



## THE YOUNG ONES

### The Crèche

Quite simply, a more idyllic location for Southland's Crèche could not be found. Situated in the Old School house in the grounds of St Margaret's Junior School on the edge of the small village of Wolstanton, the Crèche offers a caring and homely environment, which provides a gentle transition into nursery life.

Babies and young children are nurtured within three small groups according to their age and individual stages of development. Each group is cared for by a team of key workers responding to and fulfilling the needs of each child in their care. During induction visits the key worker will discuss all aspects of your child and a child CV is given out for parents to complete. This enables us to gain further understanding of the child to ensure s/he fully enjoys their time at nursery and that we can respond to their individual needs.

Our secure outdoor play area has an all-weather safety surface, giving children opportunities for outdoor play, rain, snow or sunshine. We have a large permanent gazebo to provide shelter from the elements and a place to enjoy picnics together too.

At Southlands we pride ourselves on taking children on daily outings, enjoying walks through the village, to local parks and other places of interest in the local community.

Visits often take us further afield, such as trips to the farmyard, our twice weekly swimming sessions and any other places of interest. For this we provide our own mini bus which is equipped with safety features of the highest specification and driven by fully trained and insured members of staff. We have age appropriate car restraints for all children using the minibus.

At the Crèche we encompass EYFS, a play based framework which is mandatory for all nurseries for children 0-5 years. Working within this framework our children are offered a wide range of learning activities whilst still allowing time for both spontaneous and child chosen activities too. Children learn new skills and acquire knowledge within 3 prime areas of learning and development. These are; Communication and Language, Physical Development and Personal, Social and Emotional Development. These prime areas are essential for your child's healthy development and future learning. This homely and caring environment that we have created is fundamental in providing the emotional wellbeing for our little ones. Inevitably a happy, confident child should follow.

In preparation for the move to The Kindergarten, the older children will have frequent visits to familiarise themselves with their new surroundings. As your child progresses into their new environment, their key staff member will provide continued support during this period of transition.