



Ashbourne
Day Nurseries



All about us at Fenny Stratford

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Welcome...

At our nurseries we want every child to enjoy their learning journey with us, therefore we make it our goal to ensure every child is happy and confident. We promote learning through play and place a lot of value on forming positive relationships with our children and parents.



Each day a series of spontaneous and pre-planned play is enjoyed by the children. We also take advantage of our gardens and local parks to extend learning opportunities to the outside environment. We are also strong advocates of natural resources, not only are they environmentally friendly and less toxic for children, they are often more interesting. We extend this approach throughout all of our nurseries.



Unstructured play is beneficial for brain development in children and child-led play builds confidence, self-esteem, helps children relax and develops the ability to focus. Our varied selection of resources is changed on a regular basis to ensure imagination and creativity flows. We also ensure that while play remains child-led, our team are always present to engage with our children, to provide assurance, interaction, and extend learning opportunities.

Our managers, deputy managers and room leaders work with all our team to organise and provide a range of experiences to help our children build on their learning. All the work we do with your child is to ensure that they enter the school environment with confidence that will last a lifetime.



Our values...

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Respect

We recognise individuals for their strengths and abilities they contribute to the team. By listening fully, and striving to understand we value, we appreciate and respond to each other's thoughts and feelings with dignity regardless of background and ability.

Integrity

We will be honest and truthful in our approach. Following the principles and values set out by Ashbourne Day Nurseries. We will be consistent in our approach, being positive role models and act honourably even when no one is watching. We will take accountability for our actions. Our moral and ethical practises will be consistent and measured.

Collaboration

We will work together for a shared vision that benefits the team. Our actions will include individual and group work to reach the common goal. We will use joined up thinking, sharing best practice which will benefit the whole company.

Honesty

We strive to encourage a sense of trust in the workplace. Through courageous conversations, embracing a culture of honesty at all levels whilst ensuring a respectful approach. Being open to feedback from all levels.

Excellence

Is the minimum we expect from our team all day every day. To give the best possible outcome for our children we must strive for the best at all opportunities, starting with excellence in leadership to support and develop our teams, empowering a sense of ownership and pride in everything we do.

Recognition

We will acknowledge qualities and achievements of our teams. We recognise strengths and opportunities through regular support, mentoring, coaching, and training. Using both formal and informal opportunities to share gratitude for going above and beyond the normal expectations.

Provided by us...

- ★ All meals, snacks and drinks, including formula milk for babies. We cater carefully for dietary requirements and allergies. All meals are freshly prepared every morning in our own kitchens
- ★ A dedicated key person who will liaise with you and be responsible for monitoring every aspect of your child's care
- ★ Nappies and wipes are included within the price
- ★ Staff to child ratios of at least 1:3 for under two years olds
- ★ 1:4 for children aged between two and three years
- ★ 1:8 for children over three
- ★ Sun cream minimum factor 50 or sun block
- ★ Ashbourne Day Nurseries backpack to hold all your child's items

What your child should bring to nursery...

- ★ Spare clothes - please ensure each item is clearly marked with your child's name
- ★ Outdoor boots/wellingtons
- ★ Suitable coat
- ★ Sun hat in the summer months
- ★ Gloves and hat in the winter
- ★ A comforter if required
- ★ Nappy cream if required



About our Fenny Stratford Nursery...

Our friendly Fenny Stratford nursery is located in a listed building that is full of character in Milton Keynes. We are open 7.30am-6pm Monday to Friday.

With a capacity of 64, our Fenny Stratford nursery follows the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum, supporting all areas of development for children from 3 months to school age. Our practitioners monitor each child's individual progress and plan key activities to support development in all areas of learning.

Our nursery is led by Delia Bostan, an experienced nursery manager. The nursery achieved a Good Ofsted rating at the first inspection due to the great teamwork and efforts of all the practitioners.

Both the indoor and outdoor areas of this nursery build upon children's interest and curiosity. We aim to build strong relationships with our parents, and work on settling in the children to our nursery on an individual needs' basis.



Baby Room **3 months to 2 years - capacity 18**

Our baby room is a dedicated area for babies and younger children, from 3 months to 2 years (flexible depending upon the age and stage of each child). The black and white area is a cosy, soft part of the baby room that helps to stimulate the brain. The bold contrasting colours help babies to become active learners. We also have a dedicated baby area in our garden.



Toddler Room

2 to 3 years - capacity 24

Our toddler area is specifically tailored for toddlers and young inquisitive minds. We encourage children to learn through play with dedicated learning opportunities suitable for this age group. We promote independence and teach our toddlers social skills such as sharing and listening to help build upon their confidence.



Pre-school

3 to 5 years - capacity 28

In our pre-school room we use a curiosity approach to support children with their education, social skills, and preparation for school. Being a curiosity nursery, we aim to minimise the use of plastic and focus on natural resources and real-life objects, as children learn best from real experiences.



Outside Area

The outdoor area provides a stimulating learning environment with a mud kitchen, construction area, sand pit and dinosaur land. Our children also recently planted a variety of herbs and vegetables, and they have pet fish and snails that they can interact with.

Curriculum...

