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About Us

Sunnydale Nursery is a purpose built setting offering the highest quality care for children aged 6 weeks-11 years, including before and after school and holiday care.



We are set in a rural area of Mansfield Woodhouse. Once here, your children are in the countryside. They benefit from fresh air, away from traffic, hustle and bustle. We are a place where they have the space to grow and explore their surroundings. At Sunnydale, your children will develop their independence skills, have their self esteem nurtured and become active learners in our safe, stimulating and secure setting.

We pride ourselves on our eco friendly approach and unique surroundings. We have spent over 18 months planning and designing our nursery to provide a stimulating yet challenging child centred environment, where children can explore, have fun, play, talk and learn.

We are situated behind Northfield Primary School and easily accessed from Cox's Lane or Littlewood Lane.

Opening

Sunnydale Nursery is open Monday-Friday 7am-6pm.

We are open 51 weeks a year, closing on Bank Holidays and 1 week at Christmas which you will not be charged for.

Meet the Team...

Sunnydale Nursery is owned by two Directors- Mr Gavin Bull and Miss Gemma Skeavington. Gavin is a successful property developer by trade and has built the nursery with the guidance of OFSTED, an architect and Gemma. Gavin has volunteered as a Manager and Assistant Manager of children's football teams for over 10 years. He has 4 children, 3 sons and a daughter.

Gemma is a qualified Primary School Teacher with a wide range of experience in different childcare settings. Having worked with children for over 16 years, Gemma has worked as a Nursery Nurse in Private Day Nurseries, a Teaching Assistant in mainstream and special schools, managed a 180 place Foundation Unit and more recently before having her daughter, was an Assistant Headteacher in a Primary School.

Our Current Staff Team

Gavin Bull- Site Manager



Gemma Skeavington- Nursery Manager- BA Hons, QTS, NNEB, Early Language Lead Practitioner, SENCO



Scott Skeavington- Deputy Manager



Charlie Brooks- 2-3 Year Old Room Leader- L3



Helen Skeavington- NVQ L2- Nursery Practitioner



Clair Hughes- L4 Nursery Practitioner



Emma Newton- Cook/Cleaner

Your child will have a 'Key Person' who will work closely with you and your child. We believe that this will enable strong and trusting relationships to be built so that we can work together, in partnership, in the best interest of your child. Your child's Key Person will be the person you liaise with on a regular basis.



Safeguarding

The safety of your children underpins everything that we do here at Sunnydale Nursery. All staff receive regular Safeguarding training to ensure they are up to date with recent policies and procedures. Regular risk assessments are carried out within our setting to maintain the safety of your child, although we also believe in managing these risks well to ensure your child has opportunities to take risks themselves, in a well managed way.

We have key coded door locks on all external and internal doors. We will not release your child to anyone but you, unless we have written authority to do so from you.

Policies and Procedures

We have an extensive range of pertinent policies and procedures in place. These displayed in our entrance porch and are readily available should you want to read them.

Behaviour

Here at Sunnydale Nursery, we have 3 Golden Rules.

- 1- To follow instructions with thought and care
- 2- To care for everyone and everything
- 3- To use good manners at all times

We believe that these 3 rules ensure that all children have the opportunity to play, learn and develop in a safe, caring environment. Should we have any issues with behaviour, we will discuss this with you individually. Under no circumstances will any physical punishment take place.

Accidents

ALL STAFF at Sunnydale Nursery are trained in Paediatric First Aid, which is refreshed and updated regularly. Should your child have an incident at nursery, you are informed and will receive an accident form stating exactly what happened.

Medication

Should your child be taking any medication, we are happy to administer this to them, but please ensure you fill in the necessary paperwork.

Illness and Holidays

If your child is ill, please inform us at the earliest convenience. If you give 4 weeks notice of any family holidays you are planning to take, you will receive a 10% discount on your fees while you are away.



Late Collection Policy

Here at Sunnydale Nursery, we appreciate that there can be certain implications that make you late for collecting your child. If this was to happen, our policy states that we do charge a late fee of £5.00 for every 5 minutes. If for any reason, you were running late to collect your child, we also ask that you give us a ring so that we can reassure your child.

Parents Notice Board

Our parents notice board is situated in the entrance porch. This will contain crucial information that you will need to know and where you can share your child's interests to support our effective provision. Please ensure you sign your child in and out as you arrive and before you leave.

Buggy Storage

We have a small store by the main entrance for you to place any car seats or pushchairs.

EYFS

Our Early Years Curriculum covers the following areas:

The 3 Prime Areas are:

- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development



The 4 other areas of learning in the EYFS include:

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Knowledge and Understanding of the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

Our provision is very much about enabling children to become independent, imaginative, creative and reflective learners. We offer a setting which motivates and excites children, offers real first hand experiences and provides quality resources to enable children to be creative and imaginative.

No-one knows their child like their parents, so here at Sunnydale Nursery, you play a fundamental role in our effective planning and provision. You will be asked to contribute to our planning board on a regular basis, to inform us of what your child is interested in. This will enable us to offer key learning opportunities that your child WANTS to engage in. We will also have these discussions with the children, to enable them to take ownership of their own learning. We use signs and symbols to support children's communication and language skills. You will see these around the nursery.

Outdoor learning

In the EYFS, the outdoor area is as crucial to children's learning and development as the indoors. It is a place for them to be free in their own play and learning to investigate, problem solve, take risks

and have fun. Our outdoor area consists of a specific baby area, where the babies are free to explore throughout the day. Our older children share their play areas, consisting of play space at the far side of the nursery and also at the end. Our outdoor area has a plumbed in bath for children's water play and our very own growing area with our very own pet chickens! If your child prefers to learn outdoors, this area really is a must see for them!

