

## Welcome to Redhill Robins Pre-school



Wrights Avenue

Chadsmoor

Cannock

WS11 5JR

Telephone: 01543 227140

Executive Head teacher: Mrs Libby Banks

Head of School - Mr Sam Phillips



## Contents

Meet the team	p 3
Introduction to Redhill Robins / Our Vision	p 4
Home - School Partnerships	p 5-6
Important information about Redhill Robins Pre-school	p 6-9
Early Years Curriculum	p 10
Safeguarding	p 11
Promoting positive behaviour	p 12-13
Additional information	p 13-14

Reviewed & Updated June 24

### Meet the team



Mrs Susan Dean over 18 years qualified as an Early Years Practitioner (Level 3).

I am passionate about building quality relationships with children so that they are happy within our setting. I love to share stories and engage in role-play with the children. I enjoy observing children using their imaginative to develop their language and social skills.



Miss Kayleigh Jones over 15 years qualified as an Early Years Practitioner (Level 3).

I am dedicated to helping children to challenging themselves in all areas of the curriculum ensuring they reach their full potential. I am particularly passionate about developing Literacy and self-help skills. I feel very proud when watching the children grow and develop within our setting.



Miss Chloe Evans over 10 years qualified as an Early Years Practitioner (Level 2)

I am a very calm and patient person allowing children time to express their wants and needs. I am committed to provide quality childcare for all of our children.

**ALL STAFF ARE FIRST AID TRAINED**

## Introduction

Welcome to Redhill Robins, a purpose built Preschool and Nursery for children aged 2-4 years. Our strong key worker system ensures your child receives the best individualised learning support, with adults working alongside families to build and embed key life skills such as self-confidence, listening and attention and physical development. We aim to prepare your child for their next steps in education.

At Robins, we promote independence. Children are supported to take ownership of their own self-help skills including safety, hygiene and toilet care. Children have freedom to explore the setting, leading their own play, guided by responsive and caring adults. Through quality interactions and focused assessments, adults provide activities that cater to children's interests and next developmental steps.

Our outdoor area is used daily to promote our children's health and well-being. Through a range of activities and resources, we support and challenge our children as they develop their gross motor skills such as running, jumping, balancing and climbing.

We feel that the outdoors provides an excellent environment for developing social skills, speaking and listening and mark making. Learning outside creates an atmosphere of exploration, imagination and problem solving, encouraging children to use their senses to explore the world around them.

At Redhill Robins, we begin our journey as early readers and writers by prioritising speech development. We aim to create an environment rich in language, rhyme and story.

We aim to work in partnership with children, families and colleagues to provide a safe, caring and inspiring learning environment, where children can establish a love of learning from an early age.

## Our Vision

The Redhill Early Years Team strive to create a safe, exciting and inspiring learning environment, which is reactive to children's learning needs and interests. We provide a safe but challenging learning environment, using interesting resources and experiences, to help children to experiment, explore and discover the world around them. We plan carefully and progressively, introducing new skills and building on prior knowledge.

As a team, we are dedicated to promoting children's health and well-being. We want our children to be healthy, safe and love learning, so that they continue to develop and grow. We actively promote independence and encourage resilience in all areas of learning. We work tirelessly to help children acquire transferable life skills that will help them to be ready for their next steps in learning. In the Early Years, we place particular importance on speech and language development and early reading by creating a language rich environment, filled with high quality stories, rhymes and talk.

Our dedicated and approachable Early Years team, work in partnership with parents and families to promote learning within the setting and at home, ensuring all children meet their potential. Through our Key worker system, we build close relationships with children, acting as role models for behaviour and learning, providing high quality learning experiences and interactions. All of the children in our setting are valued as individuals. We carefully observe and assess children's learning, in order to personalise our curriculum and learning environment, to ensure it meets the needs and interests of all children within the setting.

## Home - School Partnerships

### **Staff will:**

- \* Provide a safe, stimulating and caring environment where your child can follow their individual interests as they learn.
- \* Build children's self-esteem and confidence through nurture and praise.
- \* Encourage children's curiosity, questioning, independence and problem solving, developing positive lifelong attitudes and skills to learning.
- \* Support children in developing respect, resilience and awareness of their own and other cultures and religions.
- \* Establish strong partnerships with parents and carers to encourage participation in their child's learning and development.
- \* Adhere to policy and procedures such as *Changing Policy*, *Child protection Policy*, *Admissions policy* and *equal Opportunities Policy* (all relevant policies are available from the main school office or on the school website).
- \* Work in partnership with other agencies to ensure that families and children are supported and their individual needs are appropriately met.

