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# Local Offer 2024-2025

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### **What is the Local Offer?**

When the Children and Families Bill was enacted in 2014, local authorities were required to publish and keep under review information from services that expect to be available for children and young people with SEND aged 0-25. The intention of the Local Offer is to improve choice and transparency for families. From the Local Offer, parents will know what they can reasonably expect from their local area and make informed choices about suitability of early years settings (and schools) for their child.

### **What does St Thomas a Becket Nursery offer?**

St Thomas a Becket Nursery aims to provide a safe, caring and stimulating environment for children in our care. It is our desire to offer parents a reliable and quality service that will, where possible, responds to their needs for childcare. The nursery will at all times operate within the guidelines as defined by OFSTED, through prioritising the safety and welfare of the child above all else.

Our Day Care service is for children between the ages of two and five years of age, or to the age of entering primary school.

Nursery opens at 8.30 am and closes strictly at 3.00pm, Monday to Friday.

Our Nursery runs in the school term time only.

We will try to accommodate requests for additional sessions within our operating timeframe, but this is dependent on strict staff to child ratios being observed.

### **Who do the nursery provide Early Years Education for?**

The nursery is a registered Early Years Education provider, offering childcare to all local families who have children aged 2-5 years, subject to admissions policy and process:

8.30 - 9.00 = Early Bird session for which the parents pay

12.00-13:00 = Can be funded or a paid hour

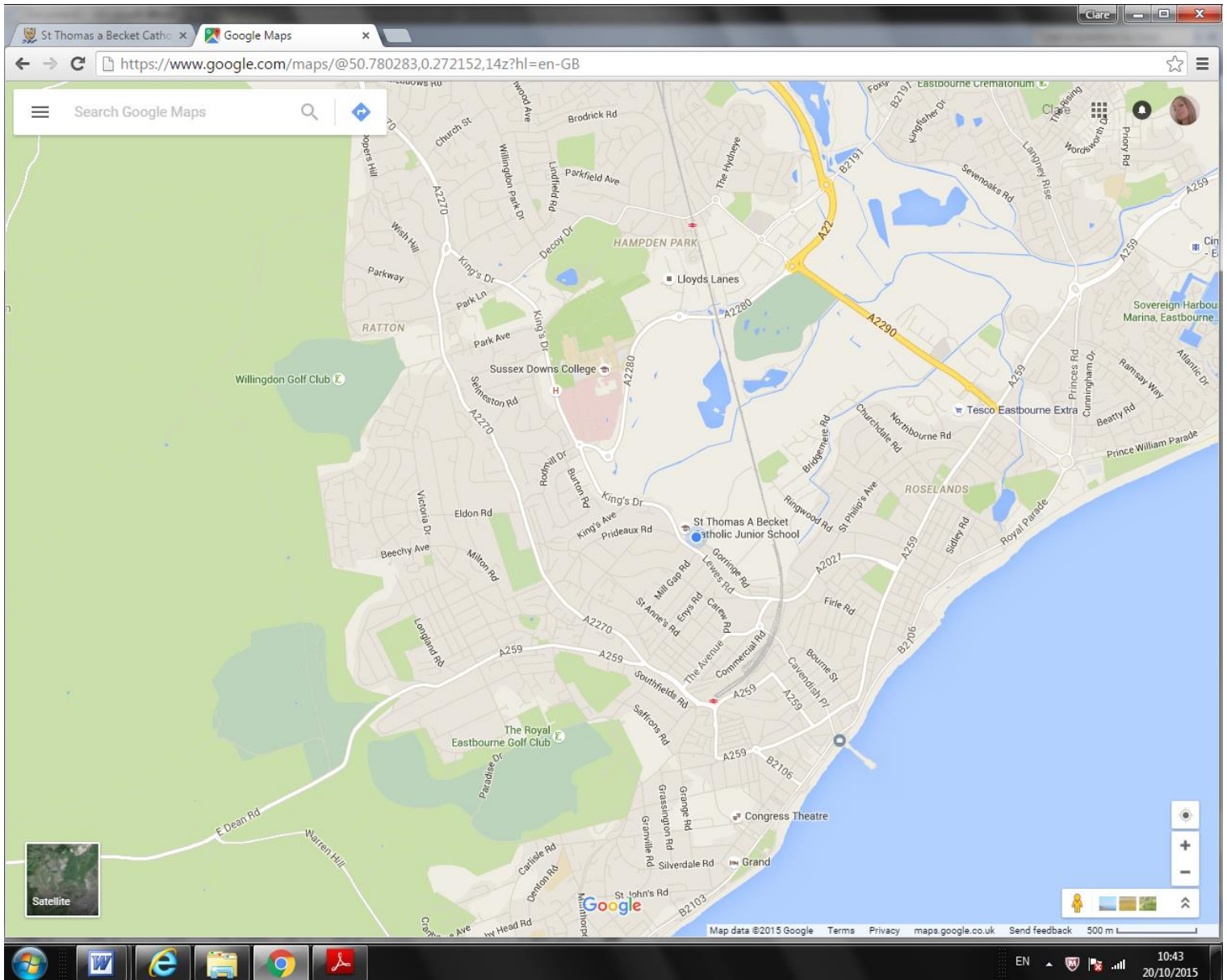
9.00 – 3.00 = Funded hours (broken down into 9.00 – 12.00 / 9.00 – 1.00 / 12 – 3.00)

