



Little Hayes and Speedwell Nursery School Federation

Developing our Nurture Space: Supporting Your Child to Thrive

“Children are unique and holistic learners, thriving within environments that support their individual and diverse motivations, interests and needs... Inclusive spaces are nurturing and supportive of all children... Enabling environments offer children security, comfort, choice, engagement and opportunity.” Birth to 5 Matters

At our nursery we want ALL children to thrive and succeed. We want every child to feel safe, secure and supported, with planning, provision and knowledgeable practitioners that optimise the development and learning potential of every child. To help with this, we have created a **Nurture Space** for children who need a little extra support to grow and succeed.

What is the Nurture Space?

It's a calm, welcoming area with a higher adult to child ratio available to give your child focused attention. This helps children who might feel overwhelmed in the busy nursery environment to relax, build social, communication and emotional skills, and enjoy play and learning at their own pace. From their unique, personal starting points all children will have opportunities to successfully contribute to and participate in our broad, rich, meaningful and creative curriculum.

Rationale – why are we developing our Nurture Space?

Some children find the nursery busy or overstimulating, depending on their individual sensory needs. The Nurture Space offers a quieter place where they can feel secure, regulate their emotions, and engage fully with the nursery's fun and creative activities.

We aim to create an enabling environment and inclusive space that fosters and supports each child to fulfil their potential. It affords them unique opportunities to actively experience our full curriculum in a way that is individual to them.

Through close, strongly attached relationships the staff will acknowledge and value each child's strengths and capabilities, offer highly attuned and responsive support, and empower each child to develop their capabilities across all areas of learning.

What happens in the Nurture Space?

- Every child is part of either the Owl or Wren class and has a key person who supports them. They belong to a key group and are working towards participating in group activities like music, storytelling and explore time together.

- Each child's daily routine is tailored to their unique needs, based on their individual plan.
- Some children spend part of their day in the Ladybird room if it better suits how they learn.
- It is expected that all children will be supported to learn for some of their day alongside their class group in Owls or Wrens classroom and outside learning space.
- We create personalised learning experiences based on each child's strengths, interests, and goals.
- Teachers and the SENDCo work together with the key people to plan, support, and review each child's learning and progress.
- Children can join small groups and activities to help with skills like listening, attention, independence, and social interaction.
- Special tools like communication boards, favourite toys, or drawing boards to help children express themselves and feel comfortable are available.
- Multi-sensory resources like light boxes, fidget toys and malleable materials help children explore, relax, and regulate their emotions, as well as supporting sensory exploration and scientific enquiry.
- Soft cushions and beanbags offer cosy spots for children to relax and feel safe.
- Tents and dens create quiet, friendly spaces for communication and building language skills.
- Visual aids like daily routines, now and next boards and communication boards support understanding and language development.
- Outdoor play in our garden encourages active movement, coordination, and teamwork.
- Your child's key person, along with the support team and SENDCo, will keep in touch with you to build a positive partnership and share your child's progress.

How will we work with you?

We will keep you updated and involved, sharing your child's progress and making sure their individual needs are met.

Our goal is to help your child feel confident, happy, and ready to learn and play alongside their friends, while developing their own style of communication.