

Hopton School House

About Us



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HOPTON SCHOOL HOUSE VISION STATEMENT

Hopton School House is committed to providing the highest quality of care for each child.

Our team of child carers work closely with families and outside agencies to nurture each child's individuality. We support their early learning in an exciting environment, helping them to become happy and confident children.

Our History

The Hopton School House was built in 1741 from funds provided by Frances Hopton upon her death. A trust established in her will, The Hopton School Trust, administered the School House to provide education for the children of Cam, "even the most humble". The original schoolroom was half of the ground floor of the School House and the Trust's income also enabled them to pay the salary of the School Master and School Mistress (usually his wife) and provide materials for the children to use.

The Hopton School Trust still owns the School House (now a Grade 2 Listed Building) and in 1999 the trust decided to embark on an ambitious project to provide playgroup and out-of-school club provision in the School House. A partnership with Upper Cam Under Fives was established and after securing funding from the New Opportunities Fund and other organisations, work was undertaken to convert the building into a childcare facility. After a gap of many years, the School House reopened in 2002, restored to its original use.

Groups who use Hopton School House

We have a Breakfast Club, Playgroup including Rising 5's, Out of School Club and Toddler Group all using the setting. The House is in use from 07:30 - 18:00 most days during term time. Our term dates coincide with Cam Hopton Primary School's.

Cam Hopton C of E Primary School children use the Breakfast Club and Out of School Club. We also welcome children from other schools and settings in the Out of School Club.

Information about Playgroup & Rising 5's

Childcare provided at the School House meets the EYFS and we are registered and inspected by OFSTED (registration number EY239574).

We aim to provide every child with an infinite number of experiences in the 7 areas of learning and development as set out in the revised EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage) Framework. These being:

- Communication and language;
- Physical development;
- Personal, social and emotional development.
- Literacy;
- Mathematics;
- Understanding the world;
- Expressive arts and design.

Learning Journey Folder

Within Playgroup your child's key worker will compile a Learning Journey Folder about your child which will detail the progress and achievements made by your child in accordance with the Early Years Framework. The Folder forms part of the transition report for your child when they go to school.

This Folder is available for inspection by you at any time and you are welcome to take it home to read over the weekend. The Folder should be in the setting on the same days as your child.

Taster Session

We offer a free taster session at playgroup for you and your child to come and join us one week before your start date.* This helps your child become familiar with playgroup staff, routines and the other children. To reinforce the familiarisation and settling in process we welcome parents to stay for a while with their child on their first day at playgroup.

*If the start date is at the beginning of a new term please come for a taster session at the end of the previous term.

Please Complete and Return..

If you would like to apply for your child to attend Hopton School House Playgroup, Breakfast Club, Out of School Club or Holiday Club, please fill in the relevant Application Form and return it to Hopton School House.

Once we have confirmed your child's place we will ask you to fill in a Registration form.

Staff - an Introduction

Our staff are selected for their qualifications, experience, skills and ability to work with children. They are required to be highly motivated and work as part of the overall team. All staff are encouraged to pursue training opportunities and we provide ongoing staff development.

Staff make the process of learning a fun experience, through play, thus encouraging the individual child to feel happy to explore the world around them in more depth, and allowing them to achieve their goals at their own rate ready for entrance to compulsory education.

We also comply fully with the legal welfare requirements as set out in the revised EYFS Framework, effective as from September 2014.

All parents/carers will receive a Parent's Guide to the EYFS Framework via e-mail, which includes a link to the Framework itself. If you would like to read a hard copy of the parents' guide and/or the Framework, please ask a member of staff or the Business Manager and we will happily lend you one. It can also be found on our Website, www.hoptonschoolhouse.com.

Our Childcare Staff

Overall Childcare Manager

Mona Aldridge, Childcare Manager, NVQ Level 3 in Childcare Learning and Development, Special Educational Needs Coordinator, Certificates in First Aid & Child Protection.

Playgroup, Monday - Friday 9am-2:45pm, Wednesdays Rising 5's only
Sarah Kilkenny-Blake, Early Years Professional, Level 6

Vicky Stark, Level 4, currently studying Early Childhood Studies to Level 6

Karen Carrier, Level 3 in Childcare Learning and Development

Kip Smith, Level 3 in Childcare Learning and Development

Alison Moir, Level 3 in Childcare Learning and Development

Laura Carrier, Level 2 in Childcare Learning and Development

Breakfast Club- Monday-Friday 7:30am-8:35am

Out of School Club - Monday to Friday 3pm-6pm

Jane Fisher, Level 3 in Childcare Learning and Development

Marcelle Taylor, Level 2 in Childcare Learning and Development

Rachel Roberts, Level 3 in Childcare Learning and Development

Karen Carrier, Level 3 in Childcare Learning and Development

Mona, Laura and Marcelle cover staff across the setting.

Toddler Group - Wednesday 9:30am-11:00am

Jointly run by Mona and Sarah.

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