



## “a home from home environment for every child”

The aim of The Hospital Day Nursery is to provide a home-from-home environment for every child, working together with the parent/carer to develop the individual needs of their child. We welcome every child into a happy, stable, safe and secure environment. The nursery encourages positive relationships between staff and parents/carers to ensure the nursery provides the best possible care for their child. We wish to give parents/carers confidence in us and the work that we do.

The Hospital Day Nursery is an independant day nursery situated in the grounds of Queen Mary's Hospital in Sidcup and is currently registered for 60 children. The nursery is divided into the following four rooms:

Butterflies: 3 months-18 months; Dragonflies: 18 months-2/2.5 years;  
Ladybird's: 2/2.5 years-3/3.5 years; Bumblebee's: 3/3.5 years-5 years;

The nursery along with the excellent gardens, provide ideal space and facilities for a happy and safe learning environment.

The Hospital Day Nursery was set up by Natasha Lyons, along with her mother Linda Nelson in April 2004. Natasha and Linda have lots of valuable and varied experience in working with children. Natasha qualified when she was eighteen years old and now has over thirteen year's experience working in the childcare industry. Natasha started a family in 2004 and now has two lovely children of her own.

Natasha oversees the running of the nursery and has a fantastic manager in place who organise the nursery on a day to day basis. Natasha and the Nursery Manager have an excellent team behind them, who together provides professional quality childcare for children aged 3 months-5 years.

The nursery is registered and inspected by Ofsted and was rewarded with the grade 'good'. Ofsted reports can be found on the Ofsted website [www.ofsted.co.uk](http://www.ofsted.co.uk).

## The Nursery offers

- Fantastic opening hours for working parents/carers. Open 52 weeks of the year Monday - Friday from 06.50am to 7.00pm. Closed all bank holidays and half day on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve.
- A safe and stimulating environment for every child and provides a home from home environment.
- All staff hold an enhanced DBS (police check) and these are reviewed regularly.
- Your child will gain many different experiences throughout their time at the nursery, this is provided through planned and spontaneous activities which will be led by the staff and the children.
- Yearly reports are written on each individual child and the nursery holds parents/carers open days twice a year.
- The nursery supplies healthy and nutritious meals cooked by our own cook on site. Weekly fresh fruit and vegetables are supplied by a local green grocer.
- Open door policy for all parents/carers.
- Communication books which are written for every child on a daily basis up until the age of three and then a detailed verbal account will be provided. You will be informed of your child's daily activities.
- Questionnaires are sent out to every parent/carer every six months; this enables the Nursery Manager to evaluate the services they provide at the nursery. Parent/carer ideas and suggestions are warmly welcomed.

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## Important information about The Hospital Day Nursery

- 10% sibling discount.
- Special rate for NHS staff and teachers working in the local area.
- The nursery accepts all childcare vouchers, please ask the Nursery Manager for further information.
- Nursery funding is available for two, three and four year olds, please ask the Nursery Manager for further details.
- You may qualify for help towards the cost of your child's fees; the amount does depend on your total household income.
- A 50% deposit will be required to secure your child's place at the nursery, which is then held until your child leaves the nursery. One months' notice of leaving must be given. The deposit is non-refundable if you choose not to take the space at a later date or you decide to drop the sessions you originally requested by half.
- The nursery supplies certain formula milks, these include SMA gold and white, Aptimil 1,2,3 and Cow and Gate 1,2,3. All other formulas must be provided by the parent/carer.
- The nursery supplies breakfast, lunch and tea, mid-morning and afternoon snacks. We offer balanced, nutritious and freshly cooked meals.
- Over 80% of the staff are qualified and the other 20% are working towards an NVQ in Childcare.

## The Hospital Day Nursery

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