

FREE 3 & 4 year old grant funded places ...

## Thinkers, Creators and Inventors

We also offer the opportunity for your child to continue with their early years education here at Footsteps. The children benefit from a well organized stimulating environment, led by early years teachers who carefully select resources which encourage the children to 'have a go', develop curiosity, think critically and develop confidence and independence – essential skills for life.

This classroom is open 50 weeks per year enabling you to stretch your grant funding over the full year to include holidays. To find out how you can use your 570 hours of grant funding to its full potential please speak to a member of office staff.



## Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage

Here at Footsteps Nursery we believe that every child deserves the best possible start in life. We aim to provide an appropriate level of support to you and your child to enable your child achieves their full potential. The Statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage 2012 is a mandatory framework for all early years providers and seeks to provide quality, consistency, and a secure foundation through learning and development, partnership with parents and equality of opportunity.

### Behaviour Management

Pushing back the boundaries and 'testing the water' is part of child development. All children display unwanted behaviour at some point. It is all part of finding out who you are. However, we believe that rules and routines are there as a guide and we are not above bending them if it is in the best interests of the child.

### Equal Opportunities

Children arrive with varying values and ideas, even when they come from the same background and community. The staff at Footsteps Nursery believe that all cultures and values are valid as they are an aspect of the individual. Children will be respected for their individuality and their potential recognized. The environment will reflect the children's cultures providing a balanced view of society and the world in which we live. Images children see on a day to day basis are important therefore we aim to promote positive self images. We recognize the range of particular needs children and families may have. We value difference and will endeavour to enable all children and families to participate in the nursery.



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## A happy start to an amazing future

**F**ootsteps Nursery has the capacity to care for 108 children per session. The children are cared for by highly qualified experienced early years professionals, in an environment which has been carefully designed to meet the needs of all the children in our care. There are opportunities for children to explore, create and solve problems. Space, both indoors and outdoors where they can work alone or together.

We operate a Key Worker system, providing each child with his/her special adult ensuring consistency of care.

Here at Footsteps Nursery we appreciate that all children are different, some children will settle right away, others may take a little more time to feel confident and secure in their new environment. Whatever the needs of parent and child we will support you.



*"From a place where we know we are safe we can be brave."*

Providing a safe, happy, stimulating environment for babies and young children from 3 months onwards



# Vision

To provide a warm, caring environment where children can feel safe and parents will feel welcome, valued and respected. To support the children to reach their full potential, allowing them to develop at their own pace with particular regard to individuality.



## Mission Statement

The Nursery Management group is committed to providing high quality, affordable and accessible childcare for children (aged 3 months to 5 years 11 months) in a safe, caring creative environment.

Supporting children to reach their full potential in all areas of development by continually evaluating and planning to meet their individual needs.

Working in partnership with parents, valuing their expertise and acknowledging them as their child's primary educator.

Promoting a multiagency approach by working closely with qualified teachers, family support workers, social services and health professionals. Ensuring an approachable, supportive role, developing strong communication links with parents and the community.



*If you want to do something for a child — give him an environment where he can touch things as much as he wants”*



## Services Available

### Flexible, responsive Day Care:

Available from 7.30am to 6.00pm if required, for children 3 months to 5 years 11 months. Providing a holistic approach, this service is based on sound knowledge of child development. Initially the children are grouped according to their age however we acknowledge that children are individuals, developing at their own pace. Children's progress will be observed and record, staff are committed to meeting the needs of each individual child on a day to day basis, sharing and involving parents in their child's progress.

### Cost:

£10 registration fee  
Hourly rate £5.38 - £2.20 for lunch - £1.80 for tea.

### Wrap around care: 7.15 am -6.00pm

Wrap around care operates term time only, providing a full day care service for children who are accessing nursery education grant here at Footsteps or being collected from Westfield Primary School. Charged at the current hourly rate.

Sibling  
Discount  
Available

Special  
Holiday  
Theme Days

The space is divided into four classrooms ...

### Sitters, Crawlers and Standers

This area will contain carefully chosen equipment suitable for non mobile and crawling babies. Natural play materials will be offered in 'Treasure Baskets' to achieve outcomes which are not pre-determined by adults. Heuristic play sessions will be implemented by staff. The area includes a comfort zone which will promote a calm restful atmosphere. Children's attempts to explore their environment will be encouraged, being mindful (but not obsessed) with safety and without the overriding concern of failure.

There is a well equipped baby change area where all aspects of health and safety have been considered.

### Movers, Shakers and Explorers

Children will be encouraged to have ideas and opinions, staff will provide lots of opportunity to promote conversation, developing language and communication in relation to the child as an individual, actively listening to and responding appropriately.

You may be eligible for  
15 hours free 2 year old  
grant funding.  
Ask office staff for  
more information



*No other adult in the building can possibly know as much about this small new person as his parent does, and in the beginning the early years professional must depend on the parents knowledge in helping the child to settle happily into the Nursery”*

### Talkers and Pretenders

This area will reflect the previous area allowing the children to build on the skills they have previously acquired. The area will include space where the children can relax and chill out, available as and when required. Providing an environment where children are allowed to 'have a go', using equipment that is not focused on a right or wrong answer encourages children of all ages to become confident learners.

The opportunity to explore the carefully planned outdoor area will be available throughout.

