

DRYDEN STREET NURSERY



## Our Nursery

Dryden Street Nursery is an established and trusted centre of early education situated in Manchester City Centre. Our nursery predominantly caters for staff and students of Manchester University, providing childcare for children aged 12 weeks to 5 years. We are conveniently located within close distance to motorway links and just 10 minutes' walk from Manchester University and Oxford Road.

We offer full and part-time sessions between the hours of 8.30am and 5.30pm and work in partnership with Manchester City Council to offer FREE funded places for 2 year olds and pre-school children.

## Our Childcare Approach



Dryden Street Nursery provides stimulating and inspiring childcare aiming to encourage the development of children through play, interaction, creativity, physical activity and through 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 we strive to expand your child's development through these methods.

We aim to help every child in every aspect of their growth and achieve this through praise, guidance and encouragement. Children will be encouraged to 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.

## 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 a half-day session and then staying for lunch. This phasing in allows your child to become familiar with our nursery surroundings and staff. This settling in process will take place over two weeks prior to your child starting at nursery. 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.

## Our Team

Our longstanding staff team at Dryden Street Nursery comprises of a blend of mature, experienced and professionally qualified nursery nurses and trainees working towards their qualifications. All staff are skilled in expertly guiding children through the wonders of learning through play. Our staff are dedicated to treating your child with patience, affection, enthusiasm and understanding. All staff participate in ongoing training to constantly progress their skills and abilities.

### Our Manager

Dryden Street Nursery, Sally Goodwin, has a professional qualification in childcare and over 39 years of experience working with children of all ages. Sally manages the nursery and her staff team to ensure the nursery provides a secure family environment.



## Our Nursery Rooms

Our playrooms are 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.

### Baby Room (12 weeks - 1 year)

Our highly experienced staff prioritise following the home routine of each baby as closely as possible. We have a spacious play area with a quiet and secure sleeping area, and provide a variety of stimulating activities to promote your baby's all round development. All planning is displayed on the room wall for you to see what activities your child will be participating in each week.

Parents are asked to supply nappies, formula milk and baby wipes to ensure continuity between home and nursery for all babies. We are a breast feeding friendly nursery and support mothers returning to work and still wishing to breast feed. Our staff are trained in the storage and use of breast milk and we welcome mothers to visit and feed during the day where possible.

### Toddler Room (1 - 2 years)



Children in our Toddler Room are cared for under the supervision of qualified and experienced staff. A range of quality toys and activities are provided for the continuing development of your child.

The period in the Toddler Room provides a smooth transition into the toddler stage by adopting a more challenging and varied approach. Activities such as painting, sand and water play, music and physical activity are integrated into the day.

Each child's day is recorded for you to take home so you know exactly what fun activities your child has been up to whilst at nursery.

## Early Years 2 Room (2 - 3 years)



After the Toddler Room we will look to move your child through to our Early Years 2 Room. This should happen when your child is about 2 years old. We will discuss the transition process with you before any room changes happen. In the Early Years 2 Room children are cared for under the supervision of experienced staff.

The Early Years 2 Room provides a structured day with much greater choice of learning opportunities including arts and crafts, construction activities, and table top games. We will also introduce early numeracy and literacy skills and activities designed to develop your child's communication skills.

Each day the children spend time outdoors in the play area. In this age group the children will spend a morning and afternoon outdoor play sessions with access to a slide, tricycles, scooters and our newly developed mud kitchen.

## Early Years 3 Room (3 - 5 years)

Dryden Street Nursery is recognised as a pre-school centre by the education department. In the Early Years 3 Room children will follow the Curriculum for Excellence. Your child will progress to the Early Years Room at around 3 years old.

We pride ourselves on ensuring that when children leave nursery to move on to school they do so confidently and independently, taking with them an enjoyment of learning and a pride in their achievements. We would strive for your child to have the following skills when leaving nursery: recognising and writing their own name, demonstrating good observational skills, showing preliminary reading skills, handling good pencil control, showing creative skills and knowledge of numbers.

## Room Ratios

Age	0-2 years	2-3 years	3-5 years
Staff Ratio	1:3	1:4	1:8

\*Number of staff to number of children, in accordance with current Ofsted regulations

# Outdoor Play

We love to get outdoors at Dryden Street! We have a large outdoor play area with a slide, construction area, mud kitchen and bikes for our over twos and a separate soft play area for Toddlers and Babies.

As well as time in our fabulous play areas we also enjoy walks in the local area. We have high visibility vests to keep children safe when out on trips away from the nursery.

Our babies and toddlers can often be seen wearing their waterproof overalls and jackets playing outside in the wet weather.



# Extra Activities

For a small additional fee, pre-school children at Dryden Street Nursery can participate in extracurricular activities such as:

- Footytotz™ - these are physical play sessions which are based on the use of footballing skills and relate to all aspects of the EYFS.
- Dance Classes - a fantastic opportunity to develop fine motor skills.
- Music Sessions - a chance to explore and develop a love of music.

