



Sunny Day Nurseries

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We aim to care for your children in a playful, safe and happy environment where they are encouraged to develop social and personal skills under the guidance

**Children grow and flourish,
They dance and sing,
And in their step and voice,
They express their unique qualities.**

About Sunny Day

Children are paramount to us and we subscribe to consistent, sensitive and understanding care, with firm, clear boundaries. The children are the most important people and their needs are always put first. We believe children need a blend of educational and social experiences in the nursery which complements their home life and provides creative learning opportunities for growth and development.

In a warm, bright and safe surrounding we plan a wide variety of play for children to enjoy and learn enthusiastically about themselves and about others, encouraging attitudes of co-operation and understanding. In this environment all children will flourish, including those with special needs.

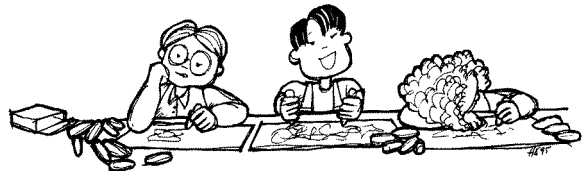
The care we provide is all embracing. We endeavour to use skin care and cleaning products that are free from harmful chemicals. Furthermore, our freshly prepared hot meals are nutritionally balanced and contain fresh, organic fruit and vegetables. We really do care about your children – from the inside, out!

Our relationship with parents is very important. It is with their mandate that we care for their children. We do this in partnership and strive for good understanding and co-operation. Sunny Day care on behalf of parents, with their permission, and we respect parental routines and guidelines. Our fully qualified nursery staff are always happy to discuss and advise on any child care matters. On a practical level, we aim to be flexible in all areas of care.

In the Nursery we accept children from 3 months to five years and in the Play Club we take children from rising fives to fourteen years.

We are open from 7am-7pm Monday to Friday.

All children will be cared for with equal care and concern, irrespective of their gender, race, ethnic origin, class or disability.



Babies and infants

For babies and infants from 3 to 24 months we have separate cot rooms for sleeping and a safe area for babies to play quietly. Here the babies play with gyms, soft toys and age appropriate art/craft materials designed to stimulate, develop and encourage their sense of discovery.

Toddlers

The toddlers from 18 months to 3 years have bright, sunny rooms where they can take part in quiet activities such as reading stories and poems, drawing, listening to music and singing, dressing up and a home corner. Structured activities include creative play, imaginative play, sand, water, play dough, clay, painting, construction and growing seeds. Here they are given a gentle introduction to letters, numbers, colours and shapes.

Pre-school

The pre-school children from 3 to 5 years have large, bright and spacious rooms enabling us to combine quiet areas such as a book corner and a home corner with a messy area for painting, clay work, and a large play equipment for the children to enjoy indoor physical activities.

Our pre-school is fully approved by Ofsted and covers a curriculum featuring the early learning goals – personal, social and emotional development; language and literacy; mathematical development; knowledge and understanding of the world; physical development; creative development. Parents are given an activity programme each term so they can complement and support the topic area at home. The children particularly enjoy their activity work on the PC which takes place regularly on a one-to-one basis with a member of staff. Another popular activity (during term time only) is our fortnightly swim at our local pool, providing an excellent opportunity for building confidence as well as physical development.

Our overall aim at Sunny Day pre-school is to actively encourage your child to learn through play. By making play fun, creative and stimulating, we enable your child to grow and develop, learning to mix with other children and adults, gaining confidence and independence for the school years ahead.

Pre-school staff aim to hold regular parents' evenings to keep abreast of each child' progress and development before they head off to school. We also liaise with foundation stage teachers in local schools so the transition is as painless as possible for children and parents!

Furthermore, when your child does start introductory school mornings we can collect them at lunchtime and bring them back to the Pre-school for lunch and an afternoon play or rest – depending on how much energy they've got left!

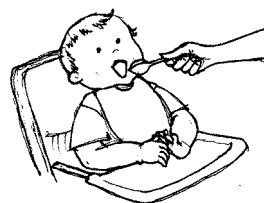
Key workers

From the moment each child joins the Nursery he/she is designated a 'special friend' or 'key worker' who is responsible for their developmental assessments and keeps an eye on their progress. This is the person to approach if you have any queries or concerns about your child. As your child gets older and progresses through to the next room you will be invited to join us for an opportunity to meet your child's new key worker and Supervisor in the next room.

Breakfast, lunch, snacks and tea

We understand how frantic it can be in the mornings – sometimes there is just no time for breakfast! Simply tell us and we will happily give your child some cereal and toast. We have a supervised lunchtime in our dining area between 12pm and 1pm when we supply hot midday meals. These hot meals are freshly prepared

each day by our qualified cook. The meals are nutritionally balanced with an emphasis on fresh fruit and vegetables. Mid-morning/afternoon snacks such



as fruit, biscuits, fruit juice, milk and water are fully inclusive. If you would like your child to have a hot tea then this can be prepared to order. Please provide a packed tea if you prefer and if your child has special dietary requirements. Parents are also asked to supply babies' milk feeds and any food needed until they are able to eat nursery lunches. If you are breast feeding your baby you are more than welcome to come in to continue your feeding pattern or please provide expressed milk if you prefer.

