



KINGSMEAD DAY NURSERY



Welcome

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*Hello.....*

Thank you so much for choosing Kingsmead Day Nursery, Winchester. For over three decades, Kingsmead has been offering the highest possible care and education to the children of Hampshire and further afield.

We're here to help you give your little one the best possible start in life, providing the tools to help them become independent, creative young people who are ready to take on the big wide world with confidence and joy.

We can't wait to welcome you to Kingsmead so we can show you all our best bits and begin our journey together through these most precious of years.

*Helen Gaskell*

# Why choose Kingsmead?

## QUALITY OF CARE AND EDUCATION

For more than three decades, we've been committed to offering the highest standard in care and early years education, and we're always striving to find new and innovative ways to help the Kingsmead children grow in confidence and independence every day.

All our staff are qualified to Level 3, 4 or 5 as well as B.A in Early Years (Level 6).

We are very proud of the low turnover of staff at Kingsmead and have recently celebrated staff working at Kingsmead for a remarkable 27 years.



## ATMOSPHERE & ENVIRONMENT

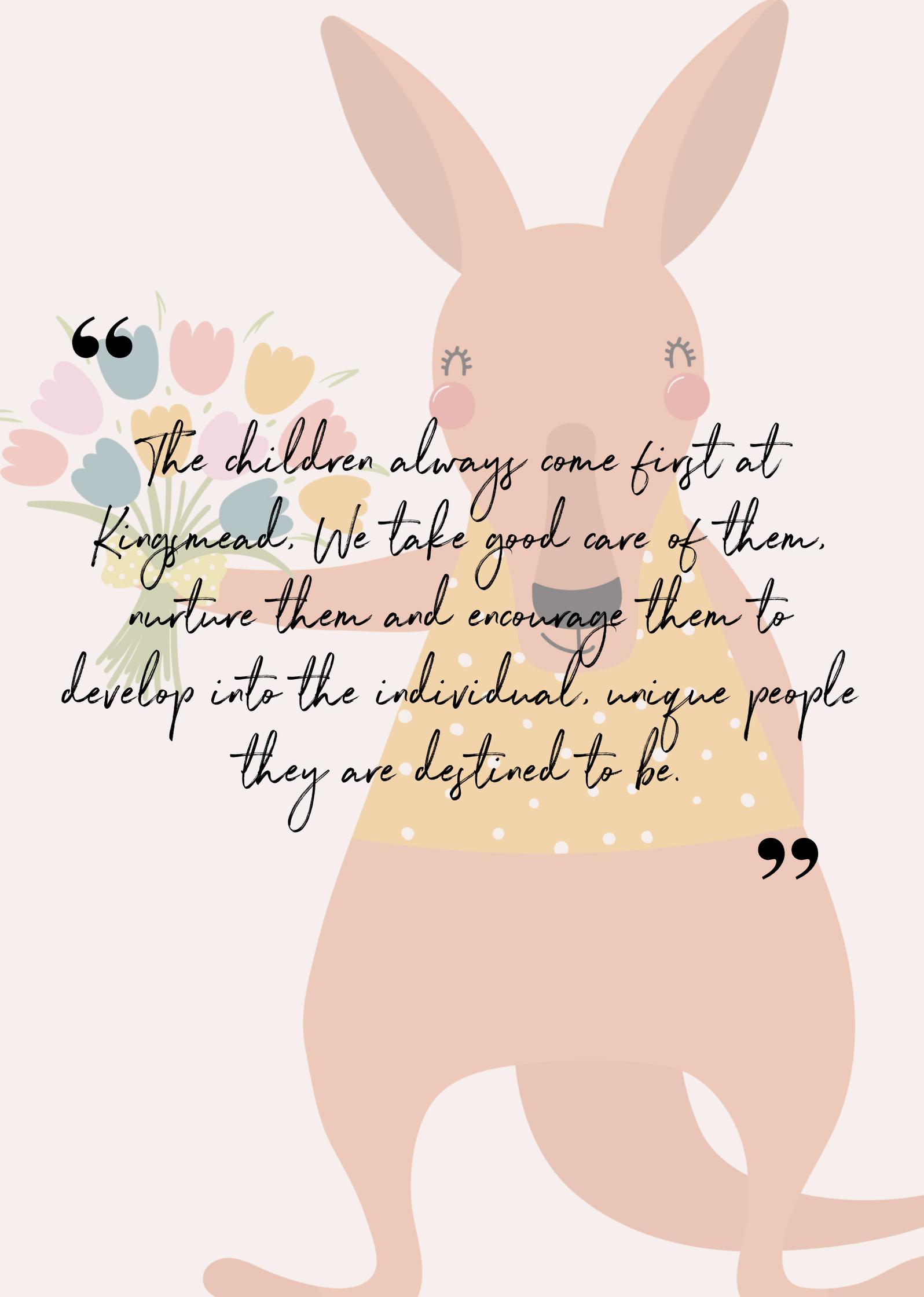
We create a relaxed happy atmosphere for the children every day, and our staff are always caring and attentive to a child's needs. Children are engaged with members of our team during planned and child-led activities at all times.

