KIDDIES CORNER
Day Nursery

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1. Welcome to Kiddies Corner Day Nursery

All about us

Choosing the right nursery setting for your child is a difficult decision for any parent to make. At Kiddies Corner we aim to create a safe and caring environment that is also stimulating for your child.

Kiddies Corner is a privately owned day nursery based in the beautiful East Riding village of Wilberfoss. Surrounded by open fields, we are approximately 5 miles from Pocklington, 4 miles from Stamford Bridge and 9 miles from York, conveniently positioned just off the A1079 road. Established in February 2010, we are Ofsted registered and approved and can accommodate 47 children from 6 weeks to 5 years old.

Our nursery is purpose built and therefore has been designed specifically to cater for the care of your child. For your convenience, we also have our own car park.

We have four separate rooms catering for our Jelly Babies, Jelly Tots, Jelly Beans and Jelly Bears. There is a separate sleep room for the Babies and Tots which adjoins their two play rooms, but is tucked away from the hustle and bustle of the main part of the nursery. We also have a separate dining area where the children have their main meals and can also participate in baking activities.

Tots, Beans and Bears all have direct access from their rooms to our large, secure, garden area which encourages free flow and independence and lets them exercise and play on a variety of outdoor toys.

In addition to pre-school care, we also provide wraparound before and after school care. This facility has been established for nine years, further information is available on request.
2. Our Aims and Objectives

Safety, happiness and care for when you are not there. Development, learning and fun for your precious daughter or son.

Our children are encouraged to grow, learn and develop every day through a variety of stimulating, challenging and fun activities that are structured to promote communication, independence and choice.

We have a vibrant and colourful nursery which is clean and safe, and where everyone looks forward to coming to have a great day.

We are the first choice for parents because we always involve them as partners and are able to listen and respond to their individual needs.

We are a strong and supportive team who appreciate and listed to each other and all make a difference working together.

3. The Nursery Team

All of our staff go through vigorous recruitment and vetting procedures, including a DBS check (formerly known as a CRB check) and the safeguarding of all children is priority within the Nursery.

Catherine Hyde is the founder and manager of Kiddies Corner and has a Level 3 qualification in childcare in addition to more than 25 years of experience in the childcare sector. Catherine oversees the day to day running of the Nursery and is committed to ensuring the very best care for each child is being delivered. Although Catherine is not included in staff to child ratios, she will regularly spend time alongside staff and children in each of the Nursery rooms.
Catherine is supported by Andrea Miller (Deputy Manager) and Rachael Lowe (Business Manager) and four Room Leaders – Wendy Robinson, Sarah Colmer, Zoe Robinson and Sam Ingleby.

Andrea joined Kiddies Corner in September 2010 from another Nursery and is Level 3 qualified in Early Years Care and Education and also has an NVQ Level 4 in Management. Andrea has two children of her own, one of whom attends the Nursery, so she has some idea of what parents expect and wish for from the Nursery. Rachael joined the Nursery in 2016 from a Human Resources background.

Both Andrea and Rachael spend the majority of their working time at the Nursery in the office but fully support each of the team members who are undertaking roles in the children’s rooms. Each takes an active interest in what is going on in the children’s rooms to make sure that they are in touch with activities and how the nursery is supporting your child.

Each room has a Room Supervisor, Nursery Nurses and Nursery Assistants. We recognise that continuous training and development is key to the professional development of each of our staff and we are committed to ensuring that we provide this.

4. Key Person and Settling In

We operate a Key Person system, where each child has a nominated member of the team with primary responsibility for your child. In the absence of your Key Person the team in your child’s room will have overall responsibility.

We recognise that leaving your child for the first time is probably the hardest thing you will ever have to experience, so before you leave your child with us we recommend settling in visits. These visits will be booked at least two weeks before your child’s start date. The first will be to meet your Key Person, stay and play, and complete the registration form. If you feel happy on the next visit you can leave them with us for a longer period of time to play and also have a meal with us.

5. Facilities

Our purpose-built, modern, premises are spacious and light, with four dedicated rooms. We have installed solar panels on our roof, and in addition we do our best to ensure we support the environment by recycling wherever we can.

