



Welcome to our Nursery Room!

A bit about us!

Our Nursery Room is located in a bright and airy room that benefits from a large window and 2 smaller windows providing views from the front of the building and providing great opportunities for observation and conversation about cars, tractors, people and their dogs, the postman and the traditional excitement of the refuse lorry every Monday. The room is full of resources to support our children's growing curiosity and independence.

Beyond the room we have a cloakroom providing pegs for hanging coats and bags, a nappy changing area and small toilet cubicles and basin for the children to use independently.

Our large outside play area is accessed through the cloakroom and includes opportunities for physical play, encouraging gross motor skills and learning about the environment and nature. There is also our very popular mud kitchen and in the summer we grow our own vegetable, flowers and pumpkins!

The room has a capacity for 20 children aged 2 years to 4years 11 months.

The number of staff allocated to our room is determined by the number and age of the children each day.

Our experienced, qualified, and long serving staff are passionate about the care and development of the children and have been chosen to work with this age group because of their knowledge, experience and expertise.

Our team

Gill is the Room Leader and Special Education Needs Coordinator (SENCO)

Hello, I have worked in childcare since 1996 and have a Diploma in Preschool Practice and a level 3 in Special Educational Needs. I started my career in the local Preschool and then Busy Bees Nursery before joining the Pink House team in 2003. I am now the Nursery Toom Leader and Nursery SENCO

Megan

Hello, I joined the Pink House Team in April 2023. I qualified with a Level 3 in 2019 and have recently completed a BA (HONS) in Early Education studies and am also the

deputy safeguarding lead for the setting. I work with the teams in both the baby room and nursery room.

Laura

Hello, I joined the Pink House team in 2007 and in that time have completed an NVQ Level 3 and BA (HONS) in Early Childhood and Education

Annie

Hello! I joined the Pink House Team in 2007 after gaining my Level 3 qualification and nannying in the UK and abroad. In 2015 I went on to do my Level 5 Foundation Degree in Early Years Management and Leadership.

Julie

Hello, I have worked in Childcare since 2006 and have an NVQ level 3 in childcare and Education. I joined the Pink House team in 2021.

Vicky

Hello! I have worked in Childcare since 2007 and have an NVQ level 3 in childcare and Education. I joined the Pink House team in 2012

Roxy our Apprentice

Hello! I joined the Pink House Team in 2023 to do my Level 3 Apprenticeship in Early Years. The course takes 2 years to complete and I hope to remain with the nursery when I am qualified

Georgi is our Nursery Manager

Hello! I worked in the Baby Room 2000 - 2003 after gaining my BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Childcare and Education. I left to gain experience in child health working with the premature babies on NICU and then Childrens Outpatients at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital. I then did a bit of property management before returning to the Nursery in 2023. I'm on hand to answer any of your questions about funding, fees etc, but look for any excuse to spend time with the children and therefore a familiar face in both of our rooms.

Hugo

Hugo is the Nursery dog, he belongs to Georgi and spends most of his time relaxing in the staff room upstairs but does occasionally comes down to see the children for some affection. He is a Cavapoo, is well trained and very placid, gentle and friendly. He helps the children to learn about looking after a pet, how to approach dogs and about washing their hands after touching animals.

If you would like your child to spend time with Hugo then please let the Nursery staff know.

Your child will get to know all the staff in the nursery as we all spend lots of time playing together, this also ensures a seamless transition for those moving up to the Nursery Room from the Baby Room when they are 2.

All of our team have a clear enhanced DBS and are all Paediatric First Aid Trained

Our Key Person system

Your child will be allocated a member of the team as their key person. The role of the key person is to provide your child with a relationship that is reliable and dependable to help them feel safe, known and understood, as well as being there to support you at every stage.

Your key person will observe how your child learns through the way they play and plan activities and opportunities for their next step development. They will keep you up to date with your child's progress regularly with pictures and observations on Tapestry and are always available for a chat if you have any questions or concerns.

