



An independent nursery school, situated in Corfe Mullen, Wimborne. **The Children's House** offers quality childcare on a sessional basis with the option to attend term-time or all year round.

The Children's House has been rated Good by Ofsted.

www.montessorinurseries.com





Our Montessori Nursery Schools

The basis of our approach follows the world renowned methods developed by Dr Maria Montessori, the first woman in Italy to graduate in medicine. As a trained paediatrician she dedicated her life to finding techniques for guiding a child's motivation & development which are highly respected world-wide.



By offering your child the benefit of specially designed apparatus & materials within a purpose built, child centred environment we enjoy a well proven track record of children attaining their full potential in a well balanced & natural way.

We also firmly believe in adding the best of all current techniques & resources to the best of the traditional to ensure a whole spectrum of opportunities are presented for fun & learning. During the all important “formative” years from 2 to 5 children have a natural desire for, and a deep love of learning. Montessori materials are specifically aimed at captivating these opportunities when a child is most receptive to benefit fully from a given activity.

Practical Life

Everyday practical skills such as learning to get dressed, using fasteners such as buttons bows or laces. Polishing shoes, spooning, pouring from jugs or chopping fruit and vegetables all serve to captivate a child’s desire to imitate adults.

Through these activities the child gains:

Improved social and personal skills; improved levels of concentration; heightened self awareness and self esteem; independence and logical thought; a development of fine motor skills and hand/eye co-ordination; a sense of order and tidiness.



Sensorial

Learning via the five senses is at its optimum in the young child and our sensorial equipment provides ideal mediums for confirming and developing the impressions given by the senses.

Concepts of colour, taste, sound, touch and smell are all explored in ways to stimulate children's natural curiosity and enhance their senses.

Mathematics

Early skills in numbers and arithmetic are most effectively nurtured by a tactile approach in a positive concrete way. Children relish working with the beautifully crafted materials and in doing so gain a real concept of and enthusiasm for the world of numbers.

Language

The early drive and mental dexterity a child needs to learn to talk remains evident right through the formative years. It is during these years that the best opportunities exist for natural advancement by captivating the child's fascination and aptitude for words and letters. Montessori materials such as sandpaper letters, moveable alphabet, word boxes etc together with phonetics and encouragement for the love of books all serve to facilitate reading and writing skills appropriate to each individual child's level of readiness.

Cultural

Many activities are designed to impart an understanding of the world around us and encompass science, geography, history and differing cultures to name but a few.

General

In addition to the foregoing we incorporate a wealth of creative arts and crafts activities, singing, music and movement, stories and rhymes, nature study, simple French, physical development and free play indoors and outdoors and also include Brio, Duplo, puzzles, sand and water and regularly changing projects.



Policies

Listed below are summaries of our core policies and procedures.
All of our policies and procedures are available to view on site.
Please ask the nursery Principal if you would like to see them.

Safeguarding Children

Our prime responsibility is the welfare, safety and protection of all children in our care. We work with children, parents, external organisations and the local community to give our children the best possible start in life. Children have the right to be treated with respect, be helped to thrive and to be protected from any type of abuse in whatever form.

All of our staff are trained in line with the Pan-Dorset Safeguarding Children Partnership's guidance and procedures. We have a designated Safeguarding Lead who acts as the lead person for any safeguarding concerns. This person will ensure that all safeguarding policies are followed with any safeguarding concern.

All staff are fully vetted and must hold a current enhanced DBS certificate.

Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

We follow the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) framework which enables our staff to underpin our high standards of learning, development and care of children from 2 to 5 years.

When you join the nursery we will ask you to complete an 'All About Me' document to help us to support your child's individual learning journey with us. Children will be learning skills,



acquiring new knowledge and demonstrating their understanding through 7 areas of learning and development.

Your child's key worker will form a secure and quality relationship with your child which is central to wellbeing and emotional health and acts as a bridge between the nursery and home. The key worker will communicate regularly with you about your child's needs and will offer support for continued learning and development at home.

All of our staff members are committed to teaching and supporting children by making sure that activities are suited to their unique needs and interests. We actively promote children's progress and document their learning by completing regular observations, which are used to plan activities around individual children's interests. These observations are all recorded in children's learning journals which are available to view at any time. Parents are encouraged to contribute to all aspects of their child's learning whilst at the nursery.

