



CORNER HOUSE

— DAY NURSERY —

SPYLAW ROAD

# WELCOME TO THE CORNER HOUSE NURSERY



## OUR NURSERY

Corner House Nursery Spylaw Road is a well-established and trusted nursery situated in the Merchiston area of Edinburgh. We provide stimulating childcare in a caring and family-orientated environment for children from 3 months to 5 years of age. We are open Monday – Friday from 8am – 6pm and registered to care for up to 69 children. Our property is a beautifully designed house located in a residential area. With convenient access to public transport into the centre of town we are a perfect option for commuters. We also have plenty of on-street parking available providing easy drop off and collection for you and your family.

## OUR CHILDCARE APPROACH

Corner House Nursery provides stimulating and inspiring childcare aiming to encourage the development of children through play, interaction, creativity, physical activity and a warm and nurturing environment.

We are passionate about quality Early Years Care and Education and recognise the importance of each child's self-development. We believe that children learn through play, example, interaction and teaching. These four concepts form the core of our ethos and through them we strive to expand your child's development.

We help every child in every aspect of their growth and achieve this through praise, guidance and encouragement. Children will develop manners, learn to be kind, share, and respect others, as well as being stimulated creatively and mentally through our child-led activities. Our child-led activities allow our children to flourish into independent and confident individuals. Above all, we strive to provide a secure and friendly environment which will make you completely relaxed and at ease when leaving your child in our care.



## OUR AIMS & OBJECTIVES



To provide a safe and stimulating atmosphere to encourage each child's development.



To develop every child's healthy self-image through play, guidance, support and encouragement.



To encourage children to develop respect, learn to share, learn to be kind to others and develop good manners.



To encourage children's interest in learning through promoting their desire to learn and experiment in an active learning environment.



To work in partnership with parents. To update parents regularly with information about their child's development and the nursery, through newsletters, parent's evenings, focus groups and E-Learning Journals.



To constantly train our staff through our in-house training company, BNG Training, and through local authority courses, aiming to increase and extend the skills and knowledge our staff currently possess.



To continue to liaise with local schools and members of the local community, allowing us to share good practice.



To continue to monitor, self-evaluate and improve our service to ensure our children and parents are getting the highest quality standard of care.



## STARTING AT NURSERY

We provide complimentary settling in sessions which gives you and your child time to get familiar with our nursery. Once your child starts with us, they will be assigned a designated key worker. Your child's key worker will be responsible for monitoring your child's development and will be your first point of contact at nursery. Your child's key worker will always be available to discuss your child's progress.



## SETTLING IN SESSIONS



Your child will be settled into our nursery gradually. Firstly spending one hour, building up to approximately 4 hours and then staying for lunch. This phasing in allows your child to become familiar with our nursery surroundings and staff. These settling in sessions usually last 2 weeks, but this is dependent on each individual child. We understand that every child's different and our aim is to make these sessions as flexible and

comforting as possible to guarantee that both you and your child are well adjusted to our surroundings. Parent visits are encouraged whilst your child is gradually settled into nursery so please feel free to do drop in any time to see how your child is doing, even if they are no longer in their settling in phase.

**“The Corner House Day Nursery has been a ‘home away from home’ for both our children. Knowing our children are safe, happy and achieving is of great importance to us, and we are very confident that this is the case to us, and we are very confident that this is the case at Corner House Day Nursery. Our children are known by all staff, not just the key worker. Upon arrival each day it is so reassuring to experience such a welcoming environment. The staff are actively engaged in delivering a varied programme of activities each day. There are a range of cultural experiences celebrated and our children are encouraged to be responsible citizens. The manager is exceptional – always putting the needs of the children first.”**

**-Corner House Spylaw Parent**



## OUR ROOMS

Our playrooms are generously proportioned, carefully planned and extensively resourced to create inspiring learning environments in which children can grow and learn with confidence. Each playroom has access to outdoor play areas, offering the opportunity for regular outdoor learning opportunities across all areas of the curriculum. A set of development records are held for each child in the nursery and on our E-Learning Journals. These are available for viewing at all times and are continuously updated with pictures and observations made on your child's progress. Access to your child's records are available 24 hours a day so you don't miss out on anything and strict confidentiality is maintained at all times.