Jelly Babies (0–2 years)

Taking the lead from you and your baby, this room offers the care and nurturing babies need. Your baby will develop a strong bond with their Key Person and will have the opportunity to learn and develop through social play, stimulating toys and equipment and activities. As your baby gets on the move, we stay ahead of them with fun filled activities that will stimulate their development in line with their routine.
Staff to child ratio is 1:3.

Jelly Tots (2–3 years)

Because you are the most important person in your child’s life, we work alongside you throughout your little one’s journey to new-found independence. We encourage our Jelly Tots to live life to the full through exploration and experimentation. We will illuminate your bright spark with learning through play.

Staff to child ratio 1:3 for under 2 year olds and 1:4 for over 2 year olds.

Jelly Bears (2–3 years)

As your child becomes even more independent they will move into our Jelly Bears room where we will support and encourage them in the next stages of their development. Here they will experience increasing independence and structure, in readiness for their final stage with us.

Staff to child ratio 1:4 for under 3 year olds.
Jelly Beans (3–5 years)

During the final stage of your child’s journey at Kiddies Corner, we are committed to helping them transition confidently to school. However, we are not just preparing them for school, but for life. They will enjoy a stimulating environment catering for their individual needs in which they continue to learn through everyday experiences.

Staff to child ratio 1:8 for over 3 year olds.

The Jelly Bears and Jelly Beans have a connecting curtain between them. There may be occasions where we open this to have one large room. The staffing ratios for the different age groups will still be adhered to. These two rooms work closely together and are managed by two room leaders.
6. Our Garden

Here at Kiddies Corner, we are very lucky to have a large outdoor space and we recognise the importance of it for the development of the children. We have a large grassed area which allows the children to let off steam and run around safely. We also have climbing equipment and a pirate ship which enhances the children’s physical development, a hard core area for the biking and scooting on and a vegetable patch for our budding gardeners. During the summer months our rabbits (Emily and Betty) and our Guinea Pigs (Albert and Arthur) live in the garden too. The hard core area is covered by an overhanging roof which means that children can access outside in all weathers.

7. Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

We follow the EYFS Framework which ensures that your child receives the best possible start in life and supports their full potential.
The overarching aim of the EYFS is to help young children achieve the five Every Child Matters outcomes of:

- Staying Safe
- Being Healthy
- Enjoying and Achieving
- Making a Positive Contribution
- Achieving Economic Well Being

**On-line Learning Book**

Each child will have their own developmental record or 'Learning Journey', this is made up of observations, photographs, artwork, and a record of their development through the next steps working towards the seven areas covered by the Early Learning Goals. You are able to access the Learning Journey on-line, and may also add your own comments and observations.

**Prime Areas**

- Personal, Social, Emotional Development
- Physical Development
- Communication and Language

**Specific Areas**

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

We take our role as educators very seriously, however, our first priority is making your child happy.

**8. Awards and Achievements**

The Nursery opened its doors for the very first time on Monday 22 February 2010 and from day one has been committed to accept only the highest of standards.

We have recently achieved our very first award, "The National Clean Air Award". This recognises that the Nursery has an outstanding commitment to providing a tobacco smoke free environment to protect the health, safety and well-being of all who enter these premises.

We are also delighted with our kitchen cleanliness rating of 5, awarded by the Food Standards Agency, which is the highest award possible.
In addition, we support Guide Dogs for the Blind by sponsoring a guide dog in training on an ongoing basis and share the dog’s progress with our children. We enjoy getting behind our colleagues when they take part in events such as Race for Life and St Leonard’s Hospice Midnight Walk.

9. Ofsted

Ofsted is the Office for Standards in Education, Children’s Services and Skills. They are the government body that regulate and inspect all childcare settings to achieve excellence in the care of young children and young people.

With all inspections in private provision such as our Nursery, we are not given any prior warning. Therefore, as a parent, you can be confident that what the Inspector sees on the day is how the Nursery operates.

We are extremely proud of our Inspection rating of ‘Good’ because the first inspection a nursery has after it opens is primarily to ensure that it is adhering to Ofsted’s Welfare Standards. This initial inspection takes place within the first six months of a setting opening and Ofsted acknowledge that generally a setting is still very much in the early stages of developing. However, during Kiddies Corner’s Inspection it was found that this was not the case, hence our very positive report and gradings.

