



Honey bears Day Nursery

Introducing Ourselves

Honey bears have been established since April 1991 and are a family run business. The nursery is owned by Mrs Jean Myles, Mrs Justine Myles Hutton and Mrs Debra Weedon.

The nursery was established because

'we wanted to provide quality childcare, not only for my own grandchildren but for all future generations of children'. We also wanted to ensure that my grandchild who has cerebral palsy was successfully included to get the best possible start to life, without fear of prejudice'. 'We believe that children from a very young age should have their opportunity to mix with their peers and learn about different races, cultures, religions, languages and different abilities'(Myles,2007).

**The nursery is situated at 60-62 station road, Erdington, Birmingham, B23 6UE
0121 382 4355**

The nursery is set in a row of shops which is a 2 minute walk from Erdington train station, and approximately a 5 minute walk to the main bus routes and road routes into Birmingham city centre and Sutton Coldfield town centre.

Our nursery is open Monday to Friday, 7.30am to 6.00pm for 51 weeks a year. We close on all bank holidays and for the 3 working days in between Christmas and new year.

Our ethos for the nursery is for the children to be –

‘Happy, Safe and Achieving’.

Your Children

having children is a very important event in anybody’s life. Returning to work can be a very anxious time for any parent so at Honey bears we endeavour to make this time run as smoothly as possible. Your children are your most treasured possession and we aim to care for them in the very best way possible. Children have the right to a safe and stimulating environment and to be able to enjoy learning in the company of other children.

Key worker

When your child first starts at honey bears we offer trial sessions for you and your child to get used to our environment and form bonds with their key worker. During these trial sessions you can discuss feeding/ sleeping/ routines and what your child likes to do in their home environment.

Throughout the groups in the nursery there are two members of staff in each room who are key workers. This is to ensure that your child always has a key worker daily to support their needs, and help them learn and develop as well as for parents/carers as the key worker will be your first point of contact.

Our Staff

We have a full time officer in charge that has a BA Honours degree in early childhood studies and has worked at Honey bears for over 10 years. We also have 3 deputy Managers 1 who holds a foundation degree in early childhood studies and 2 who are qualified level 3. We also have a senior member of staff who also holds a BA honours degree in early childhood studies.

Our nursery officers are fully qualified level 3 practitioners who are supported by nursery assistants who are qualified level 2 or working towards there qualification in childcare.

All new staff, trainees, students and volunteers complete an induction checklist to ensure consistent quality childcare and this is reviewed with them after two months. We have a recruitment and selection policy which all parents and staff can have access too.

In the reception area we have a staff board to inform parents/ carers or visitors of the staff names, qualifications and roles within the setting.

Baby Signing

All of our staff at honey bears are trained in baby signing. We sign through singing stories sensory activities and everything we do. Baby signing has many benefits for children's communication skills aswell as psychological benefits, such as improved confidence and self-esteem.

Fees

All nursery fees are payable in advance, you are welcome to pay monthly or weekly but it must always be in advance for the period you are paying for. The nursery is closed for bank holidays but fees are still charged. Full fees still need to be paid if your child is absent from nursery.

Opening times

The nursery is open for 51 weeks of the year 7.30am till 6pm

Babies and Toddlers **(Caterpillars Group)**

Our Baby and toddler area has children aged up to 2 two years old.

We have a roof garden where the babies and toddlers can play outside in a safe environment. In the summer months we leave the door open to allow children to be able to choose between the indoor or outdoor area.



Parents are requested to provide formula milk or expressed milk for their child if it is required. We prepare each formula feed from fresh, which is following the current advice given by health visitors. Please ensure that all bottles, cups and personal items brought into nursery are clearly named

Daily information sheets are completed and sent home at the end of each day for the babies. This information for parents includes sleep times, meals and snacks, drinks and nappy changes.



Our nursery carries out in the moment planning which is all about seizing the moment for children to progress. Based on what the children are already deeply involved in, this way of planning relies on skilled practitioners using quality interactions to draw out the children's knowledge and build on it there and then (in the moment).

We use an online learning journey system called tapestry where we upload pictures of your children development which is linked to the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. We also encourage our parents to upload pictures at home so we can build a bigger portfolio of their development.



Butterflies Group



Our Butterflies group has children aged from 22 months- 32 months old and work very closely with the lower preschool group

We have a music man that visits our downstairs area every Friday. The children really enjoy this session using a variety of musical instruments and singing and dancing around to a variety of songs. If children do not want to join in they have the option of using another room.



Our Butterflies group enjoy lots of messy activities such as painting, custard play, sticking, water play, glue and pasta play plus much more.

Some children may be ready for potty training in this area. If you feel your child is ready, you can speak to your Childs key worker who will support you through this stage of learning.

Our butterflies group have lots of energy so we have a variety of physical equipment in the room daily which can include soft play cars and bikes or singing and dancing activities using our musical instruments.



Lower Preschool 2 Half years- 3 years

This area is free flow with the preschool area from 9am till 11.00pm every morning.



The children in this area really enjoy our play dough station. We encourage children to make their own play dough where they talk about quantities and the different ingredients they are using.

We provide lots of messy play activities in this room such as junk modelling, painting with different equipment and materials, custard play, mud painting, sticking, gluing, cutting etc



We are a start well setting which is all about healthy eating and physical activity. We are currently working towards our level 2 award, where we follow a certain criteria daily. For more information please ask a member of staff you can also find information about this on our start well boards around our setting.

Preschool Area 3-5 year olds



In the preschool area we fully prepare children for school and we are confident that by the time they leave our setting they will be school ready. As the time approaches for your child to transfer to school we invite your child's new teachers to our setting to pass on all relevant information regarding your Child's development and individual needs. We also complete a transition document for you and their new school to keep.

Each year our preschool group deliver a Christmas concert for you all to enjoy.

At the end of the year when all children are leaving us for school the children will graduate from our preschool in our graduation ceremony

Children will learn numbers, letters, measurements, how to write their name, social, physical skills and about the world they live in through a variety of activities of their choice because every child is an individual and learn in their own way.

The preschool group have a football coach that attends every Tuesday where he carries out a variety of sessions to teach them some basic football skills. The children then take part in an awards ceremony every month.



Our garden area



We love our outdoor area at Honey bears and are building on it every day.

Outdoor learning is a crucial element of the EYFS Framework. Being outdoors has a positive impact on children's sense of well-being and development. It offers opportunities for doing things in different ways and on different scales than when indoors. It gives children first-hand contact with weather, seasons and the natural world. Outdoor environments offer children freedom to explore, use their senses, take risks and be physically active. Outdoor learning is fun!





Our literacy and maths sheds are packed with lots of resources for the children to be able to access