

HOBBY HORSE

Children's Centre



WELCOME

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AIMS



We aim to provide an environment in which children will be encouraged to learn through play, promoting all aspects of their development.

We aim to do this by:

- Providing a home from home experience where we can follow the babies' routines and parents' own values to ensure the continuity of care.
- Working towards the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum.
- Promoting equality of opportunity for all children and families, ensuring each child is equally valued in a secure and happy atmosphere.
- Providing a safe, stimulating environment in which children feel confident to make choices and motivated to become independent learners.
- Giving both parent and child support of a personal keyperson.
- Providing opportunities for you and your family to be involved in the themed activities and in your own child's progress.
- For children who attend more than one provider our aim is with parental permission to communicate with the other provider, to ensure we provide continuity of care and education.

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ABOUT US



Owned and managed by Banbury and Bicester College, Hobby Horse Children's Centre offers a safe and stimulating environment for your child.

We provide childcare for children between the ages of three months and 10 years, including an after-school club where we collect children from Queensway Primary School. At Hobby Horse Children's Centre we offer 2 year old funding as well as 3 year old funding both 15 and 30 hours. Please see fee structure sheet for the times we offer.

The centre is staffed by fully qualified and experienced early years practitioners. You can be confident that we will work with you, offering a fun and loving atmosphere for your little ones to develop into confident and independent individuals.

Ofsted rated the children's centre as 'good' in every area in its most recent inspection (2016). The report concluded:

- Strong leadership and effective self-evaluation, where the views of staff, parents and children are valued and acted upon
- Partnerships with parents and other providers are strong
- Staff are skilled in supporting children's early literacy skills. Making good progress and develop a good range of skills, in preparation for starting school
- Staff are positive role models and employ a range of strategies to manage children's behaviour successfully
- The managers ensure children play in safe environments

Ofsted registration number: 133593

ADMISSIONS

Places at the Children's Centre are offered to students and staff of the college and then the wider community. The Centre Manager is responsible for allocating places. We encourage you and your child to visit as often as you'd like whilst making your decision to attend. Plus, once offered a place full introduction visits and settling in sessions will be arranged for you and your child.



I recommend the nursery to students and friends ”

- Parent



MEET THE TEAM



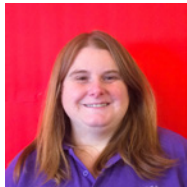
Helen Collins is the Centre Manager and has overall responsibility for the Children's Centre. Helen has an NVQ level 3 and 4 in Childcare and Education. Helen has worked at the Centre since September 1992 and has experience working with children both in schools and nurseries. She has also got a vast amount of experience working with children with special needs and challenging behaviour. Helen is responsible for the welfare of the children, staff and students and is the overall Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO) for the Centre.



Katie Brain is the Deputy Manager at the Children's Centre. Katie has worked at the Centre since July 1996. Katie holds her NNEB Diploma Qualification and an NVQ level 4 in childcare. Katie has a considerable amount of experience working with children from 0-4 years and supports the 0-3 Unit Co-ordinator as well as whole Centre. Katie is also the Child Protection Co-ordinator and the SENCO support for the Centre.



Kelly Bidwell is our Assistant Deputy Manager at the Children's Centre; she has been at the Centre since July 2000. Kelly holds the Diploma in Nursery Nursing qualification and NVQ level 4 in childcare. Kelly is the Co-ordinator for the 3-5 Unit and has a considerable amount of experience working with this age group. Kelly is also the joint Behaviour Co-ordinator and SENCO support for the Centre.



Sarah Willis is the Senior Nursery Nurse at the Children's Centre and has worked at the Centre since July 2001 after completing the Diploma in Childcare and Education. Sarah is the Co-ordinator for the 0-3 Unit and joint Behaviour Co-ordinator for the Centre. Sarah has experience working with children aged 1-3 years.



Mandy Budden is the Senior Nursery Nurse at the Children's Centre. Mandy has worked at the Centre since December 2001. Mandy holds an NNEB Diploma Qualification and has worked with children aged from birth to teenagers. Mandy has a vast amount of experience working with families, children with special needs and challenging behaviour. Mandy is our Equality and Diversity Co-ordinator and support for the Safeguarding Co-ordinator at the Centre.

All staff at the Centre have a commitment to staff training and updating their knowledge in childcare, which we feel is vital to maintaining the high standard of care we offer.

CENTRE HOURS



Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5.30pm

By arrangement, children can arrive early from 8am and can have a later finish time at 6pm. Early starts and late finishes need to be booked with the Centre Manager in advance. Please see the section on fees for the cost of this extra facility.

Children must be collected by 5.30pm

PLEASE NOTE - In order to protect your child, we will only hand your child to people named on the registration form.

