



# Punch & Judy Playgroup Prospectus



**“VALUING INDIVIDUALITY  
NURTURING CREATIVITY”**

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# About Us

Punch and Judy Playgroup is located in Lymgne Village Hall, where we offer a secure and stimulating preschool environment for children aged 2-4 years during term time.

Our spacious hall and secure outside area are both well-resourced to cover all areas of child development. This enables us to offer a free-flow environment with rich play and learning opportunities.

We are based in a rural location and have access to an adjacent play park and playing field.

We pride ourselves on the fact that we have been providing a quality service to families for over 30 years.

We are run as a non-profit making business with charitable status, meaning that money raised goes directly towards running costs and activities for our children.



## Opening Hours

Term Time Only

Monday: 08.30-15.00

Tuesday: 08.30-15.00

Wednesday: 08.30-13.00

Thursday: 08.30-15.00

Friday: 08.30-15.00



# Vision

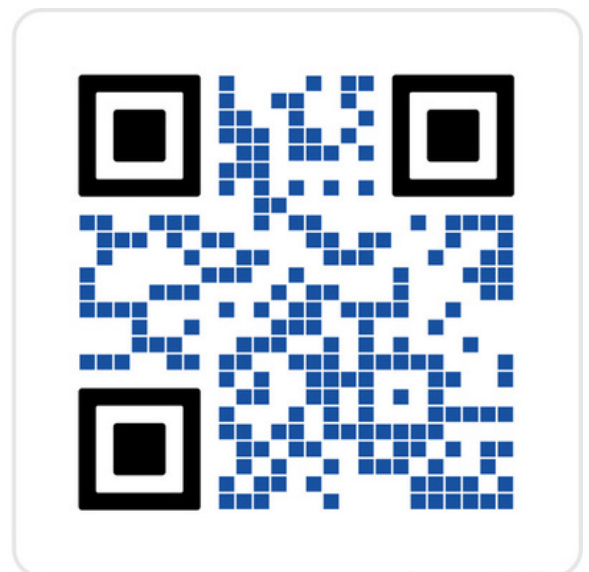
Our vision embraces the whole community by providing a caring service that reflects the diversity and needs of the individual family and child.



We believe that every child is unique and capable of wonderful things when supported by inspirational and knowledgeable adults.

