

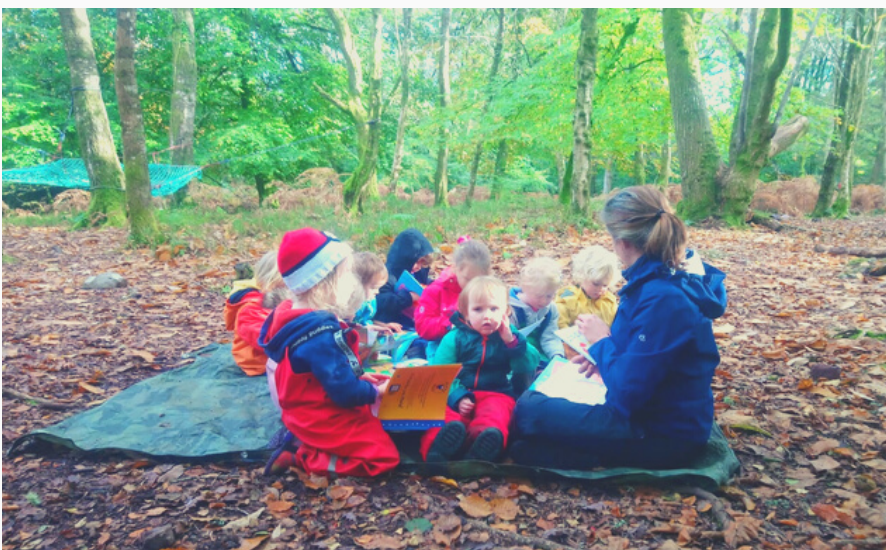
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**WIDLINGS  
FOREST  
KINDERGARTEN**

## SCHOOL READINESS

HOW OUR KINDERGARTEN PREPARES CHILDREN

There are many different skills that are regarded as being school ready. Children develop at their own rate and each child is unique. We have created a list of the key skills we are working on to support the children with their transition to school. Apart from being away from family for the first time, a transition to school can be the biggest and most exciting change in a young life. We want to be able to ensure we have done everything, so they are ready for this next step.



**'PLAY IS THE  
HIGHEST FORM  
OF RESEARCH'**

**ALBERT EINSTEIN**



## SKILLS FOR INDEPENDENCE

- Children become motivated learners, keen and able to try out new activities with a 'have a go' attitude
- They have the ability to identify when they need to ask for help
- They can open their own lunch boxes, wrappers, and use a knife and fork when appropriate
- They know how to listen, remember and follow the rules of camp which keep them safe
- Children know elements of self care, including wiping their own nose, using the toilet when they need to, and washing their hands regularly
- They can dress and undress themselves, adapting to the seasonal temperatures and weather appropriate clothing
- Children are responsible for their own belongings in camp, keeping them safe and stored properly
- They know how to tidy up activities and belongings when they have finished with them



The Wildlings team works closely with parents and carers to help support each child's individual needs. We do this via positive encouragement, promoting the development of their physical, social and emotional independence.

If you would like more information or have any questions please contact us.

## SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL SKILLS

- Children will enjoy learning and exploring new activities and environments, with lots of exciting interactive surroundings to take in and study
- They know how to take turns and share resources with others
- They enjoy looking at books, sharing stories, acting out and retelling their favourite parts to one another
- Children understand the need to follow both instructions and rules when they are given
- They are confident to share ideas with others, and in turn listen to other children's ideas
- They have the ability to focus and listen for a short while
- They establish a good bedtime routine, aided by lots of fresh air and activity in the days





## SCHOOL ADMISSION LINKS:

We hope you will find these links useful, they have all been taken from [devon.gov.uk](http://devon.gov.uk)

[STEP BY STEP GUIDE TO SCHOOL ADMISSION](#)

[WHY APPLY FOR A SCHOOL PLACE](#)

[HELP WITH CHILDCARE COSTS FOR SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN](#)

[DELAYED ADMISSION TO RECEPTION FOR SUMMER BORN CHILDREN](#)



## SCHOOL ADMISSION ADVICE

Usually school admissions open between mid November and close mid January. Know your options:

- Full time education: research catchment area and visit primary schools. Look at Ofsted reports which will inform your decisions when listing preference on the application form.
- Flexi education: children are not required to attend school full time until the term after their 5th birthday. You can decide to 'flexi school' your child for this period. Please be aware that not all schools will agree to flexi school and that the early years funding will end as soon as your child starts in a reception class, be this full or part time.
- Delayed and deferred admission: please see the guidance from Devon early years. It explains the difference between delaying and deferring and has many points covering how the admissions team approach these possibilities as well as lots of other points to consider. Please feel free to talk to any member of staff if you feel that your child may benefit from delaying or deferring.
- Home education: see 'why apply for a school place' or call 0345 155 1019 for further advice. If home educating the child will continue to receive Gov funding until the term after their 5th Birthday.

## WILDLINGS KINDERGARTEN

Wildlings kindergarten is happy to support families who have opted for any of the above options, we currently have several reception age children who are deferred, delayed, flexi schooling or being home educated.

We ask that parents inform us of their decision as soon as possible and give notice as normal, so we can allocate spaces for new starters in September.

Once you have received an offer on a place at primary and you have accepted, please let us know and with your permission we will contact them to send them your child's transition report.