### **As parents / carers we ask you to:**

- \* Help to build a positive relationship with Robins for the benefit of your child's education.
- \* Read a book with your child every day.
- \* Keep us up to date with emergency contact details, medical needs and changes to home address.
- \* Ensure your child attends school regularly and punctually.
- \* Encourage your child to be independent when dressing and using the toilet.
- \* Avoid taking your child on holiday during school term time.
- \* Inform the school of the reason for non-attendance on the first day of absence.
- \* Engage in workshops, meetings and consultations.
- \* Support your child's play and learning at home. Use resources provided to enhance your home learning environment.
- \* Give permission for any referrals to other agencies or act on advice to seek support from other agencies such as the GP.

- \* Adhere to all policies and procedures such as medication policy, Child Protection Policy, Admissions Policy and Equal Opportunities Policy (All relevant policies are available from the main school office or on the school website).
- \* Try to walk to school if possible. If this is not possible, ensure that you park your vehicle safely, not on yellow lines and courteously of other parents and local residents.
- \* Seek reassurance or an explanation from staff, if you have any concerns. Refrain from using social media as a platform to share concerns about other children, parents or school practices.

**Together we will:**

- \* Encourage your child to be thoughtful, helpful and caring to others.
- \* Support your child's learning and confidence in a positive environment.
- \* Make your child's first experience of school positive and enjoyable.
- \* Ensure that your child makes good progress through their early development across all areas of the curriculum.

**We look forward to working with you!**

**Starting at Redhill Robins**

During the induction period you will be invited to visit the setting with your child, for a taster (stay and play session) session for 1 hour. It is a huge transition for a child to leave their parent or carer for the first time and they may become distressed. We have a flexible approach to the settling in period to ensure we meet the need of every child as an individual. Please feel free to speak with a member of staff regarding this.

### Key worker information

We have highly qualified and highly motivated staff, who hold decades of experience within the profession of educating young children. Each staff member is responsible for a group of children, known as a key worker group. Your child's key worker is responsible for helping you and your child to settle in at Robins, plan activities for your child and keep records of your child's progress. They will be able to assist you with any questions or concerns you may have. However, you are more than welcome to speak with any member of staff who will be happy to help you. You will be notified of your child's key worker during the settling in period.

### What your child will need

When your child attends they will need to bring the following:

Drinks bottle with water. ( Please label with your child's name.)

A small bag with two or three changes of clothes including underwear and socks / tights and a pair of shoes.

If your child is in nappies please provide spare nappies and baby wipes.

We play outdoors in all weather conditions. Please send your child in clothing and footwear appropriate for the weather (rain coat, wellington boots, winter coat, sun hat).

Please apply sun cream in hot weather. With your permission, we can re-apply sun cream provided by you if needed (please see sun cream policy).

**All belongings must be labelled with your child's name.**

School uniform is optional - red jumper / cardigan, white blouse / shirt, grey trousers / skirt, black shoes. Please send your child in clothes that are easy for them to manage. Trousers and skirts that have elasticated waist are ideal for encouraging independence during toileting. We have aprons available in the setting. However, be aware that in Early Years, we take part in lots of messy play and clothing may get soiled by pen or paint.

If your child attends for a  $\frac{1}{2}$  day session only (morning or afternoon), they **do not** need to bring a packed lunch as children can have their lunch at home before or after their nursery session.

If your child attends a full day session they **will** need to bring a packed lunch. Please ensure there are no products containing nuts as we have pupils with allergies in school.

Please try to avoid bringing in toys from home, to avoid them getting lost or broken.

### Session times and routine

Your child can attend for a morning session, afternoon session or all day. Your child's session times can be arranged or altered by speaking to a member of staff in the main school office. We can also help you to apply for any funding (Think 2 / Early Years Pupil Premium) you may be eligible for.

The session times are:

Morning - 8:45am-11:45am

Afternoon - 12:15 - 3:15pm

All day - 8:45am-3pm

### **Fees and Funding:**

- Paid Session Prices are £12.50 for a half day or £25.00 for A whole day.
- A top-up fee of £2.50 per day can be paid if you wish to extend your child's day until 3:15pm.
- 2 year old Think 2 funded places are available for eligible families.
- 3-4 year old are entitled to 15 hours free universal child care.
- A limited number of 30 hour funded places are available for eligible 3-4 year olds.