We aim to create a home-from-home environment helping children to adapt to nursery life. As children develop they move units and our focus moves to a more educational environment, ensuring that children are well-prepared for school.

## RATIOS

Under 2 years : 1 staff member – 3 children  
2 years – 3 years: 1 staff member – 4 children  
3 years and over: 1 staff member – 8 children





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The children always come first at Kingsmead. We take good care of them, nurture them and encourage them to develop into the individual, unique people they are destined to be.

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# Our Baby Unit

- For children aged birth – 24 months
- Large, bright, airy rooms
- No limit on complimentary settling-in sessions so you know you and your baby will be happy
- Highly qualified and vastly experienced staff
- Strong relationships between key people, children and their parents are developed from the beginning
- Wide ranges of sensory activities are carried out in the dedicated messy room every day, such as body painting and shredded paper play
- Daily music, dancing and singing sessions are a clear favourite
- Individual cots for each child in a separate sleep room ensure their routines are upheld
- There is a separate garden area for our non-moving children as well as a safety rubber zone and barked forest area
- Our 4-seater pushchairs are in frequent use to take children to the park and feed the ducks
- The Baby Unit is filled with fun and laughter, with happy children and happy staff
- Staff are always on hand for a reassuring cuddle if needed
- A beautifully created home-from-home environment ensures children feel safe and secure
- Rated OUTSTANDING by OFSTED for children's welfare and personal development



# Our Toddler Unit

- Children aged two years – three years
- Highly qualified and vastly experienced staff
- Our key people form secure relationships with all children and parents. Where possible, we attend a child's two-year health check working in partnership with outside agencies
- A stimulating learning environment with opportunities for children to develop
- Inspiring and exciting daily activities support children to reach their full potential
- We always encourage your child's natural desire to learn and unique interests by allowing them to be spontaneous and working with them in the moment to crystallise their curiosity
- Freeflow access to the outdoor environment, allowing children the choice of where they want to play
- We encourage investigation and exploration of the outdoors by getting messy in the mud kitchen and exploring natural woodland
- Children's physical development is supported through a range of activities
- On Tuesday mornings, Jack leads his much-loved dance lessons
- Our language-rich environment supports communication through song and rhyme games, talking toddler activities, and providing valuable resources such as story sacks for parents and children to enjoy at home
- Rated OUTSTANDING by OFSTED for children's welfare and personal development



