

KINDERCARE (HGTE) LTD
AT
HARROGATE, RIPON
LEEDS - HEADINGLEY, PUDSEY & FARSLEY

Nursery coordinator (based at Head Office - Hornbeam Park): - Alison Little

Nursery Managers

Hornbeam Park - Carole Hood

South Drive - Anita Melvin

Ripon - Emma Beal

Pudsey - Faye Hutchison

Pannal Ash Road - Sarah Matless

Cornwall Road - Sue Currie

Headingley - Emma Lacey

Farsley - Emma Brooke

In operation since 1993, Kindercare has developed and expanded to form four nurseries and several Before/After School Clubs and Holiday Clubs in the Harrogate area and three nurseries in Leeds, one in Pudsey, one on the former St. Chads School site in Headingley and the third in Farsley (formerly Buddi Bear). With the opening of our nursery on the former Ripon & St. John Campus we extended our high quality care to Ripon.

Our Philosophy

We strive to enhance the social, emotional, intellectual and physical development of each child, ensuring that their individual needs are met within a caring, safe environment. We believe that children deserve the best care and education. Our aim is not only to offer this, but also to develop and foster social skills, providing experiences to nurture and develop, ensuring that the children in our care move on as happy and confident little people.

Admissions

At Kindercare it is our policy to admit all children regardless of their gender, race, culture, religious belief, family circumstances, ethnic origin or disabilities. Parents will be given ample opportunity to discuss the admission of their child and senior staff will always be available for parents to discuss their child's needs and development. Children are admitted from birth to school age, according to availability of a place.

Settling-in procedure

The settling-in procedure takes the form of introductory visits of one or two hours, on one or more occasions, depending on the age of the child, to accustom the child to leaving the parent gradually at the same time helping the child to establish preliminary relationships with staff and peers and enabling the parent to discuss any concerns with their child's main carer.

Kinder Club (Harrogate & Ripon 5-11 years)

Once children reach school age we offer an out of school/holiday club service. Full information regarding this is available on request.

Events

Throughout the year different events are celebrated with the children, including festivals from around the world, fundraising for charities and topics organized to involve parents, either directly or indirectly. Regular newsletters will keep you updated on all events and general information about your child's nursery.

Nursery Policies

We have detailed policies and procedures, designed to ensure the safety and well-being of the children at all times, including a comprehensive Health and Safety Policy and Risk Assessment. These are listed in our Parent Handbook and available for parents to read upon request. The nurseries are fully covered by insurance and comply with the National Standards as set by Ofsted, with whom we are registered. Copies of our Ofsted inspection reports are available on request, or can be accessed by visiting their website on www.ofsted.gov.uk.

Funding

Funding from the LEA for those children eligible, aged 3 and 4, is received termly into a funding account held by the nursery and deducted from nursery fees, over the twelve months. Further information is available on request.

Meals

Fees include lunch and tea, as applicable, for all children from 6 months onwards and are prepared daily by our nursery cooks. Dietary needs are catered for, according to individual needs.

Opening times

Harrogate & Ripon: 7.30 - 6.30

Headingley: 7.00 - 6.30

Pudsey: 7.30 - 6.30

Farsley: 7.30 - 6.00

Full details of sessions available can be found on the fee list supplied. Care is provided all year round, with the exception of Bank and Public Holidays when all the nurseries are closed.

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RIPON

Kindercare at Ripon, opened in January 2005, is the second Kindercare nursery to be constructed completely to our specifications. The single storey building offers maximum space and light and is fully accessible to disabled children and visitors. Situated at the entrance to the former university campus on the Kearsley Road, the nursery offers 125 full and part-time places to children aged between 3 months and 5 years. There is also an After School and Holiday Club facility available within the nursery. Adjoining the nursery is a large, partly wooded, area specifically adapted to form a nature trail for the children.

With brightly coloured wall and floor finishes and softwood internal screens, the children's rooms provide a safe and stimulating environment. Direct access from each room to secure enclosed play areas ensures that the children enjoy freedom of movement and choice of activities inside and out. These areas, separated by timber picket-style fences and containing rubber play surfaces and grassed areas, allow the children to play safely at all times. We have recently undergone extensive improvements to include all weather activity gazebos, planters and additional sandpits.

The nursery is split into several rooms; six for those children aged between 12 weeks and 2 years which incorporate milk kitchens and nappy changing rooms; two for children aged two to three years and two for those aged three to five years (these include messy/creative play and quiet areas). Hand-crafted padding to the lower walls adds a special touch to the rooms for the under twos.

Completing the facilities is a full catering kitchen, laundry room, staff room and Nursery Manager's office.

One of the most important issues for a parent choosing a nursery for their child is security. With this in mind we have installed both an audio/visual entry system and CCTV.

Staff

Welcoming parents to the new nursery was one of Emma Beal's, our Nursery Manager in Ripon, main duties. Emma has several years post-qualifying experience, having obtained both the NNEB Diploma in 1996 and the ADCE (Advanced Diploma in Childcare and Education) in 2003. With previous management experience, Emma has also worked for Kindercare both at Cornwall Road nursery and at Hornbeam Park, where she held a senior position for her last year. Emma is supported in her role by key members of staff, including her Deputy Manager, Catherine, who all have experience working in our nurseries in Harrogate, with close involvement of the Nursery Coordinator, based at Head Office at Hornbeam Park.