Resources and activities.

We provide the children in our care with a safe environment to grow and develop. Our resources are open ended and include loose parts, natural materials, a home corner, craft area, a quiet area, story books, non-fiction books and lots of invitations to play, learn and create while also providing some group time and activities to prepare them for when they start school.

We believe it is vital that we base your child's day around their individual needs and therefore our room routines are not rigid, but instead flexible and 'in the moment', ensuring each child receives the same opportunities for play and exploration but in their own way.

We also have a large outdoor play area that we spend as much time as possible in. The outdoor area provides lots of additional opportunities for our children to explore the world and develop their physical skills from climbing and balancing to riding a trike. This is also an opportunity for the babies and toddlers to spend time with the older children.

Drop Off and Pick Up

We are open from 07.30 -18.00, with morning sessions ending and afternoon sessions starting at 13.00.

We have found that children settle much better if we collect them from you at the main entrance and bring them back out to you at the end of their session.

Mealtimes

07.45 - 08.45 Breakfast - Cereal and toast.

09.30 - 09.45 Morning snack - Fresh fruit and a savoury snack ie breadstick

11.45 - 12.15 Lunch - Menu attached.

14.00 Afternoon snack - choice of sweet or savoury biscuit.

16.00 - 16.30 Tea - Menu attached.

Fresh water is available throughout the day.

All of our meals are freshly prepared in the nursery kitchen by our lovely cooks Christine and Carol.

Mealtimes are a social occasion and the children and staff come together for meals, much like families do at home. This encourages good manners and conversations and promotes good hygiene routines.

The tables, crockery and cutlery are designed for the age and stage of development and help children progress from drinking from an open cup and using a spoon and fork to serving themselves and their friends and using a knife and fork. The staff sit with the children ensuring they are supported at all times.

Allergies and dietary requirements

We can cater to all dietary requirements and offer suitable alternatives for children with allergies, intolerances, or specific diets.

Please discuss all dietary needs with the team at your first taster session and keep us up to date with any changes.

If your child is under the care of a dietician or is being seen at the hospital for allergies, please ensure that you provide us with all the relevant information when attending your first taster session and if there are any amendments once your child has started with us.

Sleeping/ Rest

It is crucial for a child's health and wellbeing that they get enough sleep or rest so after lunch we encourage quiet times and provide a calming environment for our children to relax and share books together.

We provide low level beds for children needing a sleep and staff sit with them to help them settle.

Please remember to send in any comforters, special toys, blankets or dummies from home to help your child feel settled with us.

Children's sleep patterns are always changing so please let the team know of any changes at home and we will do our best to adapt their routine at nursery accordingly.

Nappy Changing

We change nappies 3 - 4 hourly or sooner if required in our changing area. Pampers nappies and baby wipes are provided and we use sudocrem or metanium cream if your child has any soreness.

Nappy changes are a great opportunity for one to one interaction,

Potty Training

We can assist you in every stage of your child's development. The process of potty training is unique to each child so please talk to the team when your child is ready to give it a go and we'll offer advice, resources and shadow what you are doing at home at Nursery, as well as giving your child regular prompts to use the potty/toilet and talking about potties etc with their friends.

Dayshare

As well as giving you feedback about your child's day when you come to collect them we complete online Dayshare diaries for your child recording their daily activities, meals, sleep times and nappy changes. Any accident forms or details of medication given are also attached. At the end of each day we email you a copy to keep.

Tapestry

We love capturing 'wow' moments from your child's day to share with you. We take photos to illustrate our observations and support these by linking them to The Early Years Foundation Stages (EYFS) so you can keep track of their development with us. Although we are constantly observing, planning and supporting your child's well being and development, having a device in our hands and taking time out to write up observations can have a negative impact on your child's experience and the opportunities to learn in the moment may be lost, so please do not worry if observations and updates are not frequent.