## BABIES — 'POOH CORNER'

Our baby room is registered for up to 12 children from 3 - 15 months of age. We have highly experienced staff whose priority is to mirror the home routine of each baby as closely as possible. This room is a comforting, spacious area with an attached sleeping room, offering babies a calm, relaxing and peaceful sleep in a secure environment. We ask parents to supply their own nappies, wipes and milk to ensure continuity between home and nursery. Our staff take babies outside every day to ensure babies get as much fresh air as possible. We provide a variety of stimulating activities in order to promote your baby's all-round development and keep parents up to date with what our babies have been up to that week.

We are a breast feeding friendly nursery, with staff trained in breast milk storage. We encourage and welcome you to visit during the day to feed your child whenever necessary.

Children progress into our Tigger & Roo Rooms after a discussion with yourself. In our Tigger & Roo Rooms we begin to adopt a more challenging and varied approach to the day.



## 'TIGGER & ROOS'

Our 'Tigger & Roos' Room can hold 12 children between the ages of 15 - 24 months old. In this room children are cared for under the supervision of experienced staff with a staff ratio of 1:3.



Tigger & Roos provide a structured day with a choice of learning opportunities including arts and crafts, construction activities, table top games and much more. We will also introduce early numeracy and literacy skills and activities designed to develop your child's communication skills. Our Tigger & Roos have a multi-functional playroom that is also used for rest and sleep using little beds.

## TODDLERS — 'KANGA' ROOM



Our Toddler Room or 'Kanga Room' can hold 15 children between the ages of 2 - 3 years old. In this room children are cared for under the supervision of experienced staff with a staff ratio of 1:5.

## 3-5'S — 'OWL' ROOM

Corner House nursery is recognised as an early learning and childcare centre by Education Scotland. We believe your child's development between the ages of 3 to 5 years is crucial in forming your child's core development. Your child will progress to the 3-5's Room when they are ready. We pride ourselves on ensuring that when children leave our nursery to move on to school they do so confidently and independently, taking with them the enjoyment of learning and a pride in their achievements. We would strive for your child to be able to have the following skills when leaving the nursery: recognising and writing their own name, demonstrating good observational skills, showing preliminary reading skills, able to confidently control a pencil, showing creative skills and knowledge of numbers. We also work in close partnership with local schools to ensure a smooth transition into primary one.



## ROOM RATIOS

Age	0-2 years	2-3 years	3-5 years
Staff Ratio	1:3	1:5	1:8

\*Minimum number of staff to children – in accordance with current Care Inspectorate regulations.

## OUTDOOR PLAY

We love to get outside here at Corner House Nursery. We have a large outdoor play area where children find opportunities to have fresh air and fun in a safe and secure area.

Featured in our outdoor environment we have a sandpit, a story area, a weaving net, a climbing frame, a mud kitchen, a basketball net and much more.

As well as these fabulous outdoor play areas we also enjoy walks in our local area to allow our children to absorb the sights and sounds of our local community. Our nursery is also lucky enough to have access to a dedicated area within the Craiglockhart Nature Reserve through the Forest Schools Association.



**We ask that parents provide children with appropriate clothing for all types of weather from wellington-boots to sunglasses.**

## OUR TEAM

Our wonderful staff team comprises a blend of mature, experienced and professionally qualified nursery nurses who are all first aid trained. All staff are skilled in expertly guiding your child through the wonders of learning whilst playing. Our staff are dedicated to treating your child with patience, affection, enthusiasm and understanding and participate in ongoing training to constantly progress their own skills and abilities.

**Our manager, Denise Lawrence, has a professional qualification in childcare and 11 years of experience working with children of all ages. She manages her nursery and her staff team to ensure we provide a secure family environment where you can feel relaxed and confident in the knowledge that your child is being cared for by dedicated and informed staff.**



## OUR MENU



Our nutritionally balanced menus ensure our children are raring to go every day. Children are offered a range of delicious, nutritious meals and snacks. Our wholesome and nourishing menus are expertly designed to give your little one the very best start in life.

The meals we provide are all home-cooked within our nursery by our experienced, on site nursery chef. Our chef has carefully created a 4-week rolling menu and ensures a healthy well balanced diet for all children. Whenever possible we try to source all our food locally and organically, including seasonal vegetables and fruit grown in our very own garden. We believe that by providing our children with nutritional food bursting with fresh fruit and vegetables is a necessity in each child's physical and mental well-being.