## Menus

Our nutritionally balanced menus ensure our children are raring to go every day! 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 which ensures a healthy well balanced diet for all children. Whenever possible we source our food locally and organically, including seasonal vegetables and fruit. We believe that providing our children with nutritional food bursting with fresh fruit and vegetables is a necessity in each child's physical and mental well-being.



Please ask our manager for a sample of our delicious 4 week rolling menu.

## 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.

## Awards and Accolades

Our commitment to being a leading independent provider of Early Years Care and Education has led us to being the proud recipients of many impressive awards and accolades including:

- Outstanding Ofsted Provider 2017
- Early years Quality Assurance Framework – Gold Award
- Recognised Investors in People organisation
- NDNA (National Day Nurseries Association)
- Daynurseries.co.uk Top 10 Recommended Large Nursery Group in the UK (Bertram Nursery Group)
- Equal Opportunities Employer Award
- 85% of our staff have worked here for +5 years!



Early Years  
Quality Assurance  
Framework

Rating awarded 2013



## Environmental Commitment

We are committed to being an environmentally friendly nursery and always considering environmental implications when planning activities for the children. We are a registered Eco School and we help our children develop strong environmental awareness within our nursery.

There are a number of measures which we undertake to protect the environment, these include: ensuring all nappies are disposed of safely and with consideration of the environment, supporting parents in the use of eco-friendly nappies, responsible use of power and water supplies, responsible use of our vehicles.





## Sessions & Fees

Our nursery cares for children from 12 weeks to 5 years. The nursery is open Monday to Friday from 8.30am – 5.30pm with the exception of ten days over Christmas and New Year and Bank Holidays.

### What's included?

- Quality early year's care and education
- Freshly made healthy meals (Inc. Halal, Soya & Quorn options)
- Celebration of festivals throughout the year
- Regular outings in the local area
- Quality resources and equipment
- Heuristic play for 1 – 2 year olds

### Extras & Discounts

- Sibling Discount 10%\*

\*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.

## Ofsted

We are regulated by Ofsted and Environmental Health Services to help us maintain the highest possible standards within the nursery. Should you wish to have any further information please do not hesitate to contact them on 0300 123 1231.

We are proud of our regulatory reports and these are available for you to view within our nursery and on our website: [www.dryden-street-nursery.co.uk](http://www.dryden-street-nursery.co.uk)



## Visit Us!

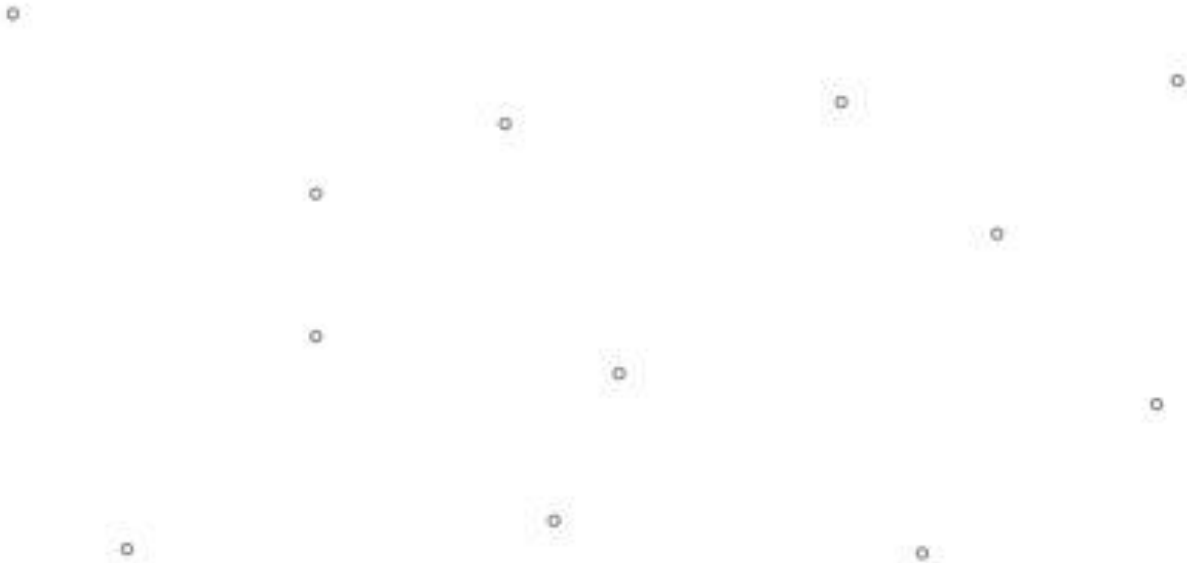
If you haven't already done so, we recommend you come for a unique viewing of our nursery to see all of our fantastic facilities for yourself! We can arrange a personal showround during any weekday, and will be as flexible as we can to fit around your family's needs. Alternatively, we do have an open 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 0161 272 7121 or email [HolyroodNurseries@bertramuk.com](mailto:HolyroodNurseries@bertramuk.com)

A big thank you from all of us for taking great care of our son. He had a great time at Dryden St in a warm, caring and stimulating environment. An excellent nursery.

# Colour and Fun Time

These children are playing at the beach. Can you colour them in?



# Dryden Street Day Nursery

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