# Our Pre-School Unit

- Children aged three years – five years
- Highly qualified and vastly experienced staff
- Strong relationships with parents and outside agencies are continually developed
- Four clearly zoned rooms which are well-resourced, allowing children to develop in all seven areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)
- Children have continuous access to the garden all day and in all weathers
- An interactive board is used for fun and teaching and more recently performing to parents and grandparents on zoom
- Exciting cooking activities are carried out indoors – but everyone's favourite adventure is cooking at the fire pit
- On Wednesday mornings, we take children to our local Forest School
- On Thursday mornings, Jack leads his dance and musical theatre workshops
- An early phonics and maths programme engages children in the early stages of education
- Local reception teachers visit the children who will be attending their school
- Children are well-prepared for school life
- Rated OUTSTANDING by OFSTED for children's welfare and personal development

# Mission

**Help children fill their own 'buckets' full of love, resilience, courage, self-reliance, integrity, curiosity, confidence, creativity, kindness and respect, and responsibility.**

We exist to offer a safe, enabling environment which encourages your child to develop the key character traits, tools and behaviours they need for a successful future. Core to this is creating learning experiences that help positively inform and shape their developing view of the world. We strive to nurture meaningful relationships between parents, carers, staff and peers which help reinforce and strengthen a child's character, confidence and capability.



# Vision

**We are committed to achieving the best outcomes for the children who attend Kingsmead Day Nursery.**

Kingsmead Day Nursery is a place where staff and children learn together. We create an environment in which we all thrive and enable our children to explore the world and develop their individual expression. Our brilliant team of highly-qualified carers are engrossed, motivated and rewarded by the progression of each child and form lasting bonds. We collaborate with parents, the community, agencies and organisations to create a secure foundation of wellbeing. We enhance and support children's ideas and experiences (or cultural capital), developing their personal and social skills. This provides the essential knowledge that children need to become educated and forward-thinking citizens. Our children are encouraged to think critically, be innovative and stay curious. Here, we create a home-from-home feel with a little bit of extra awe and wonder mixed in.



# Pedagogy

**We develop children's natural desire to learn through their interests, planning, capturing and extending their curiosity.**

Our pedagogy sets out our method and practice of teaching. At its core is the combination of the Early Years Foundation Stage and Reggio Emilia Philosophy – an innovative and inspiring approach to early childhood education, which values the child as strong, capable and resilient; rich with wonder and knowledge.

We follow an ambitious curriculum and style of teaching that allows all the children to reach their individual learning goals at their own pace. We combine a beautiful mix of literacy, maths, art, music, drama, singing and dance to fill our day – and we encourage social and emotional growth throughout, too.



# Values

- **Resilience & courage**
- **Self-reliance**
- **Integrity & Responsibility**
- **Curiosity & Confidence**
- **Creativity**
- **Kindness & Respect**

## **Resilience & courage**

Bounce back from challenging moments; be brave.

## **Self-reliance**

Learn the value of your own strength and how to use it.

## **Integrity & responsibility**

Be honest and accountable for your actions.

## **Curiosity & Confidence**

Explore and question the world around you and develop self belief.

## **Creativity**

Use your imagination and ideas to express yourself.

## **Kindness & Respect**

Be friendly, generous and considerate of other people.



# **We use creative learning experiences to reinforce, share and celebrate the values we hold dear.**

Kingsmead Day Nursery has a team of animal helpers who are on hand each day to help our children understand and develop their individual characters. Through play, song, craft and recognition of our furry (and sometimes scaly!) pals, we make sure we're always creating positive learning outcomes for the children in our care.

**LOVING LION** is always there for you

**HONEST HIPPO** will never tell you a fib

**BRAVE BADGER** helps us be bold

**POLITE PENGUIN** is polite and well-mannered

**KIND KANGAROO** has got your back

**CONFIDENT CHEETAH** knows where he's going

**RESPONSIBLE RABBIT** thinks before he hops

**CURIOUS CHIMP** is always exploring

**CREATIVE CROC** makes ideas come alive



# WE SING OUR VALUES LOUD AND PROUD



KINGSMEAD DAY NURSERY

Help your little ones learn important values by singing our song with them each night to the tune of Bah Bah Black Sheep.