### What happens during a typical day at Redhill Robins?

#### Rhythm of the day at Redhill Robins

Morning	The daily Routine	Afternoon
8:45-9:00	Arrive and settle	12:15-12.30
9:00-9:15	Sing hello song and concept cat activity	12:30-12:45
9:15-10:00	Child initiated play outside	12:45-1:15
10:00-10:15	Tidy up, wash hands, sing songs	1:15-1:30
10:15-10:45	Snack time with story	1:30-2:00
10:45-11:25	Child initiated play inside	2:00-2:40
11:25-11:35	Tidy up	2:40-2:50
11.35-11.45	Wash hands and coats on for home time	2.50-3.00
11:45	Home time	3.00-3.15
	11.45-12.15 lunch time for children who stay all day	

- Some of the activities your child will access during free play / small group work are: Stories and rhymes, mark making, maths, early phonics, water play, imaginative play, creative / dance activities, outdoor activities, investigation and discovery, celebrations.

### Attendance

To help your child build effective relationships with adults and children, it is vital that children attend consistently to ensure that they access all of the learning available. Please ensure that you sign the attendance register when dropping off and collecting children.

If your child is absent, it is parents / carers responsibility to inform the setting by calling the Redhill school office (01543 227140). It is part of our duty of care to know where children are if they are unable to attend. As part of our school policy, we complete safe and well home visit checks if your child has been absent for 3 days. Poor or inconsistent attendance can also affect your child's access to funding. For more information please see our Attendance Policy.

### Sickness

If your child is not well and will be absent. Please inform the school office by phone call on the first day of sickness. (01543 227140)

To prevent the spread of infection and sickness we follow these health guidelines:

Reason for absence	Period to remain off school
<u>Suspected Covid 19 Symptoms</u> New continuous cough and / or high temperature, loss of taste or smell	Children, staff or parents displaying any of the Covid 19 symptoms must not attend the setting. Please inform the school.
Diarrhoea and vomiting	48 hours from last episode of diarrhoea and vomiting
Conjunctivitis	Child can return after first treatment
Hand, foot and mouth	None
Scarlet fever	Child can return 24 hours after starting appropriate antibiotic treatment
Head lice	None (please check your child's hair frequently. If required, head lice treatment and advice can be obtained from your local chemist)
Meningitis	Until recovered
Mumps	Five days after onset of swelling
Chicken pox	Once all blisters are crusted
Ringworm	None - but treatment is recommended
Impetigo	Until lesions are crusted and healed
Scabies	Child can return after first treatment

Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum Guide for Parents		
Areas of Learning	Programme of Study - Knowledge and skills children learn	
Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Self-Regulation</li> <li>Managing Self</li> <li>Building Relationships</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Good PSED skills are crucial for children to lead healthy and happy lives, and are fundamental to their brain and learning development in later life.</b></li> <li>Create warm and supportive relationships with adults and children.</li> <li>Children to learn how to understand their own feelings and those of others.</li> <li>Children should be supported to manage emotions, develop a positive sense of self, set themselves simple goals, have confidence in their own abilities, to persist and wait for what they want and direct attention as necessary.</li> <li>Children learn how to make good friendships, co-operate and resolve conflicts peacefully.</li> </ul>
Prime Areas		
Communication and Language Development (CL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Listening, Attention &amp; Understanding</li> <li>Speaking</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>The development of children's spoken language underpins all seven areas of learning and development.</b></li> <li>Children's back-and-forth interactions from an early age form the foundations for language and brain development.</li> <li>Children will be immersed in a language rich environment.</li> <li>Children will engage in conversation, story-telling and role play, sharing their ideas with support and modelling from their teacher, children become comfortable using a rich range of vocabulary and language structures.</li> </ul>
Physical Development (PD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gross Motor Skills</li> <li>Fine Motor Skills</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Physical activity is vital in children's all-round development, enabling them to pursue happy, healthy and active lives</b></li> <li>Gross and fine motor experiences develop incrementally throughout early childhood, starting with sensory explorations and the development of a child's strength, co-ordination and positional awareness through tummy time, crawling and play movement with both objects and adults.</li> <li>Creating games and providing opportunities for play both indoors and outdoors, adults can support children to develop their core strength, stability, balance, spatial awareness, co-ordination and agility. Gross motor skills provide the foundation for developing healthy bodies and social and emotional well-being.</li> <li>Fine motor control and precision helps with hand-eye co-ordination, which is later linked to early literacy. Repeated and varied opportunities to explore and play with small world activities, puzzles, arts and crafts and the practice of using small tools, with feedback and support from adults, allow children to develop proficiency, control and confidence.</li> </ul>
<p><b>The Prime Areas of learning are those which children should develop first. They are considered the most essential for the healthy development and future learning of our children.</b></p> <p><b>In our Pre-school, our 2 &amp; 3 Year olds focus on embedding and mastering these skills, building a strong foundation for wider learning.</b></p>		
Literacy (L)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comprehension</li> <li>Word Reading</li> <li>Writing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>It is crucial for children to develop a life-long love of reading.</b></li> <li>Language comprehension (necessary for both reading and writing) starts from birth. It only develops when adults talk with children about the world around them and the books (stories and non-fiction) they read with them, and enjoy rhymes, poems and songs together.</li> <li>Skilled word reading, taught later, involves both the speedy working out of the pronunciation of unfamiliar printed words (decoding) and the speedy recognition of familiar printed words.</li> <li>Writing involves transcription (spelling and handwriting) and composition (articulating ideas and structuring them in speech, before writing).</li> </ul>
Mathematics (M)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number</li> <li>Numerical Pattern</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Developing a strong grounding in number is essential so that all children develop the necessary building blocks to excel mathematically.</b></li> <li>Children learn to count confidently, develop a deep understanding of the numbers to 10, the relationships between them and the patterns within those numbers.. They also learn mathematical vocabulary to help them solve mathematical problems in the future.</li> <li>Children have rich opportunities to develop their spatial reasoning skills across all areas of mathematics, look for patterns and relationships, spot connections, 'have a go', talk to adults and peers about what they notice and not be afraid to make mistakes.</li> </ul>
Specific Areas		
Understanding of the World (UW)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Past and Present</li> <li>People, Culture &amp; Communities</li> <li>The Natural World</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Understanding the world involves guiding children to make sense of their physical world and their community.</b></li> <li>The frequency and range of children's personal experiences increases their knowledge and sense of the world around them - from visiting parks, libraries and museums to meeting important members of society such as police officers, nurses and firefighters.</li> <li>Children will listen to a broad selection of stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems will foster their understanding of our culturally, socially, technologically and ecologically diverse world.</li> <li>Enriching and widening children's vocabulary will support later reading comprehension.</li> </ul>
Expressive Arts and Design (EAD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Creating with and Materials</li> <li>Being Imaginative</li> <li>Expressive</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Expressive Arts and Design, The development of children's artistic and cultural awareness supports their imagination and creativity.</b></li> <li>Children have regular opportunities to engage with the arts, enabling them to explore and play with a wide range of media and materials.</li> <li>The quality and variety of what children see, hear and participate in is crucial for developing their understanding, self-expression, vocabulary and ability to communicate through the arts.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Characteristics of Learning - How children Learn...</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Playing and exploring - children investigate and experience things, and 'have a go'</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Active learning - children concentrate and keep on trying if they encounter difficulties, and enjoy achievements</b></p> <p><b>Creating and thinking critically - children have and develop their own ideas, make links between ideas, and develop strategies for doing things</b></p>		

## Safeguarding

We have a duty of care to each child within the setting to ensure they are safe from harm. We uphold this in the following ways:

- All staff are DBS checked
- Our Building - Our perimeter is surrounded with fencing and gates are locked. The main door works on a security locking system. This means it *CANNOT* be opened from outside without inputting the security code. Please press the button on the silver panel outside and wait for a member of staff to open the door from inside. If you are leaving the building please fully press the exit button, located to the right of the door above the fire extinguishers, then you may exit. If the door is forced open the locking mechanism may become less effective. Please take care when using the door.
- Collection - Please let a member of staff know if anyone different will be collecting your child. A mutually agreed password can be provided for collection. Staff **WILL NOT** allow a child go with somebody we are not familiar with. Children *CANNOT* be collected by another child under the age of 16.
- Medication - Should your child require any medication please inform a member of staff immediately. Following our medication policy, we are able to administer medication that is prescribed by your GP if it is required to be taken four times a day. The medication must have the GP label on with your child's name and must be within the expiry date.
- Marks - If your child has a mark from home, for instance if they have fallen over and grazed their knee or have a bump on their head, please inform a member of staff so the mark can be recorded in our marks book. This is so we know they have not hurt themselves in the setting.
- Disclosure - If a child tells us about something which we feel will place them in harm, following our safeguarding policy and duty of care, we **MUST** inform the appropriate agency.
- If you feel a child is at risk of harm you can speak with any member of staff. Alternatively you can make a referral yourself by calling first response. Referrals to first response can be made anonymously.