Promoting Positive Behaviour

We believe in a consistent and positive approach to managing the behaviour of children in the nursery. We ensure that staff develop effective strategies and use positive methods that are tailored to each child.



We aim to provide a stimulating environment in which children develop self-discipline and self-esteem. We believe that children flourish best when they know how they and others are expected to behave. Children gain respect through interaction with caring adults who act as good role models, show them respect and value their individual personalities.

Equality & Diversity

We take great care to treat each individual as a person in their own right, with equal rights and responsibilities to any other individual, whether they are an adult or a child. We are committed to providing equality of opportunity and anti-discriminatory practice for all children and families according to their individual needs.

Discrimination on the grounds of gender, age, race, religion or belief, marriage or civil partnership, disability, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, pregnancy or maternity, ethnic or national origin, or political belief has no place within our nursery.

Health & Safety

The Health and Safety of all children in our care is of paramount importance.

All of our staff are trained to create safe learning environments for children. Staff regularly make safety checks of the learning



environments, both indoors and outdoors to ensure that they are safe and secure.

We have a designated Health and Safety Officer who carries out regular checks on first aid kits, ensures that our Health and Safety policy is fully adhered to and completes and monitors risk assessments.

All of our staff are fully trained in paediatric first aid.

Our nursery is kept secure and has locked doors that can only be opened by staff. All visitors to our nurseries are required to sign the visitor's book on arrival and departure, and we ensure that visitors will not be left unsupervised with children.

Children can only be collected by their parents/carers or by a person that has been given permission. If our staff do not recognise a person that is collecting a child, then the child will remain at nursery until a member of staff can contact the child's parents/carers. We follow our Late Collection Policy should a child not be collected at the usual time and two members of staff will remain in nursery with the child at all times.

Healthy Eating

We believe a healthy, balanced diet and regular physical activity are essential for children's health and well-being. Snacks that we serve at nursery are planned around a healthy and balanced diet and parents are encouraged to put healthy food choices in



their child's lunch box. Lunch times are a very sociable time of day. Our staff eat their lunches with the children which provides great opportunities for discussions about a healthy diet, exercise and different family's and culture's food choices and traditions.

Our registration form asks parents to record if their child suffers from any allergies (including food intolerance) and whether they have any special dietary requirements (e.g. vegetarian, religious, cultural, medical). Upon joining us detailed discussions regarding any allergies are had with the parents and we complete allergy management forms for all affected children. All staff are made aware of children's individual needs.

Our Staff

Great care is taken to recruit and retain staff of the highest calibre in terms of relevant qualifications and/or experience. Enhanced DBS and health checks and personal references are all taken up as a matter of course and all staff are approved by Ofsted.

We enjoy a high level of staff loyalty, dedication and length of service.



Expressed simply our aims for your child are:

1. To be happy and have fun
2. To become confident and independent
3. To make friends and integrate in a group situation with the necessary social skills to do so
4. To develop a love of learning
5. To develop his/her own gifts and skills to maximise potential in all areas
6. To develop respect and tolerance for their own and others views, faiths, cultures and race



Our Principal

Hello, my name is Stacey Orman and I am the principal of The Childrens House. I have been working with children for over 8 years.

My passion has always been to treat children as individuals, give them confidence and stimulate

their love of learning so that they have the best start possible to their education.

Here at The Childrens House we have a nurturing, caring environment with a great team of teachers which I am proud to lead and work with.

Additional Activities

House of Maths

Barney is proud to present the House Of Maths – exciting shows crammed full of maths and fun enough to be talked about for weeks afterwards.



Barney delights in sharing his passion, tricks and insights into the hidden maths of our everyday lives. He is unique amongst Maths Workshops presenters: he has a double first in maths from Oxford University, is a former Champion of Countdown, is a previous winner of Bournemouth & Poole Children's Entertainer Of The Year (Dorset), and still holds the title of Jester of Bournemouth.

Song and Dance with Claire

Our fantastic dance teacher Claire provides energetic dance classes on a weekly basis.

These classes have already proved to be extremely popular with our children and are excellent for developing self confidence, co-ordination, an early love of music and rhythm. Whilst learning these skills our children have great fun with their friends.