The nursery is divided in to sections as follows:

Tinies (12 weeks to 12 months)

Staff:child ratio - 1:3

The Tinies section is split into 4 rooms with 9 children in each, connected by the milk room and nappy changing area. The babies enjoy sensory work which includes lots of play in beans, jelly, pasta and cornflour, making the most of natural ingredients. Treasure baskets are available permanently, providing a wealth of experiences for the little ones.

Toddlers (12 months to 2 years)

Staff:child ratio - 1:3

The Toddlers section is split into 2 rooms that hold 12 children each. As with the Tinies section, the rooms are connected by a nappy changing area and milk kitchen. In these rooms the day is a little more structured, but the emphasis is still on learning through play and following the Early Years Foundation Stage.

Tweenies (2 to 3 years) and Starters (3 to 5 years)

Staff:child ratio (2 to 3 years) - 1:4, (3 to 5 years) - 1:8

The Tweenies and Starters both have 2 large playrooms each which can hold 24 children. Within the room they have an imaginary play area, messy area and quiet area. Connecting the rooms is a large toilet area complete with small toilets, sinks and changing area. The Starters section offers a wide range of activities following the Early Years Foundation Stage, to help prepare the children for school.

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Comments From Parents

"I think he misses nursery on his off days."

"Your girls are a credit to your establishment."

"You have made us feel very special."

"Thank you for being so nice."

"I would have no reservation in recommending the nursery."

"You have helped develop a lovely, happy and well mannered little girl who has enjoyed every day of her time with you."

"Thank you for providing such a warm stimulating environment for the children in your care."

"It's been a huge relief for me returning to work knowing that my child is so well looked after."

"It is unfortunate that that he must grow up and move on"

"We could not have wished for a more friendly and caring environment."

"He is always excited to come in the mornings and even announces "we're home!" as we drive through the gates."

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Comments From Ofsted

"The language and literacy programme is a very strong area and a particular strength of the nursery's educational provision."

"Happy, caring and stimulating ethos created by staff."

"All children have a vast selection of toys and activities that are all easily accessible to them."

"The topic based activities are fun and exciting, often following the seasons and nature, and complementing the core curriculum, which offers continuous provision across all areas of learning. Consequently, in this very stimulating environment, the outcomes for children are highly positive."

"Children of all ages build strong relationships with the staff and particularly their key person, who undertakes all of their personal care. Consequently, they are extremely well behaved, happy and confident within the setting."

"The staff have excellent partnerships with the parents of the children and babies and with outside agencies."

"The nutritious and balanced diet provided for the children ensures they are well nourished with healthy meals and snacks."

"The children develop a good understanding of the wider world and community through celebrating festivals."

"Safeguarding children is paramount to all the staff at the setting. Comprehensive policies and procedures are in place to protect the children from harm and neglect."

"The environment is very warm and welcoming with good evidence of children's play and activity."

"Parents are encouraged to be involved with their child's learning, through the sharing of the information."

"A particular strong feature of the physical development provides for children to develop their manipulative skills through use of a good variety of materials."

**NURSERY FEES - APRIL 2010
RIPON**

Session-part day	Daily Fee
8.00-1.00/1.00-6.00	20.00
7.30-1.00/1.00-6.30	21.00
Session-full day	
8.00-6.00	£31.50
7.30-6.30	£33.50
School/Nursery Transition Service	
11.30/12.00 collection & care (inc. lunch & tea) to 6.00pm	£25.00
8.00-1.00 (inc. lunch & drop-off)	£23.00

Nursery fees are payable monthly in advance and are calculated as follows:

Daily fee x number of days per week x 52 weeks divide 12 months = average monthly fee payable

Deposit + Registration Fee payable upon booking:

Part-time attendance (3 days and under) - £100.00 + £25.00

Full-time attendance (over 3 days) - £175.00 + £25.00

Discounts (families with more than one child attending on a full time basis 5 days per week):

10% on oldest child

Over-time charges:

£5.00 per hour, or part of, up to 6.30pm

£25.00 per hour, or part of, after 6.30pm plus any expenses incurred by staff having to stay on duty

After school and holiday club:

Details available on request

Please note that fees cover all children aged between 12 weeks and 5 years. For those children aged over 6 months fees include lunch and tea, as applicable, but not bottle feeds which should be brought to nursery ready made up.

NURSERY PLACEMENT APPLICATION FORM

Name of child _____ Male/Female

Date of birth _____ /Expected date of birth _____

Home address _____

Home telephone number _____

Daytime contact number _____

Name of mother _____

Occupation _____

Name of father _____

Occupation _____

Choice of Nursery (please delete as applicable):

Pannal Ash Road/South Drive/Cornwall Road/Hornbeam Park/Ripon

Required date of commencement: _____

Please tick the appropriate sessions required

Sessions	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7.30 - 1.00					
8.00 - 1.00					
1.00 - 6.00					
1.00 - 6.30					
7.30 - 6.30					
8.00 - 6.00					
School/Nursery transition 11.30/12-6.00					
School/Nursery transition 8.00-1.00 (Ripon only)					

Date of application: _____ Signature: _____

Please could you let us know how you heard about Kindercare:

Recommendation Nursery Website
 Local Directories Other (please state):