Quotes taken from our report:

- ‘There is an excellent range of high quality toys and play equipment available to all children’
- ‘The management and staff have high aspirations for the nursery’
- ‘Children feel safe and secure within warm, caring relationships’
- ‘All children are interested, enthusiastic and motivated’
- ‘Staff play well alongside children, skillfully supporting and extending children’s learning’

For the full report please go to www.ofsted.gov.uk URN EY402334

10. Meals

All our meals are specially chosen for their nutritional value and offer all the children a healthy well balanced diet. They are freshly prepared by our experienced, qualified cook on the premises using the best quality ingredients. Our meat is sourced from the village butcher and our fruit and vegetables are from the local farm shop which helps us support our local businesses and the environment.
We have a five-weekly rotating menu which children and their families are encouraged to contribute to, and we can cater for specific dietary requirements where possible. You must ensure that we are notified of any allergies.

The main meal is served at lunchtime and tea is a light meal. Both are served in our dining room. Water is offered at these mealtimes.

Babies are also catered for. We will prepare fresh, pureed or mashed meals unless you prefer to provide them yourselves.

A healthy snack is also provided morning and afternoon. Older children will be encouraged to prepare these themselves and serve themselves, promoting choice and independence.

Water or milk is offered to drink at snack times.

Breakfast is available to those booking the Early Morning Start and is included in the price.

Babies’ bottles with formula and water measured out must be provided by you and clearly named.

11. Opening Hours

The Nursery is open from Monday to Friday from 7.30am to 6.15pm. The Nursery is closed on Bank Holidays. We also close for a week over Christmas from 1.00pm on Christmas Eve Lunchtime and re-open on 2 January (if this is a working day and not a Bank Holiday).

We offer various sessions - full time, part time and term time only (see below).

12. Fees

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An early start (7.30am) is available for an additional daily fee of £3.50 including breakfast.
The following discounts also apply:

- 5% discount for second child attending
- £5.00 full week discount (0-3 years only)
- 3 & 4 year old funding is also available, please ask for more details (a child is eligible the term after they are 3 years old)
- £6.00 per day for children attending wrap around before and after school foundation unit.

Some 2 year olds in England can also get 15 free hours of early education. To qualify you must be receiving one of the following:

- Income Support
- Income based Jobseeker’s Allowance (JSA)
- Income related Employment & Support Allowance (ESA)
- Support through Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (but not Working Tax Credit) and have an annual income not over £16,190.00
- The Working Tax Credit 4-week run on (the payment you get when you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

Children looked after by a local council are also entitled to a place.

Fees are due on the 1st of each month and are payable in advance. Each child has two weeks holiday entitlement at 50% discount; Bank Holidays and Christmas week are closed but are also discounted at 50%.

We also accept employer’s child care vouchers.

A booking fee of £10 for each day of the week booked is required to secure your child’s place. This is non-refundable and goes towards the putting together of your child’s learning journey and photos etc.

We also offer a text service to keep you up to date with anything significant going on in nursery. There is a charge of £5 per year for this and you are able to sign up for it on the booking form.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Catherine Hyde on 01759 388575.
13. FAQs

What is the average age of the staff? At Kiddies Corner we believe the perfect team for caring for children is made up of experienced staff working alongside more junior staff who wish to learn and develop. Each of our team members brings something different to each of the rooms.

Is there a high staff turnover? No. We have people working here who have been here from day one. Low turnover of staff is very important in a nursery, it is a significant sign that staff are happy and it is very good for a child to have people looking after them that they have developed a good relationship with, that knows them inside out and that they trust.

Are all the staff properly qualified? Most of our staff have a Level 3 in Childcare. If we take on a new member of staff without a formal childcare qualification, we support and encourage them to obtain one.

Are all the staff engaged with the children and are they happy in their work? All our staff here are fully dedicated to all the children and take their role as nurturer and educator very seriously. Above all they all love and enjoy working with children.

How many children can each person care for? Depending on the ages of your child we have strict ratios of staff to children set by Ofsted as follows:

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In addition, we have a maximum number of children per room, which is determined by room size, as follows:

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<td>12 children</td>
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<td>Jelly Beans</td>
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14 Testimonials!

We are very pleased to have received many positive comments over the years we have been open, please visit the testimonials page of our website www.kiddiescornerdaynursery.co.uk