

Walmgate Day Nursery

where adventures begin...



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Welcome to Walmgate Day Nursery!

We are a small, family-owned nursery within York City Centre. We pride ourselves in offering a first class, high quality, positive learning experience for your child. We place great value on each child as an individual and aim to ensure that learning, development and care take place within a safe and nurturing environment. We strongly believe in fostering happy, well-rounded children who have positive and fulfilling learning experiences in their formative years.

We are a 42 place Day Nursery, open all year except bank holidays and between Christmas and New Year. Our core opening times are from 8.00am to 6.00pm, Monday to Friday. We are registered to provide full daycare for children between the ages of 3 months and 5 years.

Our primary goal is to ensure that we provide the highest quality learning, development and care. Our nursery will differentiate itself by a passionate attention to detail in everything we do underpinned by our quality learning programme. Your children will be safe, loved and stimulated in an efficient, well maintained and homely environment. We will promote a healthy understanding and respect for natural values in all aspects of the nursery. Above all, we want your children to leave our nursery with the confidence and skills to help them meet the challenges that lie ahead in the school system and beyond. We passionately believe this to be a joint effort between the nursery and parents and to that end we will promote the right environment for that partnership to succeed.

We recognise the benefits of a creative approach to curriculum delivery and value the importance of developing the whole child. The setting values the Early Years Foundation Stage and works hard to deliver the requirements through a child-centred, creative approach to learning.



The Walmgate Day Nursery team

Walmgate Day Nursery is directed by Dr Jane Todd, previously a primary school teacher and part of the school leadership team. Jane is a Durham University Graduate, holding a first class honours degree in education, qualified



teacher status, Masters degree with distinction in Educational policy and a Doctorate in Education. As well as Walmgate, Jane also owns another nursery in Durham, Do Re Mi Day Nursery which has been established since 2013 and is Ofsted Outstanding and Curiosity Approach Accredited. Jane is married to Alan, and they have three sons, the youngest whom attends Walmgate Day Nursery.



Walmgate Day nursery employs a dedicated, experienced and suitably qualified team of staff ranging in qualifications from Level 2 through to Level 6, Degree status. We also have Apprentices who are learning alongside our team members.

Every child at Walmgate day nursery is allocated a key worker. The purpose of our key person system is to build strong relationships with both the child and their family to ensure that all children receive consistent and continual care in all aspects of their development. The key person is your first port of call for communication; to pass on messages, answer questions etc. However, the room teams work very closely together to ensure they ALL have knowledge of your child; both for well-being and learning purposes.

You will meet your child's key person at the registration visit and they will go through the 'all about me' documentation with you / your child and find out all about daily routine etc.

The key person will oversee settling in sessions and work hard to establish an initial bond with the child which will be nurtured as your child starts nursery. The key person will be the one who will feed back to you on your child: things they have done, what they have eaten, and if there is anything that parent and nursery need to work on together, your key person will chat to you about this.

Walmgate Day Nursery Curriculum

As all other nurseries, we follow the mandatory Early Years Foundation Stage Framework. At the centre of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) is the philosophy that every child deserves the best



possible start in life and support to fulfil their potential.

We favour a creative approach to the delivery of EYFS where learning through play; discovery and hands-on experience is crucial. Our practitioners are strongly encouraged to look for quirky approaches in delivering the ordinary; to think differently in order to make the nursery an exciting place to be. The use of open-ended resources which spark children's imagination and 'possibility thinking' together with the support and scaffolding from experienced staff, enable children to learn and discover things for themselves.

We aim to provide plentiful and varied opportunities and experiences for all our children, many of which arise impromptu in response to something that happens on the day.

Age groups

Diddies (0-2's)

We have a nine place baby room for our youngest group of children. We ensure the routines you have in place at home are followed within nursery.



Daily activities are stimulating and creative following your child's interests, schematic play and their stage of development.

Children take part in lots of sensory activities, messy play and treasure basket experiences. Our babies regularly go for local walks in our 'kiddibus', getting fresh air and enjoying

the local York area. The Diddies room also has access to our nursery outdoor area which is set up daily of outdoor explorations and activities.

As the children become more mobile in this room the environment reflects this providing new challenge and stimulations in a calm and purposeful environment which enables children to flourish in our care.



Explorers (2-3's)

Exploration and curiosity are fundamental in this room. We want every day to be a discovery day!! Through a mix of self-initiated play and adult-lead interactions children are able to inquire and engage with activities that promote leaning and development in a creative, fun and hands-on way. Again practitioners respond to the

needs and interests of the individual child to determine next steps and subsequent activities. The children use and enjoy time in the nursery outdoor space throughout the day.

