

# WELCOME

## To Smarties Nursery

  
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Provider



An **outstanding** start to your child's educational journey!

Please feel free to call, email or pop in for a chat about our nursery. We offer free settling in sessions and know each child is unique. We will work with parents to ensure the transition is as smooth as possible.



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# Thank you for your interest in Smarties Day Nursery



**When Ofsted visited us in January 2019 they said that we are outstanding in each of their four categories.**



At the centre of our success is, of course, our team of friendly nursery staff. Each team member is well-qualified - to Level 3 or above. We also have a Modern Apprentice working with us.

Smarties is an actively committed to 'Steps to Quality', the robust and popular Quality Assurance scheme for nurseries. Steps is externally verified by a consortium of Local Authorities. The Scheme offers 3 levels (steps) and in 2018 Smarties achieved the Step Two award.

We are proud to have the special endorsement, Millie's Mark, which recognises childcare providers going above and beyond minimum requirements by having 100% of staff trained in paediatric first aid. This programme is ongoing, and means that our staff are confident and capable first aiders.



You can also be reassured that we all have an enhanced DBS check. We want you to be happy in the knowledge that your child is in safe hands.



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Here at Smarties Day Nursery, our main aim is to ensure your child is happy and on the right track for successful learning in the highest quality nursery care. We are extremely passionate about the welfare and development of your child and strive to provide a family atmosphere in a warm, welcoming and inclusive environment.

Choosing a nursery is a big decision for any parent/carer and here at Smarties we will reassure you that you will be making the right choice for both yourself and your child. Smarties mixes modern technologies with traditional activities and play – the result is endless opportunities for fun and development

We cater from birth through to school and are open all year round with highly experienced staff. It is a priority that every child is happy, settled, and feels secure with staff being warm and sensitive to their individual needs, nurturing each child's uniqueness.

**If you are searching for a Day Nursery where children experience exciting and engaging activities on a whole new level, please take some time to explore our website or better still, arrange a visit to see what makes Smarties' childcare so special.**

## Parents as Partners

We understand how important it is for you to have the right level of communication with those who care for your child. We're committed to staying in touch, and at Smarties you can expect:

- Daily feedback and regular updates on the fun your child has through the day
- Electronic copies of your child's learning journey with opportunity to comment on progress
- An open door policy allowing you the time and opportunity to discuss any queries or concerns
- Regular emails and newsletters informing you of upcoming events



# Facilities



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The nursery is split into three areas: a baby room for 0-2 years, a toddler room for 2-3s and a pre-school room for 3-5s. All the rooms are perfectly equipped with toys and activities suitable for your child's age and development level. All the children have direct, daily access to outdoor play areas where they have opportunities to plant, dig and explore the natural world, along with equipment to develop physical skills.

## **Baby Room 0-2**

The baby room has a home from home feel where the children have access to a wide range of activities. They explore their senses with varied activities and have a cosy area where they enjoy looking at books with their key person or friends. The children have a range of low level resources designed for easy, independent access.

## **Toddler Room 2-3**

When the children turn 2 they move into the toddler room. This activities and resources available in this room are is designed to encourage curiosity and build confidence.

## **Pre-School 3-5**

The pre-school children have a spacious, well-planned environment in which to continue their learning before they move on to school. The children enjoy phonics and dough gym sessions. But most of all they are becoming confident individually ready for the next stage in their educational journey.

## **Outdoors**

We believe that children should enjoy the outdoors and the benefits it brings. We have a safe and secure environment. The children can play in the sand pit, play in the mud kitchen and build their physical skills on bikes and the climbing frame. We are also developing 'Forest Cool', a dedicated outdoor area focused on the benefits of playing and learning outside.



# Intergenerational Project

We are fortunate enough to be able to partner with a local care home. Our children visit the residents on a regular basis. All the participants and staff members feel the positive effects of bringing our young children and the elderly together.

This is a model which is recognised on a world-wide basis and which we hope to explore further at Smarties.



## Nutrition

Our menus are carefully planned to meet nutritional guidelines and to provide a healthy and balanced diet for 0-5 year olds. It is freshly prepared each day with high quality ingredients which will give your child all the energy they need for a busy day of play, learning and development.

Meal times at Smarties are about more than simply eating good food. Table manners, hygiene and etiquette are adopted and promoted from an early age and every opportunity is used to promote learning about healthy eating.

Children have up to three meals during their nursery day, depending on the times they arrive and leave. A sample menu can be seen below:

**Breakfast:** A selection of cereal with milk or wholemeal toast and spreads

**Lunch:** Homemade cottage pie with vegetables and rice pudding

**Afternoon tea:** Tortilla wraps with mixed salad and fillings and fruit yoghurt

There is always a vegetarian alternative. We ask parents/carers to provide the nursery with information regarding any allergies or medical conditions so that we can meet the needs of each individual.



## Opening Hours



Monday – Friday

7.00 am – 6.00 pm

Open 51 weeks a year (closed Christmas week)

## Fees and Funding

### Fees:

Full time: £175 per week

Daily rate: £38

Half-day morning (7.00 am – 1.00 pm): £24.50

Half-day afternoon (1.00 pm – 6.00 pm): £22

Wrap-around sessions £5

(for funded children, 12.00 – 1.00 pm, including lunch)

Settling-in sessions are free and are arranged prior to your child's start date.

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## Free Early Years Funding

We offer 2, 3 and 4 year old funding for eligible children. This starts the term after their birthday.

These sessions can be taken as part of a normal Smarties day or can be used solely within the session times. A maximum of two sessions can be accessed on one day; the sessions can be 'joined up' by booking wrap-around care (to include lunch) between 12.00 pm – 1.00 pm. Our funded sessions take place daily between the hours of 9.00 am – 12.00 pm and 1.00 pm – 4.00 pm.

## Securing your child's place

You can secure your child's place by submitting a completed entry form with a non-refundable £30 registration fee.

We require one month's written notice if you wish to cancel your child's place at Smarties or if you decide to reduce the number of sessions your child attends. Without a month's notice, we will be obliged to charge a cancellation fee.

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'Staff support children's emotional well-being exceptionally well. Babies and young children thrive and build extremely secure emotional attachments to their key persons.'

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