## Ofsted Rated Good Read Our Reports

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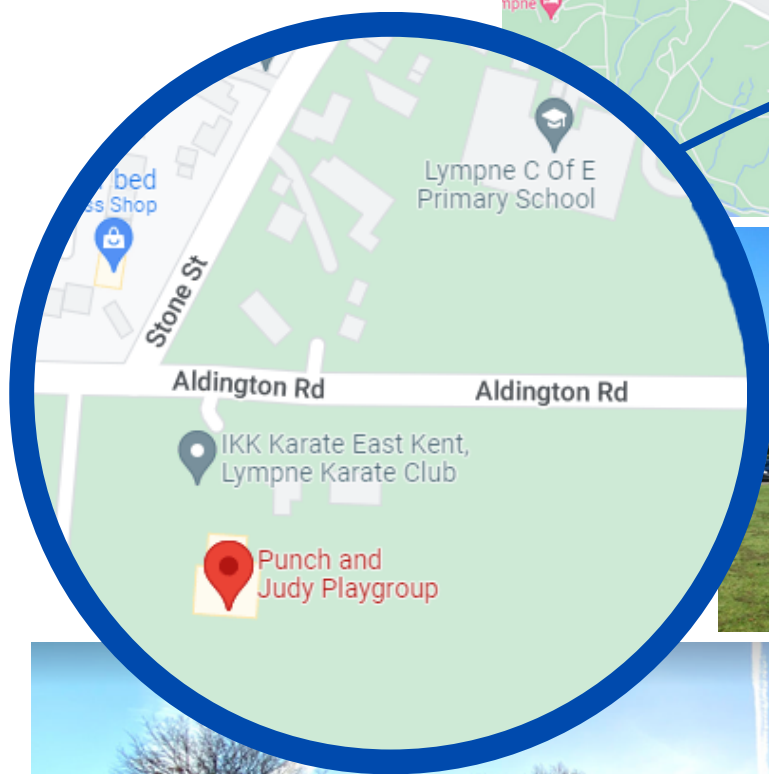
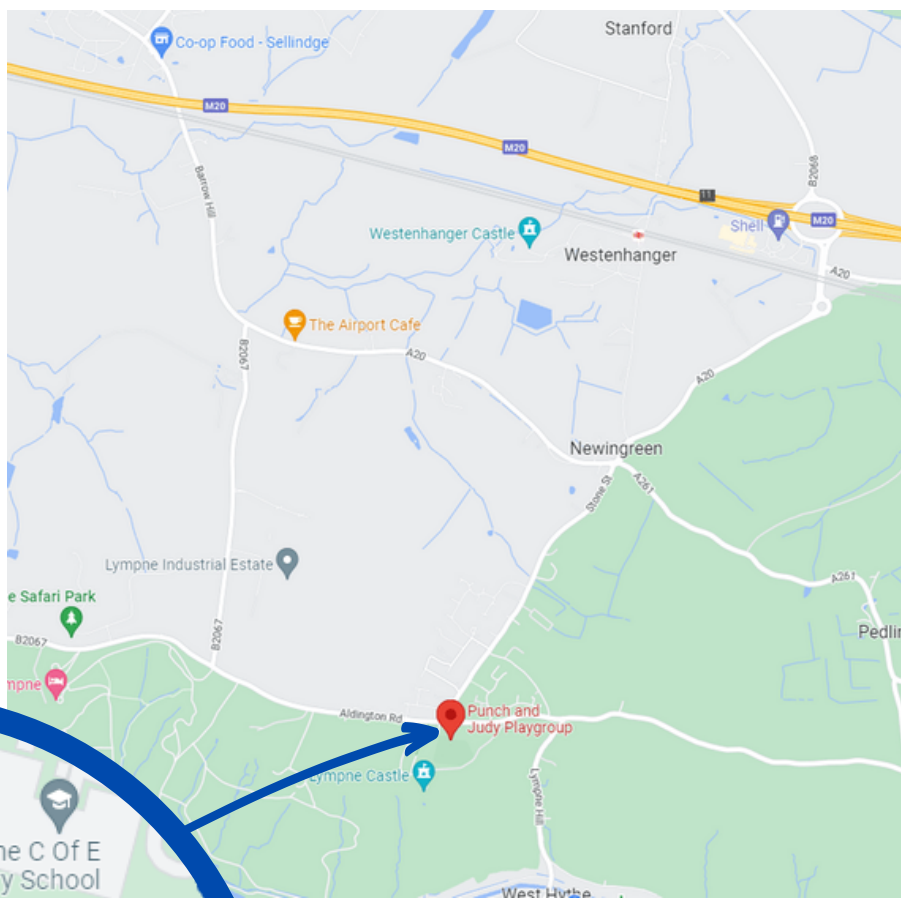


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# Where To Find Us and Car Park

With easy access to the M20 we are conveniently located and have a generous car park.

SATNAV  
POSTCODE:  
CT21 4LE



# Our Team



Diane Latter	Early Years Manager & Designated Safeguarding Support
Becs Dwyer	Early Years Teacher & Deputy Manager & SENCo
Diane Parsons	Finance Manager
Alanna Noonan	Early Years Educator & Designated Safeguarding Lead
Sharon Cross	Early Years Educator & SENCo Support
Colleen Reuther	Early Years Practitioner
Elected Parents	Management Committee

# The Key Person Approach

## Valuing Individuality

The Key Person approach is important in building a strong and respectful partnership between the setting and parents/carers.

At Punch and Judy Playgroup, each Key Person works closely with the parents/carers to provide each child with quality care and appropriate learning experiences.