**LOVING LIONS  
THERE FOR YOU  
SHARING WITH  
KIND KANGAROOS**



**CURIOUS CHIMPS  
EXPLORE THE WORLD  
WITH CONFIDENT  
CHEETAHS PROUD  
AND BOLD**



**ANIMALS ARE LIKE  
YOU AND ME DOWN AT  
KINGSMEAD NURSERY**



**HONEST HIPPOS  
TELL THE TRUTH TO  
POLITE PENGUINS  
WHO SAY 'THANK YOU'**



**RESPONSIBLE RABBITS  
BOUNCE AROUND  
CREATIVE CROCS MAKE  
SNAPPING SOUNDS**

**ANIMALS ARE LIKE  
YOU AND ME DOWN AT  
KINGSMEAD NURSERY**



## VISION

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## MISSION

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## PEDAGOGY

We develop children's natural desire to learn through "in the moment" planning, capturing and extending their current interests and curiosity.

# Literacy Area



By delving into our wide range of props, children are able to become involved in the story – which in turn allows them to use and develop their imaginations.



At Kingsmead, each unit has a well-stocked reading area. These are comfortable, cosy spaces where children can enjoy a range of books independently or share with their peers and key people.

Book areas assist in the development of children's literacy skills and also help to extend a child's vocabulary and understanding of speech and language, as well as encouraging listening skills.



# The Building Blocks



We aim to give the children opportunity to both use and develop these skills.



Building blocks enable children to develop their knowledge and understanding of the world through play. They learn how to reach for and handle objects and are keen to build with them and then watch them fall down, too.

The resources can be different sizes and made from a variety of materials, thus allowing the children to build different structures, join pieces together and try to balance some of them while developing dexterity.



# The Mud Kitchen



A Mud Kitchen is an outdoor kitchen for children to explore the properties of mud. Ours has a wooden cooking and sink area with shelves. There are a variety of kitchen utensils, pans, bowls and a water supply.

The mud kitchen is rich in learning experiences including manipulating mud and small tools, along with understanding the need for good hygiene practices. Imaginative play will be evident as they re-enact their own experiences in expressive art sessions.

As children fill and empty containers they will learn capacity (essential early maths!) along with problem-solving. Learning how materials change when adding water to dirt is an important part of understanding their world. Add all the above to obvious enjoyment – personal and social – and we can see the clear (or maybe a little bit murky!) benefits of MUD!



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Children still need a childhood with dirt, mud, puddles, tress, sticks and tadpoles

