



Nurseries



Nurseries provide full and part-time childcare for children aged between 0-5 years. They are registered with Ofsted and are inspected every three years. You can ask to see the nursery's registration certificate and the latest inspection report. Checks are made to make sure staff are suitable to work with children and that the building is safe.

Plus points:

- Opportunities for your child to learn and play with friends.
- Nurseries are tailored to the needs of children with working parents, i.e. long opening hours.
- Some nurseries offer free, part-time early education or pre-school places for children aged three and four.

There are different types of nurseries:

- **Day Nurseries** – These provide full time care and early learning for children from birth to school age.
- **Nursery units of Independent schools** – These provide early learning opportunities for children aged 3-5 (some may take younger children), and are open full or part time.
- **Maintained nursery classes** – these are integral to parts of primary schools and provide early learning opportunities for children aged 3-5. They are open during the school day. Children can attend full or part time.
- **Workplace nurseries** – run by employers for their staff e.g. in a hospital or an office complex.
- **Maintained schools and Early Excellence Centres.**

FAQ's

How do I know my child will be safe and secure?

You know your child best – look for a nursery you feel will suit your child. You can ask to see the registration certificate and latest inspection report.

How many children will be there in a nursery?

Nursery sizes vary; most will provide places for between 25 and 40 children. There is a set number of staff in each nursery to work with children. For children under 2 years, 1 member of staff per 4 children. Children aged 3 to 7 years, 1 member of staff per 8 children.

What age range are children in a nursery?

Nurseries are for children aged up to 5. Some nurseries have places for babies and toddlers as well as children aged 3-5 years.

When are nurseries open?

Most nurseries open approximately 8:30am – 6pm and they open all year round except for public holidays. Many nurseries also offer part time places, often organised into morning and afternoon sessions.

How much does a nursery cost?

Nursery charges vary. Some provide free part time places for 3 and 4 year olds via the Nursery Education Fund.

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