

TODDLERS



Parents who choose to leave their toddlers in the care of staff at Burton Latimer 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 toddler's time at nursery resemble, as far as is possible, a home environment.

Our toddler room is able to accommodate a maximum of 18 children who can walk by themselves, approximately aged between 15 months and two years, and six members of staff, all under the careful supervision of our Toddler Room Supervisor.

Everything is provided to care for your toddler whilst at nursery. All we ask is that a full set of spare clothes is available in case of accidents or over enthusiastic play in the water tray.

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 toddler'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, parents/carers wishing to provide their own are welcome to do so. Arrangements regarding toilet training are discussed individually with parents/carers to enable a consistent approach both in nursery and at home.

The 'Birth to Three Matters' framework mentioned earlier:

- values and celebrates babies and toddlers
- 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.

Parents/Carers of children joining the toddler group are given a copy of a special leaflet which has been prepared by the staff working with this age group.

Although based in their own toddler room with age appropriate toys and equipment, the staff and children, often in small groups, will from time to time also make use of the other nursery activity areas both indoors and out, sometimes mixing with the older children when its appropriate to do so.

Adjacent to the toddler room is our dedicated sleep room. Any toddler requiring a sleep whilst at nursery will be accommodated here and supervised by a member of staff.

Parents/carers are always very keen to be informed about their toddler's time at nursery and their progress. We encourage parents/carers to talk with the toddler room staff when bringing their children 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 toddler room staff, toddler room supervisor, nursery manager or one of the deputy managers, are all available for confidential discussion. This can take place in the private office if preferred.