



Working together to achieve the best

About us

Dorking Nursery School and Children's Centre is located on two sites, one in the town centre of Dorking, on West Street and the other on Goodwyns Road. Our Nursery School for children aged 2-5 years is the only Ofsted rated 'outstanding' maintained nursery school in Surrey. Our Children's Centre, provides a range of activities, services and courses for families with children from birth, as well as information, support and advice.

Our history

Our Nursery opened in 1939 and has been at the heart of life in Dorking since this time. In 2008, our long established and highly successful maintained nursery school was designated as a Children's Centre and in 2010; a new building located on Goodwyns Road became part of the Children's Centre.

Dorking Nursery School (LA maintained) has an excellent reputation for providing high quality education and care for children aged 2-5 years and has specialist provision (special needs support centre and pre-school speech language and communication centre) for 11 children. This is based on the West Street site. The Children's Centre is based across both sites and provides a wide range of activities, services, information and advice, including outreach and home visiting.

We also provide a wealth of training and continuing professional development opportunities for early years practitioners across the South East of England. In June 2017, Dorking Nursery School and Children's Centre became a recognised National Support School by the Department for Education.

Due to the nature of our Centre, we are currently inspected under two different Ofsted Frameworks and therefore the priorities for the Centre are complex and varied. Our Nursery was inspected in September 2016 and maintained its outstanding grade for the 6th consecutive inspection. Our Children's Centre was last inspected in March 2014.

Our current priorities

The Centre Development Plan has been devised by the staff and governors of the Centre and in response to the children, family and community needs.

There are 6 key priorities:-

Improvement Priority 1 - Children's Centre Service Delivery Plan

Improvement Priority 2 - QUALITY OF LEADERSHIP

Improvement Priority 3 - QUALITY OF TEACHING, LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT

Improvement Priority 4 - OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Improvement Priority 5 - PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, BEHAVIOUR AND WELFARE