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# Role Play

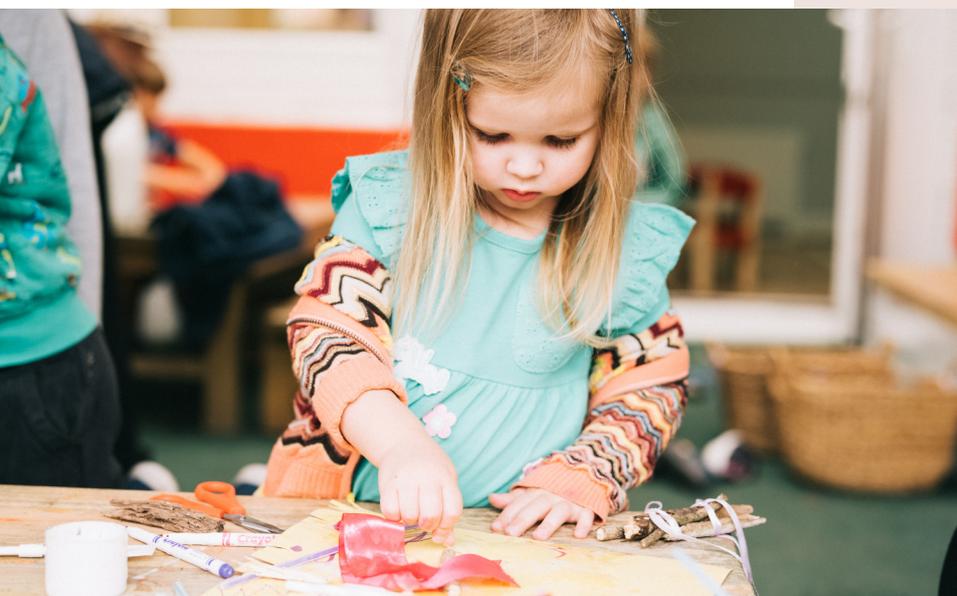


Role play sparks creativity and imagination which will help develop your child's social, communication and language skills.



Each unit at Kingsmead has a dedicated role play room or area where children can pretend play, take on a character and re-enact roles from their own experiences. They are complete with a kitchen, cooking utensils, table and chairs and also dressing-up clothes.

Role play is a fun activity and also a key component of a child's learning. It's active and social, and children are able to reflect on and develop their knowledge of a topic – so it essentially allows children to learn through play.



# Sensory Play



Staff are able to link sensory play to support children in gaining newly-acquired knowledge and understanding – essential to cognitive growth.



At Kingsmead Day Nursery we focus on providing quality sensory experiences to stimulate children's senses: taste, sight, smell, hearing and touch. By giving opportunity for sensory play, we can provide the most exciting, impactful learning outcomes for young children.

We provide a rich, varied environment with an endless array of sensory play tools and toys, allowing your child to delve in, have fun, and learn as they do so.

Children don't always have words to describe their experiences, so having sensory play can support them to build and extend their vocabulary and understanding of language.



# The Treasure Basket



A treasure basket is a collection of everyday objects presented in a basket that is easily accessible. The objects are all made of natural materials, such as a wooden spoon, pine cones, shells and ribbons.

At Kingsmead, we promote holistic play by offering a well-resourced treasure basket. This play creates a rich and stimulating experience for babies and young children.

Babies and young children learn through their senses and by providing a good range of natural materials allows them to explore the different textures, taste, smells and sounds of a variety of objects.

The treasure basket supports the development of babies and toddlers in the three prime areas of the Early Youth Foundation Stages.



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We help foster open minds so children can explore the wonders of the world

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# FOOD

## **Breakfast**

A selection of cereals, milk and yoghurt is offered between 7.30am and 8.30am.

## **Lunch**

Lunch is served between 12pm and 12.45pm and consists of a hot nutritionally main course and dessert.

## **Tea**

A hot tea is served between 4.00pm and 4.30pm and consists of a savoury course.

## **Snack time**

Snacks are served throughout the day and include fresh or dried fruit, vegetables, cheese and bread sticks/crackers.

All our meals are supplied by a specialist early years catering company that cook and deliver fresh to our children every day.



# HOURS & FEES

<b>Session</b>	<b>Start time</b>	<b>Finish time</b>
Full Day	7.30am	6.00pm
Morning Session	8.30am	1.30 pm
Afternoon Session	1.00pm	6.00pm

## Fees Per Month

<b>Days Per Week</b>	<b>Including All Meals</b>	<b>No Food</b>
1 Day	£303.33 pm	£273 pm
2 Days	£606.67 pm	£546 pm
3 Days	£910.00 pm	£819 pm
4 Days	£1213.33 pm	£1092 pm
5 Days	£1516.66 pm	£1365 pm

All Day Food Charged At:	£7 per day
Breakfast Through Lunch Charged At:	£6 per day
Snacks & Tea Charged At:	£6 per day

Every child following the term after their 3rd birthday is entitled to claim 15 hours of Early Years Education Funding. Parents can claim for a further 15 hours if they are eligible.

If your child receives 15hrs funding there is a £30 per week consumable charge if your child receives 30hrs funding there is a £60 per week consumables charge.

Flexidrop and extra hours = £10 per hour



Thank you for visiting  
Kingsmead Nursery!

# Register Your Child Now:

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