**You will be introduced to your child's Key Person on admission.**

- The Key Person offers warmth and support to the children, helping them to settle quickly into Punch and Judy Playgroup
- They listen to the child's voice and are always patient, kind and fun to be with!
- They are available to regularly listen to and communicate with parents, always respecting confidentiality.
- They provide parents with information on their child's development, with progress meetings in November, March and June.
- They are responsible for completing a Progress Check at Two for all of their key children aged between 24-36 months.

As part of our Playgroup policy ensuring that the individual needs of every child are met, we have a named person responsible for co-ordinating and supporting any additional needs that may be identified.

Our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO) is Becs Dwyer

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Alanna Noonan

Our enthusiastic staff work hard to ensure every child reaches their full potential in a happy, safe and stimulating learning environment.



# The Early Years Foundation Stage (2021)

## EYFS

Our provision reflects the four overarching statutory principles of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS):

- Every child is seen as being unique.
- Positive relationships are nurtured and valued
- The enabling environment is planned to reflect the current interests and needs of the children.
- Our inclusive practices ensure every child's unique disposition for learning is catered for



## Characteristics of Effective Teaching and Learning

The EYFS recognises the three characteristics crucial to effective learning in the Early Years, these being:

- Playing and exploring
- Active learning
- Creating and thinking critically

At Punch and Judy Playgroup, these characteristics guide the provision we offer daily.

Information for parents regarding the EYFS can be found at: <https://foundationyears.org.uk/2019/08/eyfspractice/>



**FOUNDATION YEARS**

# Learning Through Play

## Nurturing Creativity

“In play a child always behaves beyond his average age, above his daily behaviour. In play it is as though he were a head taller than himself” Lev Vygotsky



We recognise the most powerful vehicle for learning is through child-initiated play.

**“Play that is planned  
is not play at all”**

We ensure that there is a good balance of child-initiated and adult-guided experiences offered that reflect current interests.

We see ourselves as ‘facilitators’ of learning, ready to offer challenges and support in equal measure.



# Bringing The Indoors Out And The Outdoors In!

In line with the EYFS principles, we embrace outdoor learning and children have access to the outdoor area every day throughout the year.