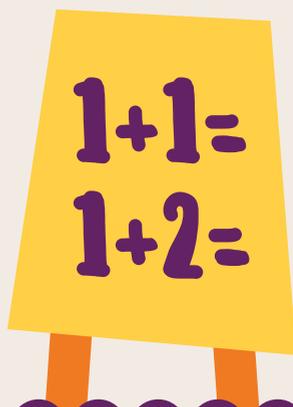
Our nursery teams have a child-centred approach to the children's curriculum, learning and development. We use the Government Framework that supports the Early Years Foundation stage. Understanding how the children learn and adapting to their individual ways of learning that makes them unique.

The areas that the nursery teams support the children to learn and develop in are:

- ★ Personal, social and emotional development
- ★ Language and communication
- ★ Physical development

The following areas are a continuation of children's learning and development:

- ★ Literacy
- ★ Mathematics
- ★ Understanding the world
- ★ Expressive Art and Design



Key Person

Every one of our children is provided with a key person when they join one of our nurseries. The key person will form a close bond with your child, providing them with a sense of security at nursery.

You will meet your key person at your child's settling in sessions, where they will find out about your child's likes and dislikes, their family, daily routine, and anything else that we may need to know. This helps us ensure continuity of care and supports a smooth settling in process for your child. Your key person is then able to monitor your child's individual progress in line with Development Matters; supporting the EYFS framework to provide unique opportunities and experiences to support their development in all areas of learning and to build upon their confidence and skills.

What our parents say:

My daughter attends the Fenny Stratford setting, where I have nothing but good things to say. As an only child at home, she doesn't often get to spend time playing and socialising with children her own age. She was somewhat shy when she first started nursery in January 2020, but the staff soon helped her to find herself. Every day she asks if it's a school day, she loves going. She talks to me about the fun teachers, and what an excellent time she has had with her friends. They have plenty of learning opportunities through play. The environment is safe, and staff are friendly and caring. I have full confidence in them when I leave my little one in their care. Great learning place. I couldn't have chosen a better nursery.

The nursery is fantastic, and all of the staff are lovely. When dropping off my son he is so happy to see the ladies and so are they. He has regular updates so that I can see his development and it's nice that I can view these at any time. I would highly recommend the nursery and will be sad when he has to leave and go to school.

9.8

Our Fenny Stratford Nursery has a review score of 9.8 on daynurseries.co.uk as of February 2021

Recorded Learning

Your child's key person will plan experiences for your child's individual needs.

A record of observations and photos from these will be recorded in your child's learning journey. This may be paper-based or online. This record will be built up over the years at our nurseries and displays your child's learning and many achievements and is available to be viewed and discussed any time by parents. We always encourage parents to update us on any details of their child's experiences from outside nursery life.

Examples of recording:

- ★ **Observations made by your key person and other nursery practitioners**
- ★ **Snapshots of achievements and wow moments**
- ★ **Quotes and sayings from your child**
- ★ **Learning and experiences from home**
- ★ **Comments from parents/carers**

Our aim is to build a unique, individual story of what each child learns and achieves as well as their specific interests and learning style.

My eldest daughter has been attending Ashbourne Nurseries for nearly two years now. Throughout this time she has been looked after by a brilliant team of committed and passionate staff at Ashbourne. She loves going to nursery and spending the day doing a wide range of activities has helped her development no end. The team in the caterpillar's room leave me in no doubt that she will be cared for and looked after every minute she's there. The facilities on site are a lovely environment for the children to play in and the little one is given a wide-ranging offer of quality food throughout the week. I would recommend the nursery to anyone considering childcare in the area, the most important thing for any parent is knowing that their child is cared for and looked after. At Ashbourne, this is always the case.

Fees

Please see the session fees detailed below. Valid from 1 January 2021.

Sessions	Under 3 Years Old	Over 3 Years Old
Full Day (7.30am-6pm)	£63.00	£61.00
Morning (7.30am – 1pm)	£37.00	£36.00
Afternoon (1pm – 6pm)	£35.00	£34.00

Funding:

We offer 2 Year, Universal and Extended Entitlement Nursery Funding. For further information please contact the nursery manager. The following websites are very helpful and informative: www.childcarechoices.gov.uk www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare

Child's Third Birthday:

When your child turns 3, the applicable over 3 years old rate will be applied from the following month.

Fees information:

- ★ Nursery fees are calculated over 51 weeks per year. The monthly invoices are calculated by adding the total price per week for the attending sessions, then multiplied by 51 weeks and divided by 12 months to give you an annualised invoice.
eg: 5 Mornings at £37 = £185 per week x 51 Weeks ÷ 12 Months = £786.25 per month
- ★ The fees include all of the nursery closure days (public and other designated days), the nursery will not refund any fees for these days. Please contact the nursery manager for a list of closure days.
- ★ All fees include food, activities and resources, nappies and wipes.
- ★ The fees do not include extra-curricular activities.

Flexible Childcare:

We understand the difficulties some families face every now and again with juggling childcare in unforeseen circumstances. We like to be as flexible as possible offering parents the opportunity to purchase extra sessions when needed or request flexibility with their booked sessions. Please contact the nursery manager directly to discuss your requirements.