continues on into the School Reception Year.

Our children are offered activities through a 'Continuous Curriculum' supplemented by long term plans following the 'Flow of the Year'. Weekly and daily plans are adapted to the needs and interests of the children.

Plans are displayed for you to read. Through these, we encourage all areas of learning and growth in both self-esteem and social skills. Planned activities take place both in and out of doors as appropriate.

Activities & Facilities

Activities include (but are not limited to!) painting, drawing, music and movement, role play, cooking, crafts, water/sand play, construction toys, singing, games, visits out and visitors in and computer work.

Our excellent outdoor facilities are used each day, as much as possible.

A quiet corner where books are available is always on offer, as well as activities to help the development of reading and writing skills.

To ensure consistency of approach, we have policies covering every area within the Nursery, including Special Needs, Admissions, and Parental Involvement etc. These are always available for you to read.

Partnership with Parents / Carers

We recognise that you are the primary carers for your child and the people who know him/her best.

We believe it is vital that we work in partnership with you to forge strong links between preschool and home for the best interests of your child. We encourage your involvement in our activities and record keeping.

Making Your Choice

Choosing a nursery or pre-school setting for your child to attend is a very important decision. We encourage prospective parents / carers to look around and compare the services offered by several providers.

There is a checklist available on our website with some pointers that may help you in knowing what to look for and what questions to ask.

Preschools

We accept children aged between 2 - 5 years.

Preschool Operating Hours

We are open during term-time :

St Marks 8:30 - 3:30

Woodlands 8:30 - 3:15

Orchard Lane 8:30 - 3:30

We offer pre-school sessions -

St Marks 8:30 - 11:30, 12:30 - 3:30

School day 9 - 3

Woodlands 8:30 - 11:30, 12:15 - 3:15

School day 9 - 3

Orchard Lane 8:30 - 11:30, 12:30 - 3:30

School day 9 - 3

Settling at Preschool

We are very used to dealing with the whole range of emotions experienced by children on separating from their family, possibly for the first time. Our staff are sensitive to each child's needs and work with you to ensure a happy and positive introduction to us - for child and parents! For some children this may take more time than others. We welcome your input and encourage you to ask questions, voice any concerns and share your knowledge and suggestions with us.

Preschool Lunch-Club

Our lunch-club runs from :

St Marks	11:30 - 12:30
Woodlands	11:30 - 12:15
Orchard Lane	11:30 - 12:30

There is a small fee chargeable to cover this period.

If you wish your child to stay with us for lunch, you will need to provide him/her with a labelled lunch box, any items requiring refrigeration should also be clearly marked with your child's name.

Water is provided for the children, but you may supply your child's own drink if preferred (no fizzy drinks please)

We promote healthy eating. A suggested lunch pack could contain;

- Non fizzy drink
- Sandwich or Roll
- Fruit
- Small Biscuit

To ensure that we protect all children against the risk of allergic reaction, within the preschool we must insist on -

NO NUTS

Thank you