

BABIES



Parents who choose to leave their babies in the care of staff at Burton Park Day Nursery can be assured that they will be looked after and cared for, by experienced, qualified Nursery Nurses who will provide for their every need whilst they are with us.

Following the government framework to support children in their earliest years, 'Birth to Three Matters', staff are able to work, in conjunction with parents/carers, to provide whatever is necessary to make your baby's time at nursery resemble, as far as possible, a home environment.

Our three baby rooms, each operating independently with up to six babies and two members of staff, also work together supporting each other under the careful supervision of our Baby Room Supervisor.

Everything is provided to care for your baby with the only exception being milk feeds. We ask that these are prepared in bottles and given to baby room staff when you arrive at the nursery. They will be labelled and kept in the baby room refrigerator until required.

Any special dietary requirements must be identified to us on the Nursery Health Form that is completed when registering your child. If amendments are necessary during your baby's time at nursery, please make sure you ask the Nursery Administrator if you can amend the form or complete a new one.

Although we are able to supply nappies, parent/carers wishing to provide their own are welcome to do so.

The 'Birth to Three Matters' framework mentioned earlier:

- values and celebrates babies,
- recognises their individuality, efforts and achievements,
- recognises that all children, have from birth a need to develop, learning through interaction with people and exploration of the world around them. For some children, this developments may be at risk because of difficulties with communication and interaction, cognition and learning, behavioural, emotional and social development or sensory and physical development,
- recognises the 'holistic' nature of development and learning,
- acknowledges, values and supports the adults that work with babies and young children,
- provides opportunities for reflection on practice,
- informs and develops practice whilst acknowledging that working with babies and children is a complex, challenging task and that often there are no easy answers.

Obviously, for babies, much of the time at nursery revolves around eating, sleeping and nappy changing. In between these important events, our staff use their professional expertise to entertain, educate and care for these very young people in many different ways.

Parents/Carers are always very keen to be informed about their baby's time at nursery and their progress. We encourage parents/carers to talk with the baby room staff when bringing babies into the nursery and when collecting them. A written progress report is prepared every term and sent home to parents/carers and we encourage parents'/carers comments to be added and returned to us.

If any problems or difficulties should ever arise, the baby room staff, baby room supervisor, nursery manger or one of the deputy mangers, are all available for confidential discussion. This can take place in the private office if preferred.