Adventurers (3-4's)

Children usually move up to pre-school the term after their third birthday. In preschool our main aim is to promote inquisitive, independent learners with amazing imaginations!



The environment is set up in a way

to provoke the children's learning in a unique and creative way. There is also a focus on life skills and ensuring your child's ready for school when they leave us. There is a daily rhythm with group times with their key person where children are offered focused time based around their interests which incorporates a hidden curriculum such as letters and sounds and mathematics. In this way they are learning unconsciously, sowing seeds in preparation for their time at school and life skills. We love the way every day is different!!

Settling in sessions

The settling of a parent and child into nursery life is a very important process. Both the parents and the child should be given time to settle into the new environment. The number of settling in sessions will depend on your and your child's needs. Some children may take longer to settle into a new environment than others. We will arrange 3 sessions lasting 1-2 hours each and after the last session discuss further your child's needs. At the second and third visit we will encourage you to leave your child with their key person. At the start of your first settling in session you will spend some time with the Assistant Manager or Deputy Manager and the key person, to discuss your child's care plan and any other relevant paperwork that needs completing. You and your child will be introduced to all staff in your child's room.



Mealtimes

Home-made, nutritious meals, freshly prepared from scratch are prepared on site for the children each day in line with the early years nutritional guidance, taking into account dietary requirements.

	Breakfast	Lunch	Tea	Snacks
Monday	A selection of healthy cereals, white or brown toast	Cottage pie with vegetables	Scrambled egg on muffins	Fresh fruit, yogurts, breadsticks and houmous
Tuesday		Home-made tuna fish cakes and savoury rice	Vegetable soup and chunky bread	
Wednesday		Vegetable risotto with garlic bread	Jacket potato and butter	
Thursday		Roast chicken dinner	Herby tomato pasta	
Friday		Pork and apple casserole	Beans on Toast	

This is only an example as we buy seasonal food. In addition, vegetarian options and special dietary requirements are catered for.

Babies – *We will follow your routine with regards to feeding (breast milk or formula). Once your child starts weaning we will prepare healthy, fresh food appropriate to their stage of weaning.*

Fees

Care is available **51 weeks** of the year (we are closed Christmas week and Bank Holidays) from 8.00am until 6pm. There is a minimum of two sessions per week for over twos (either one full day or two separate sessions) and a minimum of two days per week for under 2's.

£52 per full day session (8am-6pm)

£31 per half day session (8am-1pm or 1pm-6pm)

** NB These charges are valid until August 2022 and fees are reviewed annually.*

Invoices are sent out the last working day of the month for the following month and need to be paid within 7 days. Fees are reviewed annually.

Discounts

Full time place discount: A 5% discount is available for children who attend full time (Monday-Friday, full days, all year round)

Sibling discount: We offer parents who have more than one child at the nursery for 5 sessions or more, a 10% discount for the child doing the lesser number of sessions. If all children do the same sessions we offer a 10% discount for the oldest sibling.

Please note that discounts are only available if no other discount or funding is being claimed

Funded Hours

Funded 2's places / 3-4's Early Education Hours: Children who qualify for this funding receive it the term after their birthday. This entitles them to the equivalent of 15 hours per week term time only (38 weeks), which works out as **two sessions weekly stretched over the year**. *Please note this funding only covers education hours and not additional daycare, consumables or meals.*



'30 Hours' funding: This entitles children to **four funded sessions a week all year round**. We have a separate information sheet to explain this further.

Additional Charges

The funded hours cover education hours only. Our Additional Services

charge for funded sessions is £1 per hour which includes all meals, consumables, experiences, activities and resources.

Tax-free Childcare

If you are not receiving help towards childcare through Universal Credit (up to 85% of childcare costs covered) or Student bursary schemes (up to 85% covered) you can save 20% off your childcare costs through signing up to the tax-free childcare scheme (see childcarechoices.gov.uk). This is a great help as for every 80p you pay into the scheme, the government put 20p in. So if your bill is £400, the government will pay £80!

Registration

A completed enrolment form and £100 registration fee is required to secure a place with us (refundable on your first invoice). Prior to your child's start you will complete a full registration form and meet with your child's key person and go through your child's needs and care routine.

If you would like to arrange a visit or require any further information about the nursery, please contact Dr Jane Todd (Managing Director) or Miss Lucy Furness (Assistant Manager).



**We look forward to welcoming you to the
Walmgate Day Nursery family!!**