Nappies & potty training

We provide cotton nappies, wipes, and creams for your child. If you would prefer us to use the nappies that you supply, please make this clear. All our baby care products are free from harmful chemicals. With your guidance we will, of course, continue any potty training routine that you are initiating at home. If you would like any help or advice in this area please do not hesitate to ask.



Personal Hygiene

We ask the older children to wash their hands properly every time they use the toilet. Naturally there will be the occasional accident and we keep a stock of spare clothing for such eventualities.

Sickness

We regret that fees are not refundable in the event of illness. A child with a slight cold who seems happy and is not running a temperature may attend the Nursery; however, at the sign of more serious/infectious illness we request the child remain at home until well. All medication requires written consent.

Clothing and personal property

We feel it is important that children wear comfortable, practical clothing for their visits to the Nursery. The children are involved in a variety of activities, a number of which will be messy. It is particularly helpful to dress your child appropriately if they need lots of help when going to the toilet. Please provide your child with a coat on colder days, wellies on rainy days and a hat/sun cream on sunny days. All of these items should be clearly marked with your child's name.

Outings

There are regular walks to the park on sunny days with parental consent.

Outdoor activities

Group activities take place in our safe and secure playground under the watchful eyes of Nursery staff.

Discipline

By using a positive approach that praises good behaviour we aim to eliminate any problems or signs of anti-social behaviour. We hope that by keeping the children stimulated and actively involved in their tasks there will be little opportunity for problems to occur. If, on occasion, there is an obvious change in a child's normal patterns of behaviour we will discuss the matter with

parents to try to discover the underlying cause. We would be grateful if parents could inform us if there are any changes to home circumstances or in behaviour at home as this will help us when dealing with the child in the nursery setting.

Daily Reports

It is not always easy to give you a full account of your child's day with us when picking up your child so, for the under-three's we will write a daily report telling you of his/her sleeping pattern for the day, what he/she had for lunch, and the activities that he/she took part in. In the pre-school room we have a notice board with all the general information for each day.

Newsletters

Another way we keep in touch with you is through our quarterly newsletter which gives you general information about the Nursery, staff profiles, handy tips and the dates of our special evenings for parents and staff to get together.

Parents' Evenings

These get-togethers are principally social occasions but we aim to make them informative too. We have a very supportive parent-nursery group which regularly meets to discuss our child care service and fundraising events – please ask for more details.

Sunny Day Membership Card

On registration to the Nursery or Play Club, each family will receive a Sunny Day Membership Card. This card has several purposes:

1. To improve security, each family will have a membership number on the card. The number must only be known by parents/carers and any person you have asked to collect your child. If a member of staff does not recognise the person collecting your child he/she will ask for the membership number and your child will only be allowed to go if the correct number is quoted.
2. The card will entitle parents to discounts in certain shops and businesses in the Dorchester and Weymouth area. Please ask for the list of businesses and shops that give discounts to Sunny Day parents.
3. For administration purposes the number should be quoted in all communications. This is particularly helpful if we have more than one family with the same surname.
4. For your convenience the card will have the Nursery telephone numbers and addresses so you always have them to hand.

Sunny Day Play Club

The Play Club provides a safe, warm environment for children before and after school and during the school holidays. During term time, before school the children are given breakfast and then dropped off at the appropriate time. After school we collect the children and bring them back for a tasty snack



and drink. The children are provided with a range of activities to choose from, they can simply relax or they can do their homework.

In the holidays activities are wide and varied to suit the age ranges but based around a theme.

Each activity programme is different so please ask staff for details.

Sunny Day Staff

The majority of our staff in the Nursery and Play Club are well qualified and experienced. They have all been approved by Ofsted and police checked. All staff and helpers have a natural empathy towards young children and a desire to care for and encourage their development.

As an 'Investor in People' we firmly believe in supporting our staff and encouraging them to reach their full potential. We provide regular performance appraisals, staff meetings and training opportunities to sustain motivation and commitment to the children and the Nursery. This has resulted in a low staff turnover and a very stable staff team in each Nursery.

We also employ staff who are trainees. We believe they have 'what it takes' to be a good child carer and will invest in them to become a qualified member of staff.

We have students within the Nurseries during term time from the local schools and colleges. Students are welcomed into our Nurseries as we recognise the value of our learning environment. They are supervised at all times and are not included in our staffing ratios.

Fees

All trust staff are entitled to a 10% discount on Sunny Day Fees. You must get your line manager to complete a discount authorisation form for you and present it at the nursery.

Grants and the Childcare Tax Credit

Sunny Day Nurseries have validation to accept three and four year olds who qualify for the Nursery Education Grant. Please enquire for further details.

You may qualify for the childcare tax credit. This replaces the childcare disregard in Family Credit. It is more generous and has a much wider eligibility. Families earning up to £22,000 gross with one child in childcare and £30,000 with two or more in childcare can receive some help towards their childcare costs. For more information please ring the Tax Credit helpline on 0845 609 5000 or contact Elizabeth Alvarez, Childcare co-ordinator on 01305 254612.

This website has been designed to tell you all you need to know about the services provided by Sunny Day. If, however, you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to ask.

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