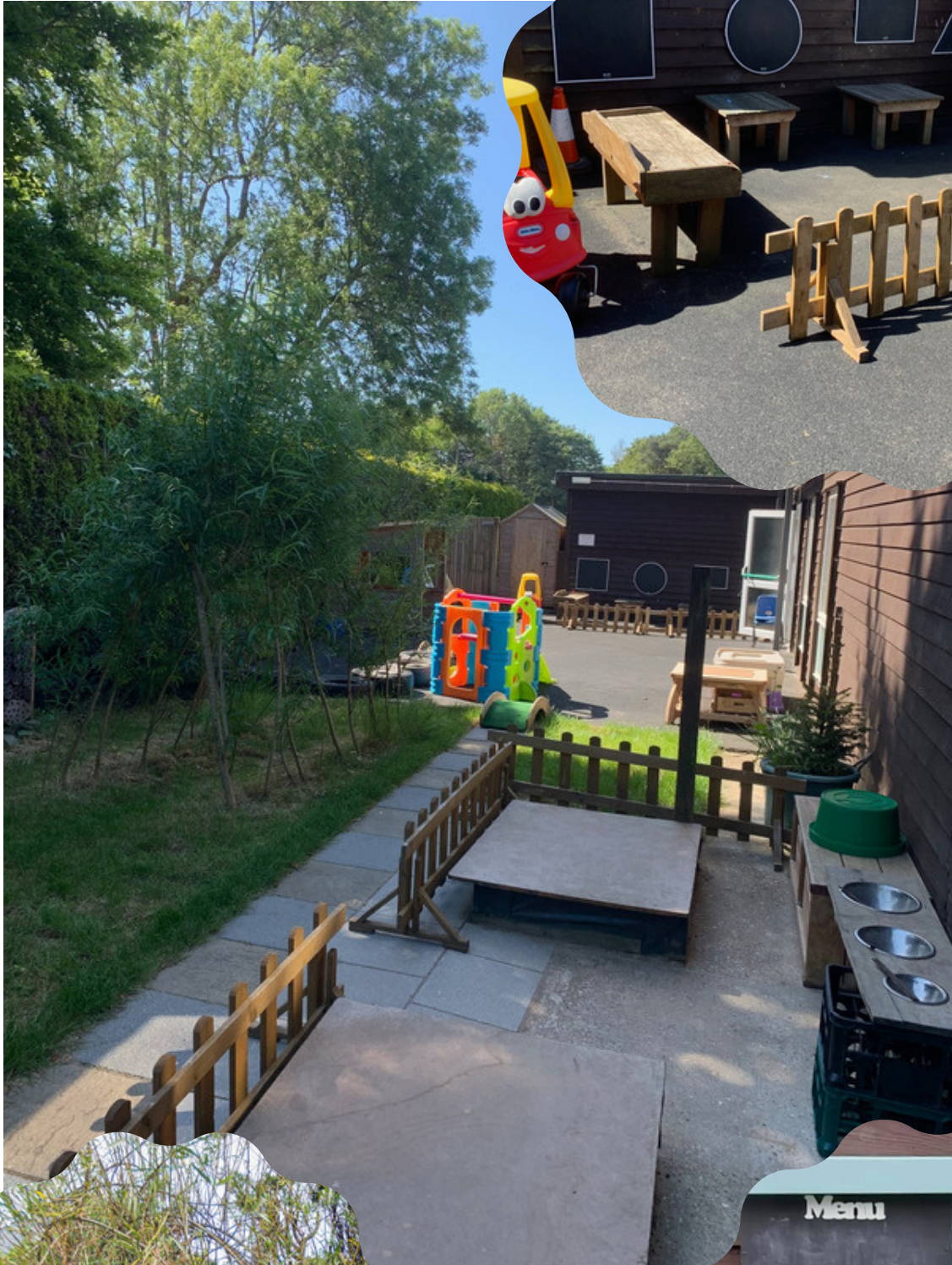


**“There is no such thing as bad weather, just the wrong clothes!”**

We ask for your support in promoting active learning through messy and exploratory play experiences by sending your child in suitable clothing. We also ask that you clearly label all clothing and personal belongings.

We encourage children to gain skills that help them to become independent and look after themselves. These include managing their own clothing and personal hygiene. Easy-to-manage clothing without belts will help them to do this.

# Take A Look At Our Playgroup

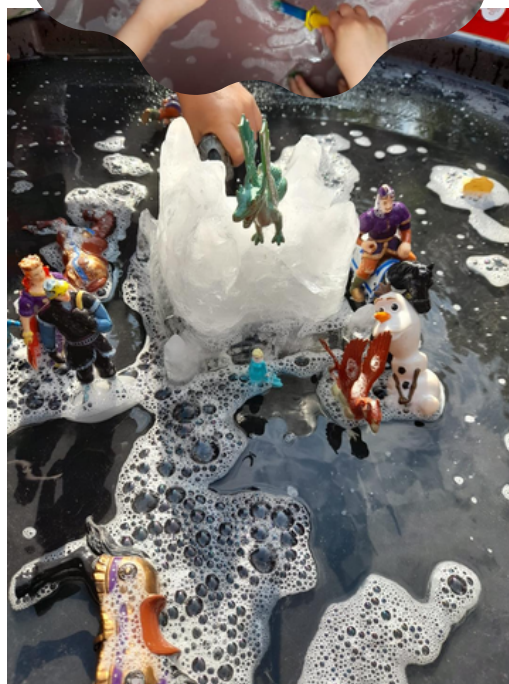


# Take A Look At Our Playgroup



Visitors are always welcome

Please contact us by phone on 07527111584 to arrange your visit.



