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Oaks from Acorns Aim

Our main aim is to offer your child a high standard of day care and early years education. This will be provided in a secure and caring environment where the resources and activities are stimulating and fun. We aim to build your child’s confidence and independence therefore ensuring they have a happy and successful start in life.

Information about us

Hours of Opening:
Monday to Friday 7.30am to 6.00pm

Capacity:
88 Children aged from birth to 8 years

Director/Nursery Manager:
Sarah Casey

Deputy Manager:
Anna Bridle

Personal Information

Sarah qualified as a nursery nurse in 1994 and has been employed in the care industry ever since. Sarah progressed to management level in 2005 and has gained management in care qualifications and become an NVQ assessor. She has experience working with all age groups from children to adults with a variety of needs. It is Sarah’s interest and enthusiasm for early years’ care and education that has inspired her to create ‘Oaks from Acorns’.

Anna qualified as a nursery nurse in 1988 and has over 25 years experience, achieving level 4. She has worked in various settings within early years, including managing a successful private nursery for two and a half years. Anna has experience working with children of all ages, abilities and stages.
Nursery Information

Oaks from Acorns is a purpose built nursery which has been designed and constructed to the latest standards, therefore meeting the needs of all young children.

The nursery consists of three units where we care for the children in their specific age groups. The baby unit has a large room with a messy play area and a dining area. The room can also be divided into two separate rooms, if needed. There is permanently a sleep room set up with cots and bed mats where the children can go for a rest or a sleep without being disturbed by the other children. The baby unit also has a purpose built outdoor play area.

The toddler unit caters for children from 2 years to 3 years old with a large amount of space for the children to move freely around. This unit has an additional sensory room which is also used as a quiet, calming, sleep room.

The pre-school unit caters for children from 3 years upwards. This unit is split into two rooms where the children can go from one to the other as they please. The unit has an adjoining outdoor play area with soft matting and a garden area. All children will experience regular outdoor play to ensure we cater for all their needs.

The toddlers and pre-school children benefit from a separate dining room to help maintain hygiene levels.

The age restrictions on our three units are guidelines only. If we feel your child has reached a stage in their development where they would benefit from moving up into the next group, then through consultation with yourselves we will do so.

The nursery has a CCTV system using monitoring recording devices to ensure the safety of your child.
Parents as partners

On admission to our nursery, your child will be allocated a key person who will be their main carer within the nursery group. Your child’s key person will observe and guide their development whilst recording information in their nursery diary which will be given upon entry.

Information will include:
- Nappy changes and feeds
- Progress with potty training
- Daily activities
- Group work/teaching sessions
- Dietary information (when necessary)
- Accidents and illnesses
- General comments

We adopt an open door policy where we encourage you to share information with your child’s key person or the nursery managers. This can be done through discussion or within the nursery diary which will be recorded daily. We ask you to inform us of any accidents that have happened at home or any circumstances that may affect the welfare of your child. Although we adopt an open door policy, you will also have the opportunity to meet with us and observe your child’s progress book and discuss their development during our parents’ evenings which are arranged every six months. In addition to this, newsletters will be sent home informing you of important news and forthcoming events.

Oaks from Acorns and your child

Session times:

Full day 7.30-6.00pm
Includes breakfast, lunch and tea.

Full day 8.30-4pm
Includes lunch.

Morning 7.30-1pm
Includes breakfast and lunch.

Afternoon 1.00-6.00pm
Includes tea.

For session prices please see attached sheet.
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Our Groups

The Squirrels

Babies from birth – 24 months
Our baby unit can be divided into two rooms, if needed. But is mainly used as one large play area, where the children can move freely throughout the activity areas. In a separate room we have fully equipped sleeping area which is tranquil and cozy. The children have the opportunity to experience a variety of activities and have use of a purpose built, soft outdoor play area.

We provide;

Nursery diary
Individual cot bedding (laundred weekly)
All meals and snacks
Drinks throughout the day
Bibs and aprons

You provide;
Comforters/soothers (kept in individual cases)
A set of spare clothes (labelled)
Bottles/feeds (labelled)
Nappies, changing creams and wipes
A waterproof coat and wellingtons

The Badgers

Toddlers 2 years – 3 years
When we feel your child is confident and mobile enough, they progress into our badger group where their time will be spent exploring the different areas of the room; quiet, messy and physical areas. The Toddler unit also has a quiet room attached, where children can rest or sleep. This attached room also doubles as a sensory room. The children will also get the chance to experience the outdoor play area which is safe and private.

We provide;

Nursery diary
Individual bed/ bedding (laundred weekly)
All meals and snacks
Drinks throughout the day
Bibs and aprons

You provide;
Comforters/soothers (kept in individual cases)
A set of spare clothes (labelled)
Nappies, changing creams and wipes
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Our Groups Continued

The Owls

Pre school 3 years +
When your child reaches the Owl group their day will become slightly more structured. The emphasis being on their learning through play within our well resourced areas of continuous provision both indoor and outdoors.

The children who are in their pre-school year will benefit from daily sessions. These session meet the requirements of the ‘Early Years Foundation Stage’ and will allow your child to reach their full potential therefore ensuring that they are fully prepared for their first year in school.

We provide;
Nursery diary
All meals and snacks
Early reading books, when stage appropriate
Drinks throughout the day

You provide;
Comforters
Nappies, changing creams and wipes
A set of spare clothes (labelled)
A waterproof coat and wellingtons

Learning Journey

Each child is taken on a learning journey that is planned to meet their individual needs and links to the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. This is a planned curriculum based on prior learning and play experiences that develops the whole child. The learning environment will enable your child develop at his or her own rate, respecting individual needs at all times.

Extra Curricular

At times we will supplement our daily activities by bringing in other professionals, as well as taking the children out to places of interest. This may include;

* Walks on the field
* Warburtons bakers visit our nursery
* Visits to the Park
* Visits to the Farm
* Dance teachers visit our nursery
* Pantomine visits
* Visits to Eureka!

Holiday Club

At our Holiday Club, your child will receive fun, age appropriate activities and will be cared for by our qualified staff.

We provide:
All meals, snacks & drinks

You provide:
Spare clothes (labelled) and a waterproof coat and wellingtons.

Sessions are as follows:
7.30 - 1.00
1.00 - 6.00
7.30 - 6.00

Please see price list and terms & conditions within the enquiry pack
Meal times

In our fully equipped kitchen our qualified cook prepares a wide range of freshly made meals and snacks. If your child has any special dietary needs this can be catered for. We offer breakfast, a two course hot lunch and tea. Water or milk is provided with each meal. In between meals children will receive a small snack, this may be crackers, veg sticks or a piece of fruit. Our children will eat their meals in a cheerful and relaxed atmosphere in the company of our staff. The toddler and pre-school children are encouraged to use the dining room as a self serve area, collecting their own cutlery, plates and cups. They are also free to pour their own drinks and self serve vegetables from the table. Our menu is changed weekly. Shown below is a typical example.

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