**All of our delicious food is included within our fees. We offer a morning snack, a hot lunch and an afternoon snack every day.**

## DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

Our menus change every 4 weeks, in line with the availability of seasonal produce. We have a flexible approach and are happy to cater for a range of special dietary, medical, religious or cultural requirements.

We ask our parents to bring in formula milk for babies, in accordance with current guidelines. These will be made up as required and stored safely in accordance with manufacturer's suggestions. Our staff have all been fully trained in Food Hygiene and are passionate about teaching children the importance of good hygiene too. We promote washing hands before and after meals and snacks and encourage children to help serve their own food and clean their teeth after meals.

Above all, we believe that meal times should be a happy, relaxed time where children learn social skills, manners, good hygiene practise and healthy eating habits to last them a lifetime.

**To receive a sample of our 4 week rolling menu, please contact us and we will be happy to send you a copy of our delicious menu.**

## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENT

We are committed to being an environmentally friendly nursery, making changes wherever we can in order to make the world a cleaner place. We are a registered ECO-Nursery and are committed to teach our children about their environment and the effect we have on it in our day to day lives. Our children are passionate recyclers and love nothing more than an afternoon caring for their garden. We always consider environmental implication when planning activities for our children. We will continue in our green approach to develop strong environmental awareness within our children, helping their little green fingers to care for the world for many years.



## AWARDS & ACCOLADES

Our passionate commitment to being a leading independent provider of Early Years Care and Education, providing our unique brand of quality to all children has led us to being the proud recipients of many awards, including:

- NMT Nursery Group Award 2018
- Daynurseries.co.uk - 'Top 20 Large Nursery Group in the UK' Award 2018
- Nursery Chain of the Year 2013 - Nursery World Awards
- Recognised Investors in Young People Organisation
- NDNA Member (National Day Nurseries Association)
- ECO-School's Green Flag Awards
- Childsmile



## SESSIONS & FEES

Our nursery is open from 8am - 6pm and cares for children from 3 months to 5 years of age. Full/Part time sessions available for all ages and 3-5 year old funding is available. We are open all year round with the exception of Christmas and New Year.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- Quality Early Years Care and Education
- Quality resources and equipment
- Freshly made, healthy meals and snacks
- Celebration of festivals throughout the year
- Regular outings in the local area
- Graduation Ceremony when ready to move on to primary school
- E-Learning Journals, Tablets & Interactive Tables
- Peripatetic Teacher
- Multi-Lingual staff team - basic French/Spanish/German, Urdu, Punjabi and British Sign Language
- Monthly Newsletters and Annual Parent's Evenings

## EXTRAS & DISCOUNTS

- Sibling Discount 10%\*
- Step it Up Dance classes\*
- Sports Coaching



*\*Terms & Conditions apply*

## KEEPING IN TOUCH

In recognition that education begins in the home, we are fully committed to a partnership approach with parents. The needs of each child are discussed in full, prior to admission and on an ongoing basis. We are keen to keep parents as involved as possible during their child's time in nursery. Each day's activities are tracked to ensure that parents are encouraged to discuss their child's day with their key worker and individual records are available at all times for parents to view. We also hold regular Parent Evenings to keep our parents in the loop.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

We use social media to keep our parents up to date with upcoming events and offers available. We also believe it is a great and convenient way for us to receive your feedback and suggestions. Please feel free to visit our website to see what our nursery has been doing most recently.

-  @thebertram.nurserygroup
-  @BertramNG
-  @thebertramnurserygroup

## THE CARE INSPECTORATE

We are regulated by The Care Inspectorate and by Environmental Health Services to help us maintain the highest possible standards within our nursery. Should you wish for any further information please do not hesitate to contact them on 0845 600 9527.

We are proud of our regulatory reports and these are available for you to view within our nursery and on our website.



## VISIT US

If you haven't already done so, we recommend you come for a unique viewing of our nursery to see all of our fantastic facilities for yourself. We can arrange a personal showround during any weekday, and will be as flexible as we can to fit around your family's needs. Alternatively, we do have an open door policy, so if you are in the area please feel free to drop in and say hello. Our staff team are always happy to show off our nursery and answer any questions you may have.

If you would like to book your nursery visit or require more information please contact us on 0131 229 1500 or email us at [enquiries@bertramuk.com](mailto:enquiries@bertramuk.com)

**Thank you!**





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