**Staffordshire Children's Advice Service.**

**0300 111 8007**

## Promoting Positive Behaviour

We believe that children flourish best when their personal, social and emotional needs are understood, supported and met and where there are clear, fair and developmentally appropriate expectations for their behaviour.

As children develop, they learn about boundaries, the difference between right and wrong, and to consider the views and feelings, and needs and rights, of others and the impact that their behaviour has on people, places and objects. The development of these skills requires adult guidance to help encourage and model appropriate behaviours and to offer intervention and support when children struggle with conflict and emotional situations. In these types of situations staff can help identify and address triggers for the behaviour and help children reflect, regulate and manage their actions.

**Our school Rule: Ready, Respectful and Safe.**



We focus on positive behaviour and always use positive behaviour strategies to actively praise and promote this to all children. We do this in various ways including:

- \* Praise specific actions or attitudes - "Thank you for picking all those bricks up" "You tried really hard to finish that jigsaw" "Those were really kind words you used"
- \* Acknowledge how the child is feeling and voice their thoughts to show understanding - "I know you are sad, but we have to share the cars and take turns" "I know you feel angry and you want to carry on playing, but now it is time to tidy up"
- \* Give the child prior warning when activities need to change - "It is nearly time to tidy up, one more minute"

\* We very rarely need to use time out (calm down time), if we do, a member of staff will talk to a child about their behaviour including what they could do next time, just for a couple of minutes.

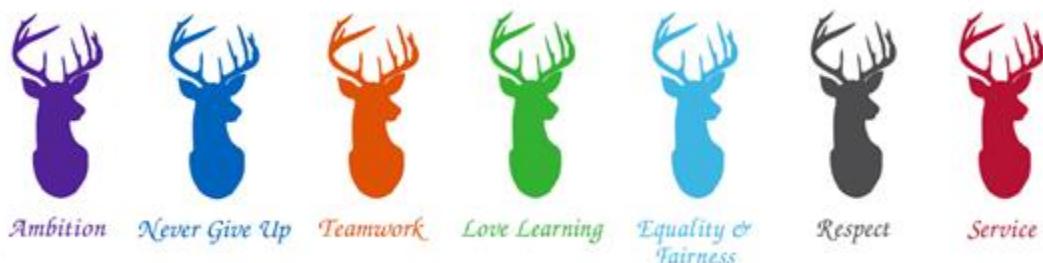
For more information please see our Promoting Positive Behaviour Policy.

### Supporting British Values

The Department for Education requires all settings and schools to educate children in line with core British values of;

- Democracy
- Rule of law
- Individual Liberty
- Mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs

At Redhill we encourage these through our school values. These are known as our ANTLERS:

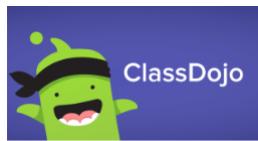


### Medical requirements

Please inform a member of staff immediately if your child has allergies or any other medical needs. We will discuss any care requirements for your child and create an Individual Health Care Plan with you if required.

### Observation and assessment

As part of the Early Years curriculum we are required to record your child's progress in all the areas of learning. We will keep you regularly informed about your child's progress from starting points.



As a way of information sharing we use Class Dojo. This is an online programme where staff will keep you informed of any milestones your child achieves whilst at Robins. We will also add home learning and inform you of dates and events. Class dojo can be used as a messaging service between yourself and Mrs Jukes or Miss Freeman. You can also upload pictures or videos to your child's portfolio to view. For any urgent comments or questions, please contact the school office. In order for us to continue using this messaging service, we ask that interactions remain as positive as possible. Please be advised that staff members may set quiet hours to identify when they will not be checking their messages. We will require permission forms to be completed allowing us to use class dojo with your child.

### Photographs

Photographs of your child may be taken for various reasons such as to be placed above your child's coat peg, observations and displays. Photographs will only be taken by staff on devices which are protected with a password. We will require your permission to take photographs of your child. You are able to opt out of photographs being taken. Please feel free to discuss this with any member of staff. (For further information please see Camera and Imaging Policy)

### Complaints

We sincerely hope you will be happy at Redhill Robins and have no need to complain. However, we understand that sometimes you may have concerns. In the first instance please speak to a member of staff. If you feel your concern has not been dealt with effectively, you may ask to speak with our Early Years Lead or Head teacher and follow our school complaints procedure which may be obtained from the school office or on our school website.

**ALL OF OUR POLICIES CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE OR THE SCHOOL WEBSITE**

**PLEASE FEEL FREE TO GIVE US A CALL IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS**

We look forward to starting our journey with you at

Redhill Primary School.