# Why Choose Us?

## Our Parent Reviews

" I cannot recommend this setting enough. The staff are so caring, and the children really are at the forefront of everything. My son is learning so much, and achieving all he should, and he doesn't even realise, because it's done so beautifully through play. The staff have the warmest greeting always, and genuinely show interest in any concerns you may have. 5 stars all day everyday for a truly brilliant playgroup"  
Charlotte

" We moved to the village and had our children in another childcare setting. We were unsure if it was worth upheaving them. All I can say is we are so pleased we did, it was one of the best decisions we made. We can confidently say our children are much more settled and happy and have grown in confidence since enrolling. We would recommend Punch & Judy Playgroup They have both formed great friendships and shall be able to continue many of these when they progress and go to Lympne Primary." James

"I chose Punch and Judy for its wonderful village setting and I am so glad I did. My daughter has absolutely thrived as she is given space to be herself and nurture her interests. She has made some wonderful friends and speaks very positively about all the staff team. The outdoor space is just wonderful and allows for outdoor play all year round. I would highly recommend to anyone looking for childcare options." Sarah

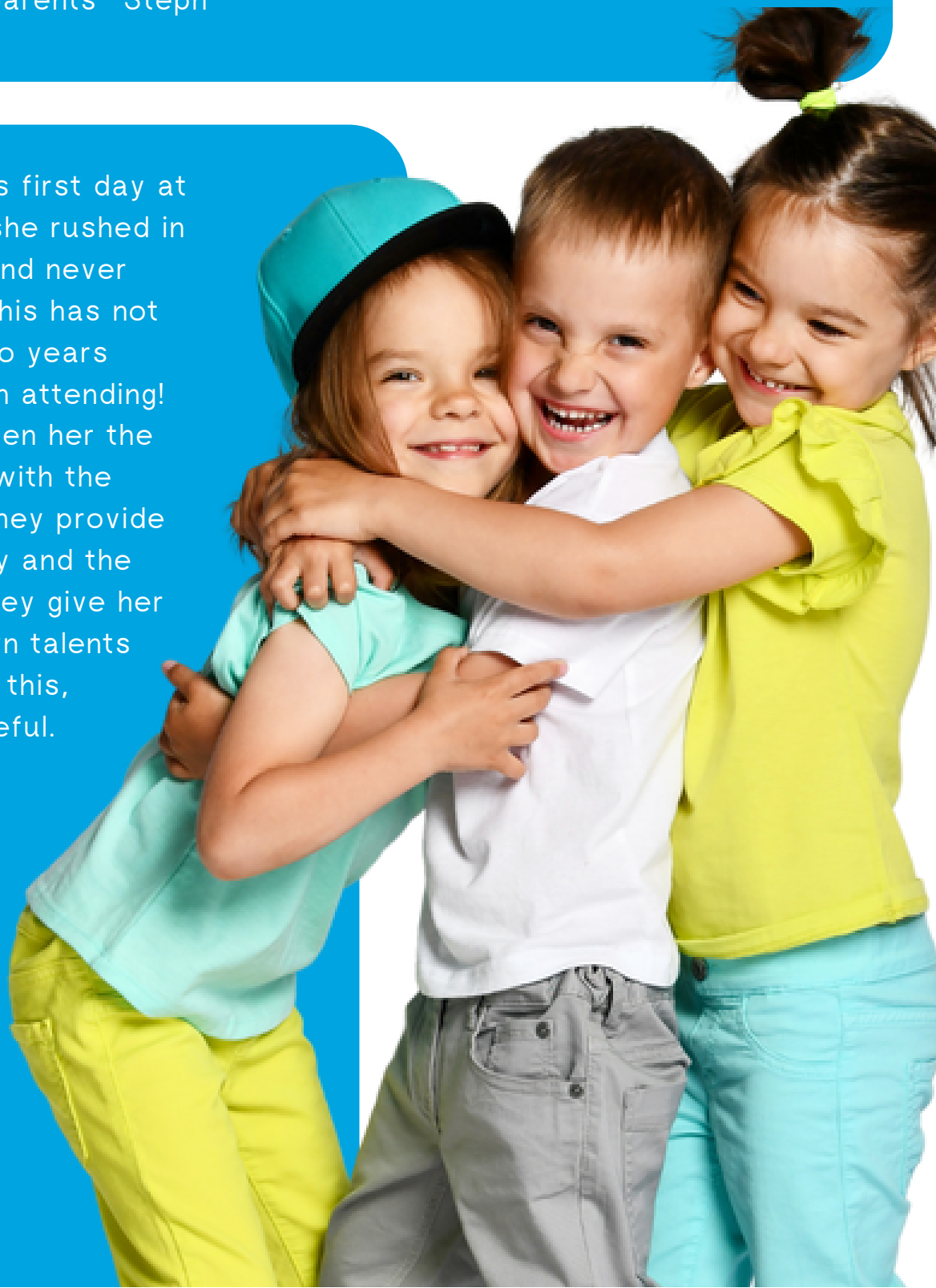


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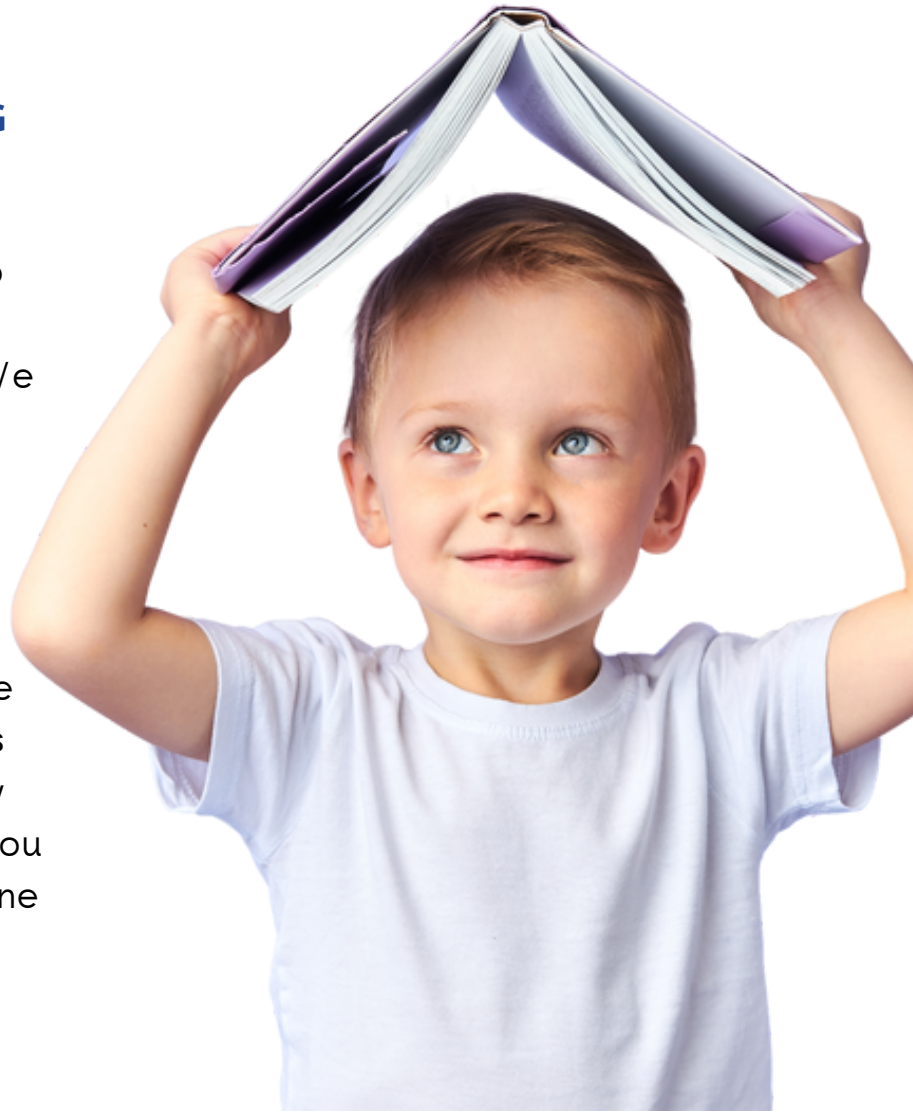
“My two children have loved attending Punch and Judy and have made some fond memories during their time there. The progress that they made meant they both felt confident and excited about starting primary school. The staff are so approachable, reassuring and are passionate about the work that they do. I would not hesitate to recommend this nursery to other parents” Steph

