

The Local Offer

Name of setting

Gaddesby School Community Preschool
Ashby Road
Gaddesby
Leicestershire
LE7 4RG

Gaddesby School Community Preschool Accessibility

GSC Preschool is open from 9.00am to 3.00pm during term time with the option of wraparound care through using our out of school clubs. Preschool operates out of the single storey Village Hall which has easy access via a ramp and benefits from a large car park. We have a fully equipped 'free flow' garden and our qualified Forest School practitioner runs a forest school on Friday mornings in the adjoining school's forest area. GSC employs a high-quality workforce who are Early Years qualified and have all undergone DBS and suitability checks. Staff receive diverse relevant up to date training including Paediatric First Aid, Safeguarding and SEND.

Gaddesby School Community Preschool Pedagogy

GSC Preschool endeavours to meet the needs of all children. We support individuals to reach their full potential and guide their capabilities with the intention of ensuring that each child in our care can benefit from the opportunities which lie ahead. Our practitioners see each child as unique and support individuals by responding to their different needs and interests, building their learning over time. Practitioners utilise formative assessment and observation to plan challenging, fun experiences for each child, in all Prime and Specific areas of learning, providing opportunities to enhance and implement the skills they are developing. Practitioners and keypersons share information regularly with parents about their child's learning and development.

How Gaddesby School Community recognise, and support SEND

GSC Preschool practitioners and parents will share their expertise and knowledge of a child to recognise when a child's progress might indicate the need for specialist intervention. At this point, practitioners will liaise with the setting's SENCO, who will use the graduated approach to determine the relevant area of support required. The setting's SENCO will direct practitioners in planning additional activities and providing the most relevant strategies to address the child's needs.

The settings SENCO will work together with families and support them in accessing any relevant services as appropriate.

How Gaddesby School Community support transition for a child with SEND

The child and parents will be invited to visit the setting before the child's start date. During these visits there will be opportunities for practitioners, the child's keyperson, and the child to meet. Parents will be introduced to the settings SENCO, with whom the needs and interests of the child and any current support will be discussed. If the child has any involvement with specialist teaching services, with parent's permission, these will be contacted prior to the child's start date and an initial visit from the specialist teacher will be arranged as appropriate.

Families will have access to a transition picture book, all about the setting and the adults in it, to look at with the child at home.

In the setting, GSC use a range of activities to support the child in starting their preschool journey, such as Visual Transition Cards, Transition objects, rituals such as the Good Morning song, Social Communication groups and Friendship groups.

The settings SENCO and the child's Keyperson will communicate with parents regularly throughout the child's preschool journey and will offer more transition support tailored to the child's needs and stage of development when transitioning to school.