



Working together to achieve the best

Our vision

Dorking Nursery School and Centre offers high quality integrated education, care and support in our nurseries, groups for children from birth to five, outreach and home visiting services, together with facilities that are available to the local community. We value the whole child and endeavour to work in partnership with families to empower each individual to reach their personal and learning potential.

About our Centre

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. In August 2007, our long established and highly successful maintained nursery school was designated as a children's centre and renamed as Dorking Nursery School Sure Start Children's Centre. In January 2010, a new building, Dorking Rural became part of the Children's Centre and in April 2011 the two areas became one 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 have created wonderful learning environments with bright and cheerful play rooms, stimulating outdoor areas and practical spaces for adult learning.

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

This Centre Development Plan has been devised by the staff and governors of the Centre and in response to the children, family and community needs. It is also written in line with Surrey's Education Development Plan and government requirements.

There are 6 key priorities

Improvement Priority 1 - Children's Centre Service Delivery Plan

Improvement Priority 2 - OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN - Improve outcomes in speaking so that across both nurseries an average of 85% of the cohort are working at age related expectations

Improvement Priority 3 - QUALITY OF TEACHING, LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT - Work in partnership with parents to maintain outstanding outcomes in all prime aspects of learning

Improvement Priority 4 - OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN - Ensure that 90%+ of disadvantaged more able children make accelerated progress from their starting points and all are working above age related expectations

Improvement Priority 5 - LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT - Consider options for the future sustainability of Dorking Nursery School and Children's Centre

Improvement Priority 6 - PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, BEHAVIOUR AND WELFARE - Safeguarding Action Plan

