

Over Four Decades of Proven Cooperative Education

Nutfield is a private, not-for-profit, non-sectarian and non-discriminatory school for children from three to five years old in Derry and surrounding communities.

Our goal is to help children grow and our method is cooperative. By combining the efforts of a caring, experienced staff with the active participation of parents, Nutfield builds a unique bridge between the intimacy of the home and the larger world outside.

Our own home in historic First Parish Church sets a tone of respect for the past as we prepare children for the challenges of the future.

Nutfield offers classrooms with a variety of learning centers; a safe, modern playground with commercial-quality play sets; and large indoor spaces for gym and group functions.

Our teaching staff is qualified and highly experienced, and we supplement them with additional experts in Gym, Music, and Storytelling.



What Parents Say

Reviews from our Facebook page.

Jennifer Zenga (5★) *Our family loves Nutfield!!! Such a wonderful, dedicated, caring staff! My kids love to go to school. And it's great for me to get to be so actively involved... I love my coop days! If you are looking for the best preschool around, look no further!*

Stacey Cote Donlon (5★) *Nutfield is the best! Our children love their teachers and classmates, and can't wait to go to school each day and we love spending time in the classroom cooperating! Nutfield is a fantastic school that provides a fun and exciting learning environment, that is caring and supportive of the entire family!*

Pete Smiddy (5★) *A wonderful school full of caring and talented teachers. We are truly blessed that all 4 of our kids have had the opportunity to attend.*

Lindsay Degnan (5★) *Best choice in a local preschool hands down! I love my time spent in the classroom. The staff shows unbelievable dedication, care & concern for their students. Excellent!*

Sara Hawkes (5★) *I cant say enough good about this school and its only been a week. Wonderful staff that knows children so well.*

Bethany Dowell Layne (5★) *We love Nutfield Co-op! As parents, nothing compares to being able to share in the fun and learning that the nurturing and talented teachers at Nutfield bring to our little ones!*



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**Parent-Involved Preschool for
Derry & Nearby Towns
A Leader in Early Child
Education Since 1969**



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Why a Cooperative School?

Parents choose Nutfield because they want to be an important part of their child's education.

The rotating co-op schedule means there is a family member working in every class, right alongside the teachers and students.



We've refined this approach over forty years, and believe it contributes to the most positive preschool experience possible.

Your participation also assures your child that you are interested in their activities at school, and that you support them in their first venture into a world away from home.

Quality Preschool Matters

We maintain the highest standards for our staff and programs, and use a variety of instructional methods based on solid child development and brain research.



You won't see Nutfield students coming home with lots of worksheets or other by-products of rote learning. Instead, our flexible, creative teachers work hard to meet the individual learning needs of every child.



This quality education gives kids a real head start. Local teachers often cite Nutfield students as being the best prepared moving into kindergarten and elementary school.

The Nutfield Experience

Nutfield is a school not a child-care center, and we strive to provide a nurturing, stimulating environment where your child can grow to be their best.

Social growth comes from interacting with other children and meeting new adults. Children learn to cooperate, solve problems, and share.



Emotional growth is encouraged by the attention and nurturing reinforcement each child receives. They learn the words to express their feelings, and appropriate ways to handle various situations.



Intellectual growth is triggered by our teacher-devised curriculum, tailored for each class. Music, art, cooking, building, experimenting, dramatic play, storytelling, and tactile experiences all contribute to a child's understanding of their world.



Physical growth is achieved through large muscle activities in the classroom, daily outside play, and a structured physical education program.



These varied approaches to teaching and the consistency of regular classes with the same students and teachers help each student grow toward their full potential.

Classes and Enrollment

We adjust our class offerings each year to suit the needs of our families.

Morning classes run for two hours, 45 minutes.

Class size is typically 10 - 15.

Three-year-olds come to classes two or three days a week

Four-year-olds attend three or four days.

Feld trips throughout the year are included.

Afternoon Enrichment continues your child's learning into the afternoon (for a small fee).

Summer workshops are available after the school year ends.

Tuition is surprisingly competitive, with payment options and a family discount.



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