

The Gatehouse Nursery for 2 Year Olds

'Every child deserves the best possible start in life and support to fulfil their potential. A child's experience in the early years has a major impact on their future life chances.' Early Years Foundation Stage Framework (2007)

At Gateways we provide a secure, safe and happy environment in which children can make the most of their ability and talents as they grow up.

Our aim is to help our children achieve the five 'Every Child Matters' outcomes

- Staying safe
- Being healthy
- Enjoying and achieving
- Making a positive contribution
- Achieving economic well-being

Children are competent learners from birth and learn in a wide variety of ways. At Gateways we look carefully at the children in our care, consider their needs, their interests and their stages of development. We use this information to help plan challenging and enjoyable experiences across all areas of learning and development.

The six areas of learning covered in our educational programme are;

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Communication, Language and Literacy
- Problem Solving, Reasoning and Numeracy
- Knowledge and Understanding of the World
- Physical Development
- Creative Development

All of these areas of learning and development are equally important and depend upon each other to support a rounded approach to child development. The areas will be delivered through planned, purposeful play, with a balance of adult led and child initiated activities.

A Day in the Gatehouse

A typical day begins with 'meet and greet' where you and your child are welcomed by the staff team. Once settled your child will enjoy a range of carefully planned learning opportunities and experiences. The emphasis is on learning through play and exploration both indoors and outdoors with support always on hand from caring and knowledgeable staff.

Activities are linked to a specific theme or topic although children's individual interests are always pursued. Daily activities include;

- Sand, water and malleable materials
- A creative activity
- Small world play
- Role play
- Book corner
- Jigsaws and problem solving activities
- Games
- Singing, rhymes and stories

All of these activities are mirrored in the outdoor learning environment, which is available all year round.

Fresh fruit or vegetables and milk or water is offered at snack time every morning at around 10:00a.m.

Lunch is served in the dining room. After such a busy morning and a hot lunch there is a quiet time when children can rest in a cozy area on a 'snoozey mat' or access table top activities.

The afternoon is another round of exciting learning opportunities before sitting down for tea together. The day ends with a story. As children are collected, staff are happy to discuss the events of the day with you.

The Gatehouse Nursery Uniform

Winter

Hat/cap
Polo shirt
Sweatshirt
Jogging bottoms - black
Cherry fleece jacket
Apron – messy play
Apron – lunch
Pump bag

Summer

As above except;

Boys – shorts
Girls – school summer dress
cherry cardigan

Children may bring their own blanket or comforter.
Each child will have their own basket/tray to store nappies, nappy sacks, wipes and creams, and must replenish stocks as necessary. These are to be brought in from home.

The Gatehouse Nursery Sessions

MORNING SESSION	£11.60	8:00 – 11:30am
LUNCH SESSION (home-cooked lunch included)	£ 5.20	11:30am – 12.30 pm
SHORTER AFTERNOON SESSION	£11.60	12:30pm – 4.00 pm
LONGER AFTERNOON SESSION (tea included)	£21.50	12:30pm – 6.30pm
FULL DAY (lunch and tea included)	£36.00	8:00am – 6:30pm