Please see our website and our Fee Policy for further information about session costs

<https://stthomasabecketnursery.co.uk/about-us/nursery-policies/>

## Where is the nursery located?

Map of Eastbourne:



## How can families start using the Nursery?

Families may contact the Nursery Office on 01323 725977 or at [office@stthomasabeckelnursery.co.uk](mailto:office@stthomasabeckelnursery.co.uk) or by completing the enquiry form on our website at <https://stthomasabeckelnursery.co.uk/contact-us/> Families are then invited in to look around, children stay for a play and parents meet with the Nursery Manager and relevant staff. Meetings are available in the summer for families who would like their child to start nursery in September or at any other time of the school year for a start later in the academic year. Any known SEND needs at the time of the visit can be discussed to start nursery's

journey in getting to know your child in order to facilitate any additional measures we may need to put in place for their nursery day with us.

### **How are decisions made about who can use the Nursery?**

The setting is inclusive and welcomes all children from diverse backgrounds and of differing abilities. We recognise all children are unique individuals and, as such, we identify and respond to their individual needs and learning styles to support them and to develop their emotional and social skills. There is no specific criteria, such as religion, geographical distance etc. The only stipulation is that all families are taken through the admissions process in which we ensure equality of access and opportunity.

### **What support is available for a pupil's overall well-being?**

Each child has a key worker who is a first point of contact on a daily basis for the child.

### **How we know if children need support**

- Children's progress is tracked to identify less than expected progress
- Concerns for less than expected progress are addressed by the key worker and the nursery SEND who is the nursery manager with the child's family
- Continued less than expected progress concerns that cannot be met with the nursery support are discussed by staff and parents to plan strategies for support in order to support barriers to learning
- Staff reviewing and planning support targeted at identified areas of need

### **How does the Nursery consult with its families and how are they involved in decision making / planning**

The nursery has strong relationships with its families. We operate an open-door policy and actively encourage parents to seek a discussion with their child's key worker and nursery manager to offer their views and comments, both good or where parents feel we can improve the service we offer.

Parents are encouraged to tell us about the 'Wow' moments their children have at home which enables our nursery practitioners to have the best picture about the next steps that can be taken in the nursery and home environment. Parent feedback is continually gathered through the use of Tapestry (online diary).

### **How St Thomas a Becket Nursery supports children**

- Next Steps planning for the individual child
- Staff reviewing and planning support, targeted at identified areas of need

- Through seeking the advice of professionals inside and outside the nursery– such as the SEND and specialist services which may be appropriate or available
- Through monitoring the impact of this support on pupil's progress

### **Is the nursery fully accessible?**

St Thomas a Becket Nursery complies with the Equalities Act 2010 and DDA legislation, the nursery having been purposely built in 2013. The nursery is on one level. This ensures we have designated disabled changing and adult toilet facility plus fully accessible child toilet facilities and nursery indoor and outdoor play environment. Our allotment is accessible to mobility aids and has specially raised beds to facilitate inclusion for all.

Our fully qualified practitioner team care for all children and make best use of the environment by adapting play opportunities and methods of communication to ensure all children are included and can have a voice. Staff training is arranged for any child coming to us who may use specific and specialised equipment.

### **How do staff support children or parents with SEND?**

Staff and children use visual aids to communicate with children who are non-verbal.

Our setting Special Educational Needs co-ordinator (SENCO) is our Nursery Manager. Our SENCO will work with our families, our nursery practitioners, [East Sussex ISEND professionals](#) through their referrals process and all other relevant professionals to access services that support nursery children with SEND.

Please also see our [website policies page](#) for our Supporting Children with SEND policy for further information.

### **Who to contact for further information**

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