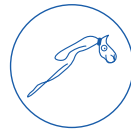


We are so happy with how our child has settled in and the way she is cared for and how things are communicated to us”

- Parent



A HOME FROM HOME



The Honey Bee Room

Our baby room: from 3 months up to approximately 15 months

The room is made to feel like home, with an eating, sleeping and play area. We work in partnership with parents to ensure that their child's individual needs are met in a fun, safe and secure environment. In the babies play area we operate an indoor shoe policy.



The Busy Bee Room

Our toddler room: from 15 months up to approximately 2 years

This is a spacious room offering a range of toys and activities which encourage children to develop their interests, learn new skills and play happily together.



The Caterpillar Room

Our nursery: children from 2 years to 3 years

The room comprises of a large play area, offering fun and enjoyable activities, which are on offer throughout the day, allowing free choice and interactive play during each session.



The Butterfly and Ladybird Rooms

Our pre-school: Children from 3 years to 5 years

The Butterfly and Ladybird Rooms have defined areas of development linking in with the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. Parent packs are provided termly, which incorporate the themes, festivals and activities for you and your child to explore at home.



OUR AFTER SCHOOL PROVISION



The Fun Club

We operate an after school club for children in full time school up to the age of 10 years and 11 months. We offer a collection service from Queensway School. We are also able to accommodate children who are dropped off from other local schools. The ethos of the club is to have fun. Children can come and play in a safe, supervised environment.

We provide a variety of activities following various themes where the children are encouraged to contribute their own ideas. We also provide playschemes throughout all of the school holidays. Please speak to the Centre Manager for details of this provision.

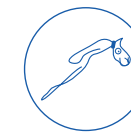


OUTSIDE PLAY

The Centre has a garden which is available for use, with both a grass and playground area which enables the children to use it all year round. We have a separate enclosed outside area just for the younger children. The garden offers children the opportunity to observe changes to their environment, look for mini beasts, as well as enjoy the vast resources of outdoor equipment.



LEARNING THROUGH PLAY



We have seven activities running throughout each week working towards the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. Children are encouraged to participate and join in with activities, which are adapted for each child's individual need and developmental level.

The children have a variety of toys and resources available to them, which can be changed at the children's request. We aim to provide a fun and stimulating environment where children learn through play and share their culture, knowledge and experiences together.

PROMOTING POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

Each child is an individual and is responded to sensitively and carefully by Centre staff at all times. Your child will at no time be smacked, punished or isolated. Children are encouraged to care for one another, for the equipment and their environment, they gradually learn to share and take turns. If a child hurts someone else, they will be taken aside, talked to quietly and then encouraged to rejoin their group. For further information, please refer to our Promoting Positive Behaviour Policy.



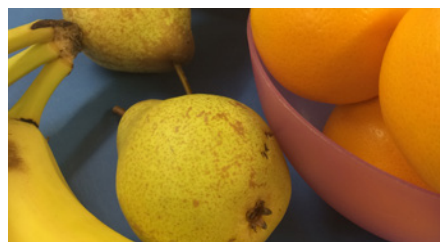
MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS



Light snacks are provided by the Centre during the morning and afternoon sessions. These will be nutritious and consider all children's particular dietary requirements.



All other meals should be provided by the parents and must be stored in a suitable container with a thermos pack clearly labelled with the child's name. We encourage all parents to provide a healthy lunch with no fizzy drinks, sweets or chocolate bars.



Children under 18 months can have home made meals providing they contain no meat, fish, rice or egg products. We are able to give your child commercial baby food jar/packet which contains clearly labelled instructions. Please discuss your child's individual requirements when you register.



The Centre is a Nut Free Zone



Each child is treated fairly and their individual needs are taken into account ”

OFSTED



HOW TO FIND US



BANBURY CAMPUS

A
Main reception
Advice and Admissions
The Employment Shop
Student support
Library
Study support
Science laboratory
English, maths and access
Health, social care, childcare
and counselling
Business growth
Sport and public services
Learning zones
The Salon

B
Games development
and ICT
Business
Exams
Institutional effectiveness

C
Main hall
Restaurant
Foscote Conference
Room
Executive suite
Human resources
Cafe and refectory
Foundation studies
Wood Construction
Centre
Banbury Studio
Theatre
Students
Students' Union
Faith room
Deliveries and post
room
Good inwards

N
O
Estates and facilities
College nurse
College counsellor

Creative Arts Centre (F)
Creative arts
Fashion design
The Gallery
Media Studies Centre
Graphic design
Media studies
Photography
Motor Vehicle Centre
Motor vehicle



APPLICATION FORM



Parent's name: _____

Child's name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone number: _____

Mobile number: _____

Child's date of birth: _____

Start date required: _____

Student nursery place

Community nursery place

After school club

Staff member

Sessions required (Please state days and times)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

For office use only:

Date received: _____

Date telephoned client: _____

Viewing arranged: YES / NO

Date / Time of viewing: _____

Date information put onto computer waiting list: _____

Signature: _____

Important: You will be contacted on receipt of this application form and placed on our waiting list. This is not confirmation of a place at the Children's Centre

Please return this form to: Helen Collins

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