There is also an option for you to share pictures with us on Tapestry and we really do love seeing what our children have been up to whether it be days out, celebrations or holidays.

Communication

Although we are always available to chat with you at drop off / collection we are aware that this is not always the most convenient time.

We are happy to arrange to meet with you or talk with you on the phone throughout the day, or if you prefer you can email Georgi (Georgi@blofieldnursery.com) and she will pass on any messages to us.

We will always call you if we have any questions or concerns about your child during the day.

Please remember there are no stupid questions and we don't mind how many times you call, we are always happy to talk

Birthdays

Birthdays are a big deal at Nursery whatever your age.

We are a healthy bunch though so ask that you don't send in cake or treats for the children. We do however welcome books, fact or fiction, to read together and share at story time. If you do chose to send a book in just pop your child's first name and the year (not full date) in the front so we have a memory of your little one long after they go onto school.

Clothing

Please dress your child in practical clothing suitable for playing and that you don't mind getting messy. Although we try to protect clothes with aprons, accidents can happen.

Dressing your child in clothes that they can manage by themselves, especially when going to the toilet, will encourage their independence and build positives self-esteem. Belts, Braces, dungarees, tight jeans and buttons can be a real problem for small fingers, so do provide elastic-topped trousers if you can.

Please be sure that shoes are safe for climbing. Laces and trainer boots are very difficult and frustrating for young children to manage themselves. When it's time to buy new shoes, please think about choosing ones that are easy to fasten such as ones with Velcro tabs or buckles.

We spend a lot of time outside, particularly in the summer so a wide brimmed hat that covers your childs ears and neck is essential along with tops that cover their shoulders and tops of their arms. We provide factor 50 suncream for the areas of skin that are exposed

Please provide a pair of wellington boots for outdoor play, these can stay at nursery.

What to pack in your child's Nursery Bag

- At least 2 changes of clothes, more while your child is potty training
- A comfortor/ dummy if your child uses one at home
- **In the summer**
 - A lipbalm with an SPF of at least factor 30 (if you wish), clearly labelled with your child's name and the date it was opened. (We provide suncream suitable for skin but lips need protecting from harmful rays too)
 - A wide brimmed sunhat that covers your child's ears and neck
 - Light clothing that also covers the shoulders and top of arms

- Wellies (it is England after all)

- **In the winter**
 - Winter hat and gloves
 - Warm waterproof coat
 - Wellies

Just remember to write your child's name in anything you send to Nursery, we do our best to remember what belongs to who, but things do sometimes get misplaced. Please also be mindful of the type of bag you use, the children's pegs are at their height to encourage independence so plastic bags and bags with drawstrings are not suitable for Nursery.

Please do not send water bottles, snacks or any type of medicine in your child's bag.

Medication should be handed to staff on drop-off to be stored correctly and a medication form completed.

Drinks and snacks are provided by the nursery and ensure children get all the nutrients and energy they need for their busy day. If your child requires something specific please let the team know.

Taster session/ settling in

If you are new to the Nursery then you will be offered some taster sessions prior to your child starting with us, the number of sessions will depend on whether you have left your child before and how confident they are but the staff will discuss this with you at the first taster session.

Having photos of familiar things/ people from home helps some children settle into Nursery. The link below is to a photo book that some parents have found useful to make and send into Nursery for their child to look at with the staff and their new friends: <https://www.photobox.co.uk/shop/photo-book>.

If your child is moving through to Nursery Room from Baby room then your child will have had lots of opportunities to join in with the room and get to know the staff and new key worker before they turn 2. If you would like to join your child for a session in nursery room too, we would love for you to come along, just let us know if this is something you would like to do.

Remember you can call the Nursery any time on 01603 715791 or email us at georgi@blofieldnursery.com. The staff are here to put your mind at ease, and be assured we will call you if we are unsure of anything or if there is anything at all to be concerned about.