



Happy Tree Nursery

West Drayton, Heathrow



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Welcome

Welcome to Happy Tree Nursery (West Drayton, Heathrow). The Nursery opened in January 2010. It is purpose built and caters for children aged between 3 months and 5 years.

We do not see children as empty vessels waiting eagerly to be filled with knowledge, we strongly believe that children have unlimited potential and are eager to interact with and contribute to the world around them. We believe that children have a fundamental right to “realise and expand their potential”.

We would like to invite you to view our premises at your leisure and speak to us about all your childcare requirements . We would be pleased to show you around our facilities, both indoor & outdoors, and to introduce you to our dedicated childcare staff to enable you to make the right decisions for your child’s care.

Our Aim

The objective of Happy Tree Nursery is to provide care to all children to a standard of excellence which embraces and values cultural diversity. We are committed to create a friendly, clean, comfortable and safe environment which children will find stimulating and challenging, and where enjoyment and fun are linked with discovery and learning. Our focus is on the child’s individual learning journey whilst attending the nursery.

Happy Tree Nursery believes that play for children is vital. Play is children’s work; everything they do, be it painting, sticking, drawing, influences their next stage of development.



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CURRICULUM

We plan for the individual needs of the children based on assessments carried out using Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum and the seven areas of learning

Personal, social and emotional development

At Happy Tree Nursery, we strongly believe that this area of development is paramount at this stage because it lays the foundations for confident, motivated and curious learners. Staff are responsive and sensitive to the children's individual needs. A key person is allocated to each child when they join the nursery. To ease transition, children will be moved to the appropriate room with their friends and a familiar adult.

Communication and language

In the early years the children's brain is developing and making connections that are built on throughout their lives. Our staff, sustain meaningful interactions with children in order to develop their communication skills and build their confidence to express themselves.

Mathematics

Children are driven by curiosity and imagination; they take great delight in having responsibility for their learning. Therefore children have access to a variety of first hand experiences, that nurture their problem solving, and mathematical skills for example: cooking, planting, shopping for vegetables, feeding the ducks etc.

Understanding the World

The Nursery strives to deliver a relaxed and inclusive ethos within the setting. Staff plan regular outings to the local environment so that the children can build up a sense of belonging to their community.

Physical development

We place great emphasis on playing outdoors. Children have access to a well equipped garden and also to the local park. We believe that there is no such thing as inappropriate weather, but inappropriate clothing.

Expressive Arts and Design

Creativity also plays a huge part in the learning and development of the children. We believe that it is important for children to be involved in various expressive arts because it is a vehicle for learning.

Literacy

At Happy Tree Nursery, we believe that Literacy is not only the ability to read and write confidently but to also understand different forms of visual literacy including body language, pictures, maps, signs and symbols. The environment provides children with opportunities to develop literacy through mark making/ writing areas and displays that encourage and stimulate visual literacy.



CHESTNUT ROOM

Chestnut room caters for ages 3 months to 2 years. It has a self contained milk kitchen where bottles and food are prepared, as well as facilities for sterilising baby utensils. Babies have individual sheets and blankets that are put into their personalised storage bags so as to minimise cross infection. Toys and equipment are washed every evening ready for use the next day.

LINDEN ROOM

Linden Room caters for children aged between 3 to 5 years. The room operates term time only and has a morning session that runs from 9am to 12pm and an afternoon session that runs from 1pm to 4pm

The resources are stored in low, clearly labelled containers that support children's independence and decision making skills.



MAPLE ROOM

Maple Room caters for children aged between 2 to 3 years. Children's development is stimulated through the variety of multisensory resources that meet children's interests and needs. Regular outings to the local environment ensure access to first hand learning experiences.

WILLOW ROOM

Willow Room caters for children aged between 3 to 5 years. It consists of two rooms that children can access throughout the day according to their interests. One of the rooms has direct access to the garden. The children are offered a choice of play indoors and outdoors as often as they like.



High staff/child ratios

The Government lays down minimum staff/child ratios accordingly to your child's age. We staff the nursery to ensure we exceed these ratios. We believe that this provides both a safer and more stimulating environment for your child to grow and develop. Our carefully selected full time staff are joined by training students from our in-house training Academy giving us the ability to provide a full range of learning and play activities with the children.

Hillingdon Academy of Childcare Professionals

Happy Tree is the only nursery in Hillingdon with its own in-house training Academy. Our founders insist on only the very best and fully trained staff. HACP provides nursery staff for not only Happy Tree but nurseries throughout the area. Placement students are fully supervised as they work alongside fully qualified staff and the focus on training and best practice is always at the forefront of everything we do.

Familiar carer

Each child will be allocated a Key Person throughout their time at Happy Tree. We aim to ensure that wherever possible that carer stays with the child as they progress. The Key Person will liaise with the parents on a regular basis and update them on the child's development. As the child moves from one room to another a familiar carer will always move with the child to ensure the smooth transition between one age group and another.

Extended opening hours

We understand that working parents need flexible child care arrangements to structure the best nursery provision for their children. Happy Tree Nursery is open 7am until 7pm Monday to Friday, 50 weeks of the year. This allows parents and carers the benefit of both extended hours and flexible drop off and collection times.

Quality

Quality is central to our ethos and the concept runs throughout everything we do at Happy Tree. You would not compromise on quality when it comes to your child's welfare and neither do we!

We employ a dedicated Quality Manager to ensure that every aspect of the nursery and its operation conforms to the very highest standards and industry best practices. We house the Hillingdon Academy of Childcare Professionals and hand pick and train the very best staff within the Borough.

Regular outings and trips

We believe children thrive in different and stimulating environments. The Nursery and Garden provide a diverse range of activities for the children. The children are encouraged to play outside as much as possible and investigate the environment they live in. Our high staff/child ratios allow us to take the children on regular trips and outings making the most of the local community and amenities.

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Partnership with parents

Happy Tree Nursery recognises that parents and families are the most important people in children lives, and that parents are the child's first educator. Shared experiences at home have an important impact on children's social, emotional, and intellectual development. Parents are welcomed at any time in the nursery to assist with the children's learning or to observe their child's development. Key and familiar persons in the nursery aim to respect and value parents by listening, engaging and involving them in their child's learning and to offer sensitive support during times of transition.

Regular updates, newsletters and communications keep parents informed of their child's progress and planned activities. Each child has an individual development journal and these are accessible to parents at any time. We hold regular progress reviews and complete quarterly assessment reports.

Safe and secure environment

Providing a safe and secure environment for all our children and staff is a key priority we take very seriously. We occupy a state of the art, purpose built nursery, designed to ensure your child grows and develops to their full potential. Whether inside or outside the building all the play areas are supervised and we regularly inspect equipment, doors, locks and fences to provide peace of mind.

We carefully select our staff, checking personal and employment references and obtaining clearance from the Criminal Records Bureau. Staff are trained in first aid and the latest health and safety procedures. All visitors to the nursery are accompanied throughout the building and we have strict security procedures regarding authorised people to collect your child.



"My child always looks forward to his days at the nursery"

Louisa



"Happy Tree offer flexibility. I like the timings they offer"

Khalid



"My child has formed a bond with all members of staff"

Claire



"My child's interests are observed and met"

Jenny



"My daughter leaves me every morning and never looks back"

Rebecca



"I can phone or visit the nursery at any time during the day"

John



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