

# Welcome to our nursery

At Meaford Fields Day Nursery we are a family run business and know the importance of working in partnership with every family to provide the highest quality childcare in a safe, stimulating and nurturing environment.

The nursery is located in a busy area within Stone on the 'Whitebridge estate'. It has been maintained to the highest standards to create a lovely environment in which your child will be safely cared for. At Meaford Fields Day Nursery, we have, secure outdoor play areas; and the admittance into the nursery is strictly monitored.

We provide tailored sessions to suit all families as we know that working lives can vary from family to family.

At Meaford Fields, we recognise that parents need to feel confident and comfortable with the childcare that they choose. To ensure this we operate an 'open door' policy so parents can discuss any aspect of their child's development at any time. Your child will have a key person who will act as a special person for your child. They will work with you to plan, care and provide feedback about your child's activities at nursery.

**What our parents say about us:** "my child has been coming to you since he was 6 months old full time, in that time he has come on leaps and bounds not only academically but emotionally. His speech is fantastic and his social skills are the same. This is down to your superb staff team at Meaford fields."

"both my children love coming to Meaford Fields, the staff are very caring and attentive to their needs. It is lovely to leave them knowing they are in such good care"

## Meet the staff



Sam is the manager of Meaford Fields Day Nursery and has been studying in children's care, learning and development for the past 13 years, gaining her Foundation Degree in Early Childhood Studies. She is currently working towards her BA Honours Degree and embarking on an Early Years teaching training programme to further her knowledge of the Early Years sector. Sam is based in the baby room and helps the children and parents to settle into the nursery environment.



Hayley has her NVQ level 3 in Childcare and her NVQ level 5 in Leadership and management. She has been a valuable member of our team for the past 2 years and has been involved in building the foundations of Meaford Fields since our takeover in 2016. In her spare time Hayley enjoys spending time with family and friends and is currently based in the toddler room as room leader.



Lauren has her NVQ Level 3 in childcare. She has a lot of experience with children, aging from 0-5 years. She is a valued member of staff and brings her willingness and determination to the team. Lauren is currently completing her Foundation Degree in Early Childhood Studies. In her spare time, Lauren enjoys spending time with her son and her family. Lauren is based in the pre-school room.

## Settling in your children

At Meaford Fields Day Nursery, we know that leaving your child is a very apprehensive time. That is why we aim for your children to feel safe, stimulated and happy within the nursery; whilst also aiming for you as parents to have confidence in both your child's well-being and your role as active parents. We will work alongside you and your family to ensure that your child is completely happy in his/her nursery environment before you leave them with us. By being flexible with visit lengths and frequencies, we can ensure that your child will get to know staff and children on their own terms and we will endeavour to welcome you as a family into our establishment.

## Our Recent Achievements

We have recently held a Douglas Macmillan coffee morning and raised over £370 for this very worthy charity that is close to everyone's hearts.

We try and take part in many fundraising activities and regularly donate to local food banks with the children to show them the importance of helping others when we can.

We have gained the silver level of the nurturing health award. This award has helped us to raise the standards of nutrition through menu planning, mealtimes, food groups and tooth friendly drinks. We now promote sustainable good practice in wider food and health related practices.

# The play rooms

## **The Baby & Toddler Room, Staff Ratios are 1:3.**

The first few months of life allows for the greatest amount of learning, your child will have lots of opportunities to explore the fun activities set out daily. This room is designated solely for children under the age of 2 years old and gives the babies comfort as they move through the many stages of development. There are two areas to the Baby Room, a carpeted play area and a messy area. The messy area is used for meal times and messy play and is opened up in-between these times giving the babies the opportunity to explore. Babies are particularly vulnerable to change. They learn to be independent by having someone they can depend on. When your child is attending the nursery it is essential that they develop a secure relationship with their key person. This is why your child will have a key person who will be responsible for working with you to learn your baby's routine and individual needs. Your baby will be able to have a sleep in a cot when he/she needs it and we work with you to ensure we follow your milk routine too. The babies activities are all planned using the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). The babies have access to a wetpour outdoor area, staff also take the children on regular outings within the local area in the pushchairs. At the end of the day all parents will be given verbal and written feedback about your child's activities throughout the day.

## **Meal Times**

Meals and snacks will be given to your child in line with their stage of weaning. Below is only a guide and meal times can be flexible to your individual child.

Breakfast is available 7.00 am until 9:00am

Lunch is available from 11:30am

Tea will be available from 3:30pm

Snacks will be given mid-morning and mid-afternoon.

*Water is available throughout the day for all the children.*

### **The Little Pre-school Room, Staff Ratios are 1:4**

The emphasis in this room is learning through play. All activities are planned through monitoring and assessing the children's individual needs and emerging skills. The children will have the opportunity to take part in a range of activities including messy play, role play, singing/nursery rhymes, story time, and small world activities. Your child will have a key person in this group who will support your child in their transition between rooms. All activities will be planned using observation, planning and assessment, allowing us to identify individual children's learning.