Dancing is a great way to exercise the body and mind and for most children it becomes a life-long love that they carry through into adulthood. We teach our children the importance of a healthy life style and exercise and these classes are a fantastic fun way to bring this into the nursery setting!

Zoolabs Workshops



Our children love the opportunity to handle and learn about a whole host of exotic creatures, from the furriest to the slimiest.

Ranger Heather of Zoolab presents different workshops each term where our children learn about how the animals move, their habitats and what they like to eat.

With everyone taking turns to hold the animals and bugs, even the most timid children put aside their

fears and join in!

Blast Sports Coaching



Coach Scott will be continuing to provide the extremely popular Blast Sports sessions for all of our children.

Blast Sports come into the nursery on a rolling day basis to enable each child to experience an introduction to structured sports sessions with equipment. This wonderful opportunity gives the children a head start with their gross motor skills, hand to eye coordination, balance, agility, spatial awareness, team building, working as an individual, taking turns, promoting fair play and sport knowledge. Above all, these sessions are fantastic for building self confidence in our children and with confidence anything is achievable!

Hours, Fees and Holidays



We are
open
8.30am to
6.00pm
Monday to
Friday 48
weeks per
year with 2

weeks closure at Christmas and 2 weeks closure in August. The school also closes for bank holidays. We offer a two-tier system of attendance to cater both for parents seeking term times only of 39 weeks p.a. and also for parents requiring full time attendance of 48 weeks p.a.

With full time children we offer, in addition our 4 weeks closure (2 weeks at Christmas, 2 weeks in August), if required, a further two weeks of holiday of normally attended sessions without charge.

With term time only children it is assumed that all holidays will be taken during traditional school breaks and therefore no fee reductions can be made for absence through additional holidays.

Lunch Club from 12.00 noon – 1.00pm is also an enjoyable time for the children who wish to bring a packed lunch. This time can be used to either extend the morning or afternoon session or to stay the full day and is charged at a pro-rata hourly rate.

Morning Sessions	8.30am – 12 noon	£23.80 per session
Afternoon Sessions	1.00pm – 4.00pm	£20.40 per session
Lunch Club	12 noon – 1.00pm	£6.80

Extended hours from 4.00pm to 6.00pm are optional in ½ hourly intervals at a pro-rata rate of: £6.80 per hour

A 10% discount is applicable from the net fees payable for both children for the number of sessions a brother or sister attends. A minimum of two sessions is required in order to encourage your child to settle and gain meaningful benefit from all we have to offer.

Fees are payable four-weekly in advance. We regret that we are unable to offer any reduction in fees due to absences through illness or holidays other than those previously detailed.

Four weeks' notice or fees in lieu are required for reduction of sessions or withdrawal from the nursery.

The Children's House will be closed on all Bank Holidays.

For term time attendance children are welcome to attend during the holidays, other than when the School is closed. Please give as much notice as possible if you wish your child to attend



during a holiday period. Normal fees will apply for such attendances.



Early Education Funding

We are registered with Dorset County Council to allow eligible families to access the following funding initiatives...

2 Year Old Funding

Some 2 year old children are eligible for funding for their childcare. Please see the Dorset County Council link for details.

From April 2024 families of 2-year-olds will be eligible for up to 15 hrs of funding per week, for 38 weeks of the year if they are in receipt of a working families HMRC eligibility code.

This can be applied for from the term the child turns 2 years, and becomes eligible from the term after the child's 2nd birthday. It needs to be updated with HMRC every 3 months. The code must be given to the nursery as early as possible prior to claiming any funding.

Families who don't qualify for a working families HMRC eligibility code, can apply for 2-year funding from Dorset Council on the grounds of low income and being in receipt of certain benefits. Eligible families will receive an FEE code from Dorset which they need to pass on to the nursery as early as possible prior to claiming any funding.

15 Hours Funding for 3-4 Year Olds

ALL 3-4 year old children can receive up to 15 hours of funding per week which they can use with no additional charges during our standalone late afternoon sessions (see Hours, Fees &



Holidays section for details). Funded hours can be used during any other sessions with a £1.96/hr charge for additional services.

30 Hours Funding for 3-4 Year Olds

Families where both parents work (or working single-parent families) may be eligible for 30 hours of funding per week.

