

Nursery Information

Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome to Twinkles and thank you for considering us to look after your child.

Our qualified and experienced staff are dedicated to the development of the babies and young children in our care and the children's play experiences are based around their individual developmental needs.

From the age of three months, babies are given new experiences according to their individual needs. At such a young age babies learn through their senses, sounds, smells, physical contact, singing, games and talking to your baby are vital; as well as one to one adult support encouraging physical skills for crawling, standing and walking.

Enjoying early games such as peek-a-boo, clapping and finding hidden objects will all be part of your child's daily play. There will also be opportunities for one-to-one interaction with staff and other children. Weather permitting, your child will also spend some time each day playing outside either in the play area or going for short walks in the local community.

From around the age of eighteen months your child will start a gradual move into our Rising Stars room. Here your child will begin to experience natural materials such as water and sand as well as discovering the pleasures of play dough, printing and brush painting, small world and construction activities - all with close supervision of course!

From around three years your child will progressively move into our Shooting Stars room and will still experience natural materials as well as role - play, dressing up, construction, pre- reading activities such as colour and shape recognition via matching and sorting. Your child will also follow well-planned activities linked to the Early Years Foundation Stage and work towards the nationally recognised Early Learning Goals; in preparation for the day they leave Twinkles to go to school.

We aim to follow your child's own feeding and sleeping routines so that from an early age a Relationship of trust and confidence is formed with his or her key person. We are sure your child's time with us will be enjoyable and happy.

Please feel free to talk to our staff if you have any concerns or comments regarding your child. We will be more than happy to discuss your child's progress at any time. Twinkles operate a Keyworker system whereby your child is allocated a Nursery Nurse who will support you and your child's needs, responding to you at the end of each day, at open days and parents evenings.

More detailed information about Twinkles and our policies and day-to-day procedures are available on request. The policies are designed to give information for staff and parents on areas such as child protection, health and safety and equal opportunities. They also give details of procedures for such things as providing meals, snacks and drinks, for the provision of nappies and for the treatment of children who fall ill whilst at the nursery.

Twinkles will be open 51 weeks, (excluding bank holidays, Good Friday and 2 individual training days. These days are charged for in the annual calculation) closing over the Christmas holiday period, from 1pm Christmas Eve and reopening on 2nd January. In order to keep up to date with staff development, legislation and to continue to provide a high quality service, Twinkles Nurseries will close for 2 individual days a year, providing parents/carers with at least 6 weeks notice.

Holiday notification and additional session request forms are available from reception.