

The Pod

The main principle of The Pod Mainstream Plus Provision is to provide a carefully structured day, where there is a balance of teaching and learning, affection and nurture within a safe and secure learning environment.

This key principle is at the heart of the provision we offer at Wren's Nest within The Pod Mainstream Plus Provision, allowing all children to be successful, supporting them in developing strategies to overcome their barriers (SEMH) to learning.

Key Vocabulary

Safe space	A place for a child to go where they feel safe and can self-regulate. This may be a different space for each child.
Key Adult	The person who is the advocate for the child and understands their behaviours.
"Finished"	A phrase used by adults to let a child know that a task is complete, or that an incident has been forgotten. It is also used to indicate when a choice activity is not allowed.
"I need you to be safe"	A phrase used by adults to encourage children to make better choices when they climb.

The classroom offers a safe base.

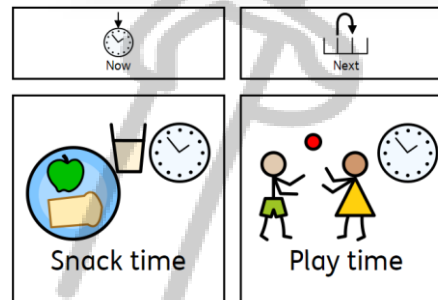


The Pod classroom is a place where children feel secure. It provides home-style features, such as a kitchen table where children can sit and eat together.

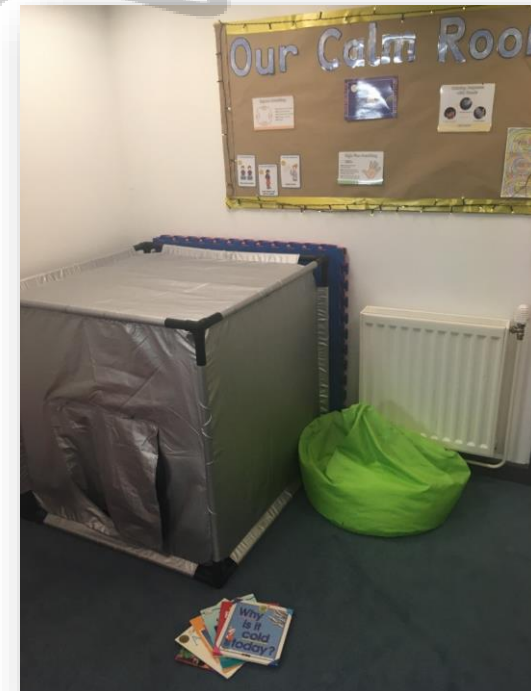


Routines in The Pod

Each day follows the same routine, which helps the children to feel safe. Visual timetables and 'Now and Next' boards allow the children to see what is happening throughout the day.



The Calm Room provides a safe space for children to self-regulate.



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Children's learning is understood developmentally.

The environment is adapted to suit the developmental needs of the children. Elements such as a role play area are included to encourage communication through play.



Transition

In The Pod, transitional stages in a child's educational journey are carefully planned for by staff. They prepare children using visual timetables and activities such as scrap books to create a transitional object to their new setting.



"All behaviour is communication"

Holmes and Boyd (1999)

Language is a vital means of communication; however, sometimes children display behaviour to communicate. The staff in The Pod understand and connect with each child and provide strategies for the child to make communication easier.

Work stations are provided to give children their own space to work in.

The development of wellbeing

Each child has a key adult who builds a trusting relationship with them. This makes them feel safe and secure.



As well as this, activities such as gardening and cookery are included in the timetable to promote a healthy mind and give positive mental health benefits.