As our outdoor area is available for children at ALL TIMES, please ensure your child brings appropriate clothing, such as a warm coat and their wellies during the colder months and sun cream and a hat during the summer months. The outdoor area will be accessible in all weathers- wind, rain and shine.



Our Learning Environment

Our learning environment consists of a baby room, toddler room, pre-school room and after-school/holiday club room. Our setting is open plan and has CCTV in all rooms to maintain the safety of everyone at Sunnydale Nursery. Our resources are clearly labelled to enable ALL children to take the lead in their own learning. We will regularly discuss with you your children's next steps in their learning and explain how we aim to support your child in achieving these steps through our continuous and enhanced provision, and how you too can support this at home.



What your child needs...



Daily Routines

No two children are the same, therefore we strive to meet the needs of individual children. We have a loose routine for breakfast, lunch and tea but we aim to cater for the needs of individual children. Your child's routine will be discussed during your settling in visits to enable us to follow the same routine during their time with us at nursery.

Record Keeping/daily diaries

Visits/settling in

In order to ensure you and your child settle into life at Sunnydale Nursery, we offer a series of flexible visits for a smooth transition during what can be an incredibly anxious time. Every family and every child is unique so this is discussed with you once you have made the decision to trust us in caring for your child.

During your settling in visits, we will ask you to tell us all about your child- no-one else knows them like you do! We will also work with you to fill in an 'All About Me' booklet and a speech, communication and language monitoring tool, which will give us a record of those vital pieces of information- where they like to nap, special people in their lives, things they love to do and things they really don't like!

Sleep and rest

Each child is unique and they all have different routines. Here at Sunnydale Nursery, we strive to meet children's individual needs rather than encouraging them to conform to 'our way'. We provide a range of places for your children to sleep and rest, maintaining your routines at home.

Menus/weaning/food allergies

Here at Sunnydale Nursery, we believe that children should have a healthy and well balanced diet.



In order to achieve this, we offer fresh water and fruit throughout the day which the children help themselves to, as and when they want it. Our menus offer freshly made sandwiches and wraps, homemade soup etc for lunch, with a variety of home cooked, nutritional meals for tea. We offer vegetarian options and also cater for those with food allergies. We are aware of the 14 allergens and this information is displayed in our setting. For our youngest children, weaning is an exciting, messy and important time. We endeavour to discuss each individual baby's needs with parents and carers to make the process as straight forward as possible. Together, we will create a specialised weaning menu.

ALL STAFF hold a level 2 Food and Hygiene Certificate.

SAMPLE MENU

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast	Choice of cereal and toast, a selection of fruit, selection of fruit juices, milk and water				
Lunch	Homemade tomato soup & bread roll	Fresh sandwiches with a variety of fillings, carrot and cucumber sticks	Spaghetti or beans on toast	Freshly made wraps with a variety of fillings, cherry tomatoes & celery sticks	Cheese on toast
Tea	Toad in the hole with mash potato, vegetables & gravy	Chicken curry with rice, popadoms & naan bread	Roast beef, yorkshire pudding, mash potato, vegetables & gravy	Spaghetti bolognese & garlic bread	Fish goujins, mash potato, mushy peas & parsley sauce
	Jelly & ice cream	Fresh fruit and yoghurt	Apple crumble and custard	Eton mess	Chocolate cake & custard
	V Toad in the hole with Quorn sausages, mash potato, vegetables & vegetarian gravy	V vegetable curry with rice, popadoms & naan bread	V vegetable tartlet, mash potato & vegetables	V Spaghetti bolognese with Quorn mince or macaroni cheese	V vegetable fingers, mash potato, mushy peas & parsley sauce
Snacks- available throughout the day in designated areas	Apple, pear & banana	Breadsticks, raisins & cheese	Rice cakes, grapes & strawberries	Orange, melon & pineapple	Cherry tomatoes, cucumber & carrot stick
	Water to drink	Water to drink	Water to drink	Water to drink	Water to drink

Fees



Sunnydale Nursery offer competitive prices for high quality care. Sessions and times are negotiable to meet your individual needs. You will be given 4 weeks written notice of any increase in fees.

Full week £150

Full day £35

Half day £25

Hourly rate £6

Breakfast club (includes breakfast and drop off at school) £5.50

After school club (includes pick up from school and a hot meal) £10

Holiday club full day £28 (7am until 6pm)

Holiday club half day £16 (7am until 12.30pm or 12.30pm until 6pm)

1:1 tutoring £20 per hour

Sibling discount is available where one child is attending 3 or more full days- please speak to Gemma for further information.

We offer FREE FUNDED 2 year old places

We offer FREE FUNDED 15 hours for 3 and 4 year olds*

A non-refundable deposit of £50 is required to secure your place which is taken off your final months invoice. Fees are to be paid a month in advance on the 1st of each month. Payment can be made via standing order, childcare voucher, bank transfer or cash.

Changes to sessions

At Sunnydale Nursery, we try our utmost to meet the individual needs of our families. Therefore, if you need an extra session or to swap a day- just ask!

Deposits and notice of holidays

A non-refundable deposit of £50 is required to secure your place. This amount is then taken off your final months invoice. Fees are to be paid one month in advance.

In order to receive a 10% discount on your fees whilst you are on holiday, we require 4 weeks notice of any holidays being taken.

Notice

We require one calendar months notice in writing to terminate your contract with Sunnydale Nursery.

Payment of fees

Fees are to be paid on time (the 1st of each month) and can be paid by Standing Order, Bank Transfer, Childcare Vouchers or cash.

Compliments/Complaints

Here at Sunnydale Nursery, we want to hear about the things we are doing well. There is a parents comment box in the porch where you can post any comments.

If you have a complaint, we ask that you follow our complaints procedure, displayed in the entrance porch.