Where families previously qualified for 2 year old funding with an FEE code, we offer places where this can be used with no additional charges. For all other families there is a £1.96/hr charge for additional services. Please see the Dorset County Council link for details.

Early Years Pupil Premium

Additional funding of up to £376 per year is available to improve the educational outcomes of qualifying children. A voluntary registration/consent form is attached to our registration forms for parents to complete if their child may become eligible once they qualify for 3 & 4 year old funding.

Special Educational Needs 1:1 Funding

Funding is available for children with S.E.N. to enable them to have dedicated 1:1 portage workers while in the Nursery. Please see the Dorset County Council link for details.

Please Note: Dorset County Council only offer funding for 38 weeks per year. For term-time attendance sometimes our term



length differs from DCC so there may be odd weeks where we require full fees. This is even more pronounced for full-time attendance as funding does not cover holiday periods. In order to lessen the shock of large bills, we automatically spread funding over the whole attendance so your bills are more even.

Dorset County Council Funding Information:

<https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/free-early-education>

The NDNA have provided a parent factsheet with information regarding the new 30 hour funding and Tax-Free childcare:
NDNA funded childcare guide for parents

Use the Childcare Calculator at www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator to see what offers are available to support you and your family.

To find out more about the new and existing offers, and how they can help you, go to the Childcare Choices website today at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

Registration and Admission

Places are made available by mutual agreement on a first-come, first-served basis upon receipt of our formal registration form and a £45 administration fee. Great care is taken to deal with new admissions responsibly and sensitively. Parents unfamiliar



with parting from their children will be supported by their child's key worker during the settling in period.

Contact Children's House

Children's House Principal: Stacey Orman

Children's House Montessori School

Rushcombe First School

Hanham Rd

Corfe Mullen

Wimborne

Dorset

BH21 3PX

email: stacey@montessorinurseries.co.uk

tel: 01202 690800



Testimonials

To Everyone at the School House.
CHILDRENS

Thank you for everything you have done during the formative years of Tommy and Daisy.

You have played a huge part in their development and for that we are very thankful.

Without exception both Tommy and Daisy always looked forward to their days with you - which is a wonderful testament to the environment you have created.

Thank you again you have been brilliant.

Keri MARTINA

KERIE & MARTINA DOWNS

THANK YOU



FOR BEING SUCH AN IMPORTANT
PART OF OUR LIVES

To the entire team at
Childrens House.

My husband and I can never
Thank You enough for the last
2 years. I don't want Alice to leave!!
From the moment Alice started she has
loved being with you.

^{thank you}
You have all taught her so much and
helped turn her into the confident,
inquisitive, assertive little girl she has
become. Not once has she ever not wanted
to come to nursery and I think that is a
testament to the friendly, relaxed, comfortable
environment that you have created.
Thank you from the bottom of our hearts
Alice and I will miss you very much.

With kind regards
Dave and Nikki Smith
Alice Smith's Parents

Thank you for giving Tiggy
the best start in schooling
that we could ever have wished
for.

You're a fantastic nursery and
you have set the bench mark very
high for her future schooling.

Thank you to you all.

Love

George + Sarah Whitmarsh

xxx + of course Tiggy xxx

A Mother's Thank You.

for all your patience day to day
for every tear you wipe away.
for little hands you gently hold,
And all the stories you have told.
for your consoling, tender heart.
And all the wisdom you impart.
for silly songs and quiet times,
for peaceful naps and nursery rhymes.
for teaching children how to share,
for being kind and being fair.
for every shoe that you have tied
And thoughtful words that instill pride.
for all the sweet things that you do
to help the children all year through,
for being there in place of me.
I'm grateful... And I'll always be!

I met you as a shy toddler



I left you as a confident little girl.

Thank you xxx



Thank you all for everything you have done for Jacob. You have fed our hungry little caterpillar with knowledge, guidance, support + love and he has blossomed into a lovely butterfly ready to face the world + he has loved every minute with you all at Children's House!

To the wonders at the
Children's House.

The final goodbye! You have been amazing for our family! We are thankful for giving our children such an amazing and wonderful start to their lives.

You are unforgettable and will be missed. lots of love, the Rix's
xxx