The children in this room may have a sleep when he/she needs one. Parents are given both verbal and written feedback about their child at the end of each day. The staff in this room work closely with staff in the baby/toddler room to ensure that the transition is as smooth as possible and this room is where a gentle routine is introduced to the children.

The Little pre-school room has the use of an outdoor area which consists of a soft floor area. The Little pre-school will go on outings within the local community e.g to watch the trains or post the letters.

### **Meal Times**

Breakfast is available from 7:00am until 9:00am

Lunch is available from 11:45am

Tea is available from 3:30pm

Snacks will be given mid-morning and mid-afternoon

*Water is available throughout the day for all children.*

### **Pre-school Room, Staff Ratios are 1:8**

In our pre-school the activities are planned according to the child's stage and development. The play that we offer builds on previous learning and takes into account each child's increasing concentration span and developing skills. We encourage creativity and individual expression. We provide different activities for the children to become involved in and ensure that these are rotated regularly to maintain children's interests.

The staff in this room work alongside the little pre-school room staff to make the transition between the two rooms easier for your child and in this room, we encourage the children to be more tolerant of others and to interact with others in play activities. We incorporate group activities into our basic routine to develop children's confidence and we have a more structured routine, which begins with register time. This allows us to prepare your child for their fulltime education later in life.

Our pre-school children also pride themselves on the nursery flower garden which we grow flowers and some vegetables for snack and mealtimes.

Also within the preschool, we offer swimming lessons during nursery hours. For more information on this please do not hesitate to ask a member of the team.

### **Meal Times**

Breakfast is available from 7:00am until 9:00am

Lunch is available from 12:00pm

Tea is available from 3:45pm

Snacks will be given mid-morning and mid-afternoon

*Water is available for the children throughout the day.*

# Contact, Booking and waiting list Procedure

At Meaford Fields Day Nursery, we are more than happy for prospective and existing parents to come and meet our team at any time of the day between our opening hours of:

7:00am-6:00pm

However, if these hours do not suit due to work commitments, then alternative arrangements for an out of hour's appointments are available.

Alternatively, you can contact us for any information on available places or to request a prospectus on:

Telephone: 01785 814788

Email: [samsaltmeaford@hotmail.com](mailto:samsaltmeaford@hotmail.com)

Or visit our website: [www.meafordfields.co.uk](http://www.meafordfields.co.uk)

Please do not hesitate to call in and meet our dedicated staff and homely environment.

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# Curriculum and Learning

We are completely committed to providing a stimulating and nurturing environment at Meaford Fields Day Nursery and recognise that the first five years of a child's life are absolutely critical. We want every child to thrive in our environment and to ensure this we work to the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) framework. This focuses on the three prime areas of learning which are critical to making sure that children develop healthily and happily. These areas form the foundations on which children can then master the basic literacy skills that they need for later life.

The EYFS curriculum involves you as parents in your child's learning and ensures that you get a much clearer understanding and extensive information on a regular basis about your child's learning and development. We as practitioners can then work alongside you as the main carer to allow the best learning outcome.

We pride ourselves in having excellent parent partnerships at Meaford Fields Day Nursery and welcome parents into nursery on a regular basis to discuss their child's progress or just to come in for a chat or to play.

We offer regular play and stay sessions so that parents and other family members have the opportunity to come in and interact with their child and other parents.

## EYFS Progress Check at Two Years

The EYFS Progress check at Two involves a short written summary of your child's development being compiled under the three prime areas, as well as an assessment of which age/stage band each aspect of their development currently fits within. Please be reassured that this does not involve testing your child or labelling them in anyway. This check will be completed in partnership with you as the Parent/Carer. The Progress Check at Two celebrates your child's achievements and helps to identify at an early age any aspects of development with which your child may need some more support to enable them to reach their full potential and make progress in their development. Please refer to our EYFS Progress Check at Two Policy and speak to a member of staff for further information.

It is satisfying for us to see many children who come to us as babies, develop into happy confident children.

We find the social skills they acquire mixing with other children from an early age, in a nursery environment, facilitate a smooth transition into full-time education.

## Fees

### Under 3's

Day rate: £36.00 part time

Full time: £35.50 per day

### Over 3's

Day rate: £34.00 part time

Full time: £33.50 per day

Half day rate (morning/afternoons) £24.00

School Day (9am - 3pm)

£31.00

Children over the age of 2, 3 & 4 may be eligible for 15/30 hours of free pre-school education funding by the LEA. Plus if all 15 hours are used at the nursery, we will top this up to 18 hours. Please ask for details.

## Uniform

The children at Meaford Fields do have a uniform if parents wish them to wear one. This is not compulsory. We do feel this protects the children's own clothes.

The uniform is introduced in the little pre-school room where the nursery will provide each child with a polo shirt free of charge. You can purchase them at a younger age and more if required.

Polo shirts £7.50

Jumpers £11.50

All children need to have available for nursery:

A pair of wellies

A sun hat (sun cream if your child does have any allergies)

A water bottle

A coat