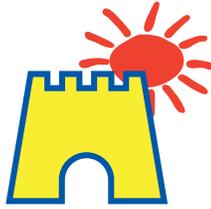


Castle Nursery
& Pre-School

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At **Castle Daycare and Pre-School** our home from home environment offers excellent opportunities for children aged from newborn to 5 years to play and learn throughout our individually designed areas.

Our approach to childcare is simple; to provide a loving, nurturing, safe environment filled with warmth and promise where individual's talents are encouraged to flourish and grow.

Our nurseries have been providing daycare and pre-school education to Guildford parents for over 20 years.





"We are committed to working together to provide an enabling environment in which each child has the opportunity to become a happy, confident and independent learner, who will achieve their full potential".

Castle Daycare and Pre-School Ethos

Our Curriculum

At Castle Daycare and Pre-School we believe that “every child is a unique child who is constantly learning”.

We aim to make each child's early education experiences positive and meaningful.

We know that children learn best in a welcoming, warm, secure and caring environment, where they are able to experiment and have fun, take risks, learn from their experiences and grow in confidence. The unique character and individuality of each child is emphasised and valued.

We follow the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) framework.

Children in the EYFS learn by playing and exploring, being active, and through creative and critical thinking which takes place both indoors and outside.

This means your child will be learning skills, acquiring new knowledge and demonstrating their understanding through 7 areas of learning and development.

All Castle Nurseries have a 'Forest School' environment.

Forest Schools were developed in the mid 1990's to support early years education through activities in the natural world.

Studies have shown Forest Schools:

- Increase self esteem and self confidence
- Help develop physical skills
- Demonstrate an improved relationship with and understanding of the outdoors
- Increase levels of creativity and imagination
- Increase levels of motivation and concentration
- Help develop language and communication skills

For more information on Forest School activities please ask the manager or see our Forest School brochure.





Children from 0-2 years will develop the 3 prime areas first.

These are:

- Communication and language
- Physical development
- Personal, social and emotional development

These prime areas are those most essential for your child's healthy development and future learning.

As your child grows, the prime areas will help them to develop skills in 4 specific areas.

These are:

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the world
- Expressive arts and design



Each Keyworker will teach and support your child through observations, assessments and planning to ensure that the activities are suited to your child's unique needs and interests.

We use a safe online interactive learning diary (ILD) to carry out observations and assessments. The ILD has been designed to support home/school communication to allow parents to take part in their children's progress

The ILD is updated regularly. When parents log in they will be able to access their children's observations and outcomes, together with any photographic and video evidence.

They will also be able to access reports and upload observations made at home.



*"The ILD's are brilliant!
I love logging on to see what my son has been
up to. It's great to be able to get an insight of
what his day entails and to be able to discuss it
with him when he gets home".
Mother of Child aged 2yrs*

How your child will learn and develop



Age ranges are indicative but are dependent upon individual circumstances and development.

From 0 - 14 months

"Loving, nurturing, stimulating in a beautiful safe environment"

Your baby is special to us. Your baby's routine is important to ensure the continuity from home to nursery.

Our baby rooms are spacious and filled with bright soft furnishings and wonderful age appropriate resources.

The staff ratio in the baby room is 1:3 where each child is given a Key Person.

At the end of each day the Key Person will give you feedback, both verbally and in the form of a daily diary, keeping you up to date with all the activities in which your child has been involved.

From 12 - 24 months

"Wonder, Curiosity, Adventure & Fascination"

We introduce activities to meet their natural curiosity, growing energy and development, whether it's pouring at a water table, stacking tumbling blocks or playing with shapes and puzzles.

We encourage exploration and introduce skills such as:

- Sensory and tactile skills
- Gross motor skills
- Communication and language development
- Personal, social and emotional development

In an environment filled with encouragement, your child will experience the early successes he or she needs to grow and develop independence.

Your child will have fun playing and learning alongside new friends.





From 22 - 36 months

“Communicating, expressing and understanding”

In these years the foundation for learning is laid by making it fun and by recognising that personal, emotional and social development are key to future education. The Key Worker creates individual plans through a range of structured adult led activities and child initiated play to reflect the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum.

The environment reflects the starting point of early Pre-School routines using workshop areas such as our roleplay, construction, book corner and art and craft areas. The children also have access to our outdoor classroom throughout the day, so are stimulated all day long.

From 36 months - 5 years

*‘Play is the highest form of research’
– Albert Einstein*

This is a critical stage where we support each child’s learning and development to ensure a smooth transition to primary school.

Each day the children can choose from a range of learning opportunities set up within the environment.

The teachers support each child through focus led learning and help build skills that prepare them for school such as:

- Numeracy
- Pre-Reading
- Technology
- Social & creative skills
- Physical development
- Thinking and intellectual development
- Computer + ICT skills
- Phonics



Nutrition

At Castle Daycare and Pre-School, we believe healthy eating can stabilize children's energy and promote learning and play.

Our chefs provide a diverse menu of balanced and nutritious home cooked meals which we believe encourages healthy eating habits and influences the child's long term relationship with food.

We will work alongside parents to ensure the meals meet individual requirements (including the weaning process, specific dietary requirements and food allergies and intolerances).

Mealtimes at our nurseries are fun and educational. We try to replicate the family environment and encourage the children to set the table, share and serve food and develop fine motor skills by using cutlery.



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