

## Seals sessions

**MORNING SESSIONS:** 9–12.00pm.

Our 3 hour morning sessions run from 9am-12.00pm every Monday to Friday in term time.

**LUNCHTIME SESSIONS:** 12.00pm–1pm

From the age of three, your child can bring a packed lunch and attend the 1 hour lunchtime session, from 12.00pm-1pm. Children doing half days at Stutton Primary School can also attend from 12-1pm.

## Seals fees

Fees are paid half-termly.

**UNDER THREE YEARS:**

Morning (9am-12.00pm) **£9**

**UNDER FOUR YEARS:**

From the term after your child's third birthday they can take up to 15 hours of sessions a week **FREE** thanks to government funding. This can be used for morning and lunchtime sessions in any combination that suits you and your child. Any sessions that your child attends in addition to their funded hours will be charged half termly at the cost of **£9** per 3 hour morning session and **£4** per 1 hour lunch session.

**STUTTON SCHOOL RECEPTION CHILDREN:**

Lunch session (12pm-1pm) **£4**

## How to find us



Stutton Seals is in the Ark at the rear of Stutton Primary School, in Stutton village on the B1080 (turn off the A137 at the Brantham Bull pub).

The Ark @ Stutton Primary School,  
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# Stutton Seals Playgroup



'Children's needs are very well met as staff take the time to get to know each child'  
Ofsted January 2008

## Stutton Seals

We provide a friendly, stimulating environment for up to 20 children aged two-and-a-half to four. It runs every weekday morning during term time at the Ark, a purpose-built centre in the grounds of Stutton Primary School.

Seals children learn through play and exploration, in accordance with the *Early Years Foundation Stage*. We explore children's interests through activities such as song, craft, numeracy and ICT. We also have regular visitors from the adult world, such as paramedics, dental health practitioners and the police service and take trips to places such as theatres and children's farms.

## Seals parents

Stutton Seals is affiliated with the Preschool Learning Alliance and is run in partnership with parents. Parents are encouraged to get involved by signing up on the parent helper rota and coming to open meetings of the parent/playgroup leaders voluntary committee, which meets every half term to agree policy and organise fund raising. We value information from parents regarding your child's interests.

## Seals staff

Between us we have over 20 years of experience working with preschool children. All staff, from the playgroup leader and her deputy to the special-needs coordinator and the assistants, are Ofsted registered, Criminal Records Bureau checked, hold first-aid certificates and are fully insured. There is always one adult supervising every four children aged under three, and every eight children aged over three.

## Starting Seals

We believe that parents are the main educators of their children. You are more than welcome to stay with your child while our staff help them settle in. Taking a turn on our daily parent helper rota is a great opportunity to get involved in your child's early education. Our 'key person' system gives each staff member particular responsibility for just a few children. Your child is assigned a key person, whose job it is to liaise with you and get to know your child and their skills and interests and tailor activities to support their learning.

## Starting school

Seals children enjoy time with the Stutton reception class every week where they join in a varied range of *Early Years Foundation Stage* activities and join in school sports day. This close link with the school makes for a very smooth transition from Playgroup to Reception class. Playgroup staff can collect part-time Stutton reception children from school to attend our lunch sessions.

## Seals facilities

The Ark was purpose built in 2002 to provide a safe and secure learning environment. We have a secure kitchen area for staff only, and a large range of resources which support the six areas of learning and development, including a large stock of books, as well as an computer and role play area. The gated outdoor play area includes an all-weather surface perfect for wheeled toys, a wooden gazebo and a planting area. We also have access to the school's playing field.

## Interested?

You are welcome to make an appointment to look round any time. We hold open afternoons every term, as well as taster sessions. Call Penny Hynes on 01473 328090 for more information or to make an appointment.