"On our daughter's first day at Punch and Judy, she rushed in with excitement and never looked back and this has not changed in the two years that she has been attending! The staff have given her the best start in life, with the varied activities they provide her with every day and the encouragement they give her to develop her own talents and interests. For this, we are very grateful. She has grown in confidence and has developed some lovely friendships. As a family, we will all look back on her time at Punch and Judy with great fondness." Caroline



## **PRIVACY & SAFEGUARDING**

Safeguarding is important to us, and we are committed to protecting the confidentiality of all children and families. We only take photos of children for their progress reports, which are shared only with you their parents/caregivers. Posts to our social media account (Facebook Page) are of the activities and projects we have carried out, and any imagery of children's faces you see in the prospectus or online are all stock imagery



## **FUNDRAISERS**

We run termly fundraisers and offer parents and caregivers an opportunity to watch their child(ren) in a short performance followed by fundraising activities. As a charity, these fundraising activities provide donations that go 100% back into the enrichment of the playgroup and help fund activities or new supplies. These invitations also offer excellent opportunities to visit the playgroup, see our facilities, and meet other parents and families. Our playgroup has a positive and inclusive feel.

## **PARENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Our Volunteer Management Committee is run by parents and is ALWAYS open for new individuals wanting to help. They make management decisions such as fee increases and opening hours, planning fundraising activities, looking for local grants, ideas for extra activities, or even writing this prospectus!

All of our parents on the committee undergo DBS checks and will receive basic safeguarding training.

# Help Paying For Childcare

## Government Incentives

We wanted to signpost you to some great support from the Government, which helps with childcare costs. To check your eligibility and to find out more, please visit the official Government website <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk>

GET UP TO  
£2000 PER  
CHILD

### TAX-FREE CHILDCARE

- **For working families, including the self-employed, in the UK**

- Earning under £100k and at least £152 per week (equal to 16 hours at the National Minimum or Living Wage) each
- Who aren't receiving Tax Credits, Universal Credit or childcare vouchers
- With children aged 0-11 (or 0-16 if disabled)
- For every £8 you pay into an online account, the government will add an extra £2, up to £2,000 per child per year

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### 15 HRS FREE CHILDCARE

- **For families in England, receiving some forms of support • With 2-year-old children**

- 15 hours of free childcare or early education for 38 weeks
- To be able to take up 15 hours of free childcare for your two year-old, you or your child must meet the eligibility criteria. Please visit the Government website for more information

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### 15 HRS FREE CHILDCARE

- **For all families in England**

- With 3 and 4 year-old children
- 15 hours of free childcare or early education for 38 weeks
- A total of 570 hours per year, that you can use flexibly with one or more childcare provider

NOTE: You can access your Free Early Education at any of our session, however, at Punch and Judy, if you choose to take your Free Entitlement over just 2 days per week you will only be able to access a maximum of 13 hours.

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### 30 HRS FREE CHILDCARE

- **For working families in England**

- With 3 and 4 year-old children
- 30 hours of free childcare or early education for 38 weeks
- A total of 1,140 hours per year, that you can use flexibly with one or more childcare provider



**We look forward  
to seeing you soon!**