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Nascot Wood Infant & Nursery School

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Information about the School

Nascot Wood Infant and Nursery School is a popular, thriving two form entry school which caters for 240 children aged 3-7 years.

The school was built in 1976 and is set in attractive residential surroundings in north Watford. We share a spacious site with Nascot Junior School, encompassing a large mature woodland area, playing field and a heated swimming pool. The vast majority of our children transfer to Nascot Wood Junior School at the end of Key Stage One and well established arrangements are in place to ensure a smooth transition for the children.

Our Nursery Unit opened in 1997 and our offer includes a mixture of children attending part time for 15 hours per week plus some children who are eligible for the 30 Hour free childcare provision. Children are admitted in the September of the year in which their 4th birthday falls. Our Reception and Nursery class staff work closely together and form a strong Foundation Stage Team. We were re accredited with the Hertfordshire Silver Early Years Quality Kite mark in 2020. The children in these Early Years classes enjoy shared access to a large pleasant outdoor classroom.

The School aims to provide a secure, happy and caring environment in which children are nurtured and encouraged to take pride, care and interest in every aspect of school life. Visitors often comment positively on the friendliness of the staff and the positive behaviour and attitudes displayed by our children. The level of care, guidance and support demonstrated by all staff was judged to be outstanding in our latest Ofsted inspection. Considerable effort is put into making the school an attractive and stimulating place in which to work and learn. The Arts are considered an important aspect of our creative curriculum. Children are provided with regular opportunities to produce high quality art work during regular focus Art Days and weeks. Similarly, we have strong links with the Watford School of Music and children in Year 2 are able to take violin, recorder or guitar lessons. Our provision for sports and PE is also strong; we employ a specialised PE Learning Support Assistant and offer a range of extra-curricular clubs and activities, including gymnastics, football, dance, multi-skills and tennis.

We believe it is vital to explicitly teach the children how to become more effective learners. We do this through the use of our 'Building Learning Power' approach. 'Building Learning Power' is a concept developed by Professor Guy Claxton and is based on an extensive body of research into learning and the brain. It advocates creating a classroom culture in which good learning habits are cultivated in order to help children become more effective in their learning. At our school we have chosen eight key characteristics that we believe are particularly significant for supporting young children's learning and have attached an animal mascot to each one.

The two teachers in each year group work closely together in their planning of the Curriculum and in the shared use of resources; they are ably supported by a part time Learning Support Assistant in each of the Key Stage One classes. Reception and Nursery classes have full time Learning Support Assistants working in each of the classes. The School has excellent staff team with a breadth of experience ranging from recently qualified to those who have been with the school for many years. All staff share a commitment to team work and to putting the needs of the children at the heart of everything we do. We are strongly committed to continuing professional development for all our staff.




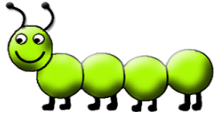






Schoolgateway



There is an expectation that Parents and Carers will take an active role in their child's education and the staff welcome parents and carers into the classrooms. The School has a high degree of parental support and successful parental engagement. There is an active Parents and Friends Association which has contributed a great deal to the development of the school.

The Governing Body is active, high performing and strongly supportive of the school.

Nascot Wood Infant and Nursery School Building Learning Power Friends			
			
Challenge Cheetah <i>Enjoys trying something new and knows it is ok to find things difficult.</i>	Curiosity Cat <i>Asks questions and likes to see how things fit together.</i>	Choice Chimp <i>Understands that choices have consequences and considers the options</i>	Collaboration Caterpillar <i>Works well with others to complete a task and learns from working with others.</i>
			
Concentration Crocodile <i>Sticks at a task until it is finished and plans the learning steps.</i>	Persevering Penguin <i>Keeps going and doesn't give up, even when a task is tricky.</i>	Listening Ladybird <i>Looks at the person who is talking and asks questions if they don't understand</i>	Creative Chameleon <i>Uses his or her imagination and thinks of a range of ideas.</i>



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A safe and secure learning community where we



Encourage, Challenge, Achieve

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