



## ROOFTOPS NURSERY SCHOOL

### 'Nurturing independence through play'

Welcome to Rooftops Nursery School where we aim to provide each and every child with a happy and stimulating first experience of nursery. We have amazing teams at our nurseries and we strive to provide childcare to the highest standard, developing independent and confident children for the future, ensuring individuality through child led activities. We provide a welcoming, happy and calm environment where your child will flourish in their early years. We follow the Early Years Foundation Stages from 0-5 years which is supported by the ethos of Montessori education providing a stimulating nursery, plenty of outdoor play and the use of natural resources. We work continuously to ensure that we review our standards and practices to give your children the best possible experience of early year's education that we can.

If you would like to book an appointment to look around the nursery we would be delighted to meet you.

#### Our Locations

Richmond - We are based in a beautiful stone building in the heart of Richmond, North Yorkshire. All of our children are given a home from home experience and we work closely with parents and carers to ensure your routines are followed at nursery.

Barnard Castle – We are based in a purpose built light and airy building all on the ground floor. We have a vast garden space for the children to explore. We work closely with all of our parents and carers to ensure your child has the best possible start.

#### Our Team

We have one focus, your child's individual needs and their positive nursery experience. The Management team provide continuous leadership and development to create the vision and ethos of the nursery. Hannah Hurley, Nursery Owner is supported by a fantastic team of nursery staff who are qualified from Level 2 to Level 6 in Early Years Childcare as well as many years' experience between them and are fully DBS checked. We take students from local schools and colleges on work placements as well as being part of the National Apprentice Scheme. We hold regular staff meetings, training sessions and staff attend a variety of outside training courses as part of their personal development plan. We are proud to have a very low staff turnover, which is shown in the staff's enthusiasm and commitment they have to the children, parents and other staff.

#### OFSTED

Ofsted inspection reports are published on their website together with information about us. The report tells you how well we are doing and recommendations for further improvements. **'Partnerships between staff, parents & other providers, including schools are very effective. Staff identify what children already know, children's knowledge is established concisely. Children develop close emotional attachments with staff. Older children like to play in the mud kitchen outdoors using their imagination, they use various vessels to collect water and pour down pipes & build waterfalls. Young children develop empathy for living things and care for nursery guinea pigs.'**

**OFSTED REPORT OCTOBER 2016 Overall Standard – Good.**

#### Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

Our approach in planning meets the requirements of the EYFS, which is a statutory government requirement. It is based on ongoing observation and assessment in the three prime areas of learning; communication and language, physical development, personal, social and emotional development and the specific areas of learning; literacy, mathematics, understanding the world, expressive arts and design.

### **Montessori Influence**

Alongside the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), we actively seek opportunities to follow and introduce children to Montessori education. Dr Maria Montessori (1870 – 1952) was a pioneer of early education who dedicated her life to the development of the whole child as an individual through the interaction of the child, the Montessori philosophy and the favourable environment. The Montessori approach provides a safe, carefully planned, structured and calm environment for children to work in, giving each child the opportunity to learn and absorb knowledge at their own rate, through the activities, equipment and guidance of their teachers.

### **Working with Parents**

We know that a successful relationship between our parents/carers, our children and staff fosters a positive nursery experience for everyone. That is why we try to have communications in place to ensure there is a continuous exchange between us. You can follow what happens at the nursery on our display boards, website, Facebook page, Instagram, newsletters, stay and play sessions and parent's information sessions. We use online software to capture the children's development and wow moments in nursery, this is logged using tablets and uploaded to your parent's page where you have an individual log in for your child. This is great for sharing your child's progress with family and gives you immediate up to date access to your child's daily activities. The nursery holds parent/key worker sessions at regular intervals throughout the year, we also invite parents in for special occasions and stay and play sessions.

### **Nourishing your Child**

We provide all children with a healthy hot cooked lunch daily (cold lunch in school holidays) as well as providing toast and cereal on arrival. We also provide healthy snacks in the morning and afternoon. These are included in your day rates unless you only attend funded hours, in which case all meals and snacks are chargeable. Water and milk is freely available for children at any time and we encourage them to drink plenty to keep hydrated.

### **2 Year old Funding**

Some two-year-olds in England are entitled to 15 hours free early education and childcare for 38 weeks of the year if you are in receipt of certain benefits or credits. We are able to offer places if you meet the criteria set out by your local authority. You will need to apply direct to your local authority for this funding first.

### **3 and 4 Year old Funding**

All children ages 3 and 4 years old are entitled to 15 hours of free childcare per week during school term time for 38 weeks of the year under the Government initiative. Your child will be entitled the term after they turn 3 and the discount will automatically be applied to their sessions. Each term you are required to complete a funding form which we issue and submit to the local authority on your behalf.

### **Extended Childcare Entitlement**

For working parents, the current funded childcare entitlement for three and four year olds has been extended from 15 to 30 hours per week. This is to support working parents with the affordability of childcare and enable parents who want to work, or to work more hours, to do so.

Families who meet the eligibility criteria will be entitled to 30 hours funded childcare each week in term time.

**To check your eligibility for funding please follow the link;**

NYCC <http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/article/24354/Early-education-places-and-funding>

### **Holiday Club**

We operate a holiday club for 5-11 year olds where we run a number of exciting activities to keep your children entertained. Holiday club does get busy so please book in advance by speaking to the Nursery Manager.

### **Opening times and Fees**

We are open Monday to Friday 7.30am – 6pm

**Please contact us on Richmond 01748 823667 or Barnard Castle 01833 690620 for more information or to book a show round.**