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## **WELCOME**

Thank you for considering the White House Nursery to care for your child.

With us you will find a warm welcome where we endeavour to meet the individual requirements of all our families needs. We value excellent communication between all our staff and parents which ensures a smooth introduction to nursery life for all of our children.

It is important that you feel comfortable and confident leaving your child in our care, so please do feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns you may have at any time.

Above all else, your child's happiness is the most important consideration. We will do everything within our power to ensure their time with us is memorable, educational and great fun!

## **ABOUT US**

The White House Nursery Alfreton is the most recent of the 5 settings owned by The White House Day Nursery Limited. Once operating as The Ashwood Inn pub, the building underwent a major renovation to create the fantastic space we have now. After 6 months of hard work, the nursery officially opened it's doors in September 2017.





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#### **Management Team**

Nursery Manager: Paula Oldale  
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#### **Opening Times**

7.30am - 6.00pm Monday to Friday  
We are closed on bank holidays and for a week over  
Christmas and New Year.

Ofsted Registration Number: EY548911



## OUR BABY ROOM (0 - 2 YEARS)

Our baby room is a very spacious, relaxing and calm environment where staff become acquainted with each child to understand their individual personalities. The room is the perfect environment for babies to explore on their own by crawling and learning how to walk. Children are free to move around the different play areas, with plenty of natural light streaming through the windows, allowing the children observe the world outside.

In addition to the main play area, the babies take regular naps in a separate bedroom from the comfort of their own secure cot. We also have a fantastic astro turf roof garden, so the babies can enjoy outdoor play!

The unit is also equipped with it's own kitchenette for preparing bottles and snacks throughout the day. Our baby room operates a 'no shoes' policy in order to keep the floor clean for crawling children.







## OUR TODDLER ROOM (2 - 3 YEARS)

Our Toddler room allows the children to independently explore their environment and gain confidence within every day tasks in preparation for starting school.

Children have access to a range of learning opportunities including sand/water play, construction, crafts, baking, role play, small world and reading, as well as group activities.

At mealtimes children are taught basic table manners and are encouraged to self serve. Practitioners also teach children how to socialize with others, as well as how to share and take turns. The room is equipped with a children's washroom to facilitate potty training and self care skills.

Children have direct access to the large garden via patio doors, and we operate a free flow system to allow children to choose where they would like to play throughout the day.





## OUR PRESCHOOL ROOM (3-5 YEARS)

The preschool unit is a very large, open plan room spanning the entire width of the building across the back. Children have bags of space to explore and move around different styles of play and activities as they choose. The unit has two access points to the garden via patio doors, allowing free flow play indoors and outdoors when needed.

In pre-school our staff prepare the children for life in school and cover all areas of learning in the activities and experiences they provide. Mealtimes are an opportunity to practice basic table manners, self-serving and socializing with others.

The children can free flow between the creative area and the carpeted area to access all kinds of interesting activities on offer. These include the block play and building area, the reading corner, and our role-play and dressing up area to name a few. This unit also benefits from a children's washroom to encourage independence and self care skills.





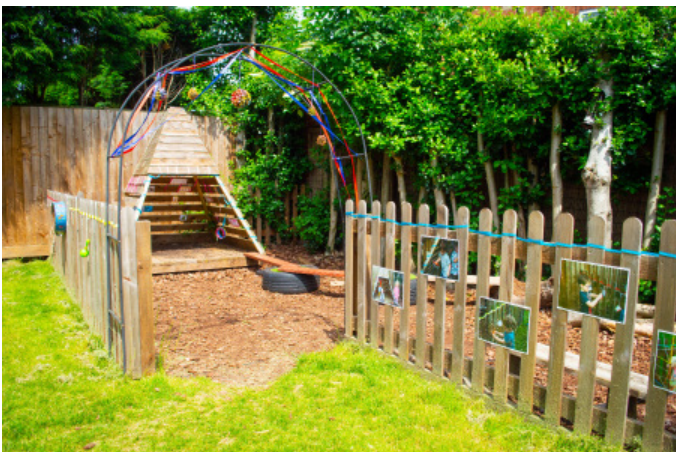


## OUR OUTDOOR SPACE

Our fantastic outdoor space comprises of a flat-grassed area for group activities, a cycle track to ride around, an allotment, mud kitchen, tunnel, out door classroom and nature trail.

There are many benefits of outdoor play for children, so we feel it's important to give them as much opportunity to explore various aspects of nature and natural materials as we can by using this space. The garden is used throughout the year in order for the children to experience the different seasons and weather types, and the effects this has on their environment.

Children especially enjoy using the allotment as they are able to plant and nurture their own seeds and watch them grow into various fruit, veg and flowers.







## FOOD, NUTRITION & HYGIENE

Each of our nurseries employs its own in house chef who is responsible for preparing and cooking meals for all children.

When considering nursery meals, we take inspiration from the Children's Food Trust - Eat Better, Start Better initiative, and also from the feedback we get from parents.

We offer a varied meal plan using fresh fruit and vegetables, as well as a good quality meat or protein source. We aim to incorporate a range of food textures, colours and smells for your children to try at mealtimes, and all meals are freshly prepared on site daily.

Meal selections will change from week to week to ensure that children attending part time will still receive a variety of different meals.

If your child has any specific dietary requirements, we are happy to discuss this with you.

Mealtimes are a great opportunity for the children to socialise and develop good eating habits, learning basic table manners and the correct use of cutlery - all in a relaxed but organised manner.





## **SAFEGUARDING**

All of our nurseries are fitted with a number of internal and external recorded CCTV cameras, as well as fingerprint recognition entry on all main doors. We insist that parents do not hold the door open to allow others access to the building, as this bypasses the fingerprint system. Please do not be offended if someone does not hold the door open for you. Use of mobile phones or devices is strictly prohibited whilst on nursery site.

## **SETTLING IN SESSIONS**

Settling in sessions will be arranged once your completed registration forms have been handed back in to us. However if it's concerning a nursery place some time into the future, we will give you a call a few weeks before your child's start date to make arrangements. Settling in sessions should ideally be done as close to your child's start date as possible.

The sessions are organized as follows:

- \* A one hour session, staying onsite to complete the "all about me" paperwork. You will get to know the environment and staff working with your child, and be introduced to your child's keyworker. This is an opportunity for you to ask any questions, and for your keyworker to gain information about you and your child.
- \* A two hour session between 9.30-11.30am or 1.00 - 3.00pm or 1.30 - 3.30pm avoiding mealtimes, and we are happy for you to leave your child on this occasion if you wish.
- \* A three hour session over a lunch or tea time, allowing your child to experience a mealtime with us.

You will need to bring anything your child may need while at nursery. Children will need nappies, wipes and a change of clothes - for babies milk will need to be supplied also. The settling in sessions are designed for you to ask questions regarding any aspect of nursery life, discuss any anxieties or worries you may have, and to build relationships with the staff caring for your child.

## **SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS COORDINATOR (SENCO)**

Over the years we have cared for many children with a wide variety of special needs and/ or disability, and each has been supported by our SEN qualified practitioners throughout their nursery journey. If your child has any complex needs or requirements from their nursery, we are happy to discuss these with you as a family and cater for these wherever possible.





## FAQs

### What do we need to bring with us for our child?

- Sterilised bottles of formula/breast milk (when required)
- Nappies/pullups, wipes and nappy cream (where required)
- A change of clothes including underwear
- During the winter months, a warm coat and a pair of wellies for out door play
- During the summer months, a sun hat

Please ensure that all clothing items are clearly labelled with your child's name, to ensure belongings don't go home with the wrong family. We also strongly advise against sending your child to nursery in their best clothes, as children do have access to messy activities such as painting, sand and water play as well as the mud kitchen - although every effort is made to keep them in a presentable state.

### Where can I read your nursery policies?

Our policies are available upon request from nursery reception and you are welcome to read these at your leisure.

### What is the 15 hours Government Funded Childcare?

All 3 & 4 year olds in England are entitled to 570 hours of Government Funded Childcare. Children become eligible for the funding as of the start of the term after their 3rd birthday. Please speak to the nursery manager to ensure best use of your hours.

### What is the 30 hours Government Funded Childcare?

You may be eligible to up to 30 hours funded childcare - 1,140 hours per year - September to August. This is for 3 and 4 year olds. If you are eligible for these additional hours, you will need to sign up online at [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) and search "30 hours childcare". You will obtain an 11 digit code which you must renew every 3 months. More information will be sent to you, by us, when your child is approaching their 3rd birthday.

### Why choose the White House Nursery?

Each of our nurseries benefits from a private onsite carpark, so dropping off and collecting your children is safe and easy. All children in our care also have opportunities for outdoor play throughout the day and in all weathers. This can be from our fully landscaped gardens or from our roof top gardens. With us, your child's nursery experience will extend beyond the setting its self and into the surrounding community. Planned trips are enjoyed by children of all ages and include visits to the local library, local park and care homes - as well as further afield to adventure parks and play centres.

Above all else your child's safety, health and happiness are our number one priority and we will do everything we can to ensure their time with us is the best it can be!