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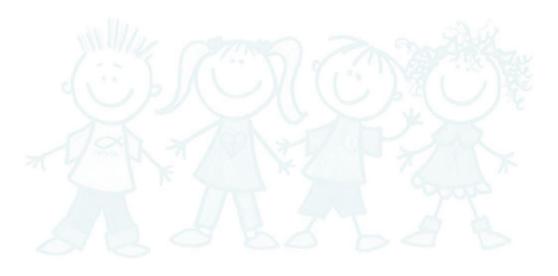
PROSPECTUS



Rising Stars Nursery, Brewery Road, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 2EE

Our Vision

'Working together to give children and families the best opportunities in life.'



At Rising Stars Nursery our intent is that every child should have the best opportunities in life. We provide a safe, happy and nurturing environment to ensure all children will enjoy and achieve during their time with us, growing their knowledge to help ensure their future success.

We work in partnership with you as parents/carers to ensure your children receive the best all round early learning experience.

Our Values



Policies

At Rising Stars Nursery we have a range of policies that explain how we work, who has responsibilities and how those associated with the nursery e.g. parents/carers and staff, contribute to this work.

To read any of our policies in full, please visit our website where the documents can be downloaded in pdf format.

Please see our list of policies below:

\Diamond	Acceptable Use Policy	\Diamond	Managing Allegations Against Staff and Vol- unteers Policy
\Diamond	Anti-Bullying Policy		
\Diamond	Behaviour Management Poli- cy	\Diamond	Medication Policy
\Diamond	Child Protection Policy	\Diamond	Missing Children Policy
\	Comments, Complaints and	\Diamond	Online Safety Policy
•	Compliments Policy	\Diamond	Outings Policy
\Diamond	Confidentiality & Infor- mation Sharing Policy	\Diamond	Parental Responsibility Policy
\Diamond	Dummy Policy	\Diamond	Personal and Intimate
\Diamond	Emergency Closure Policy		Care Policy
\	Equality & Diversity Policy	\Diamond	Play Policy
\	Food and Drink Policy	\Diamond	SEND & Inclusion Policy
⋄	Hygiene Policy	\Diamond	Use of Mobile Phones,
	, ,		Cameras and Images
\Diamond	Infant Feeding Policy		Policy
\Diamond	Late or Non-Collection of Children Policy	\Diamond	Whistleblowing Policy

For further information on any of the issues raised in these documents, please speak to the Nursery Manager.

All policies are reviewed regularly by the Board of Children & Families Ltd.

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Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to welcome you to Rising Stars Nursery and feel sure that your child will be happy here.

In our nursery we aim to provide a caring, happy and stimulating environment for all children. We recognise the importance of staff, parents, carers and children working together in partnership to ensure the best possible start for all children.

Our nursery values all its children equally. We strive to support each child in building on their strengths as we help them to develop holistically.

As they pass through our nursery, we aim to give them the best possible start in preparation for their school lives.

It is a great privilege and an enormous responsibility working with young children and our staff recognise this and work together to give each child the very best possible experience.

I hope that our prospectus answers the many questions you may have about our nursery. However, if there is anything else you wish to know, please do not hesitate to ask. We are always happy to help.

Yours Sincerely,

The Manager

Healthy Eating

At *Rising Stars Nursery*, we pride ourselves on the quality of nutritious snacks and meals we provide every day.

To ensure we meet the needs of your children, we request that all **allergies** and special dietary requirements are brought to the attention of staff at the time of enrolment.

Should any health issues arise later, please bring these to our attention as soon as possible.

A Typical Nursery Day Includes

Breakfast: Children can choose from a selection of the following: Weetabix, Porridge Oats, Cheerio's, Rise Crispies, Cornflakes & Shreddies. Bread and Toast are also available with butter or jam.

Morning Snack: Snack options will vary throughout the week, but examples of what we provide are as follows: Fresh Fruit, Salad Vegetables, A variety of cheeses (both hard & soft), Bread Sticks or Rice Cakes.

Lunch: We ask you, as parents/carers, to provide your child with a healthy packed lunch they can bring into Nursery with them.

Afternoon Snack: As listed above in Morning Snack options.

Tea: Again, options will vary throughout the week as we offer children a light tea choice. For example, Sandwiches, Beans on Toast, or Crackers and Cheese.

Drinks available throughout the day: milk or water.

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Communication Friendly Learning

At *Rising Stars Nursery*, we use the communication friendly spaces approach to learning. This approach focuses on the role of the environment in supporting speaking and listening skills, emotional wellbeing, physical development and general engagement.

Elizabeth Jarman developed this approach and says, "it's essential to tune into the environment from the learner's perspective" by understanding "how the physical space should connect with its intention".





Getting Ready for Nursery

We treat each child as an individual and understand settling into nursery will be a different experience for each child.

Therefore, we offer settling in sessions free of charge for every child. Every child needs to attend these to ensure they feel secure, happy and comfortable in their new environment.

Children should wear suitable play clothes as they will sometimes choose messy play activities and are entitled to refuse to wear protective clothing.



What to Bring ...

- Do remember to pack spare clothes in a named bag. Names should be put in all things belonging to your child i.e., coats, hats, etc.
- If your child is still in nappies, these will need to be supplied by you, along with baby wipes.
- Children should be dressed appropriately for the weather conditions that day. For example, on a hot, sunny day, lighter clothing and a sun hat should be worn.
- Sun cream can be provided for your child at £2 per year or you can provide your own.



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Our Aims

At Rising Stars Nursery, we are very ambitious for our children and aim to help them **learn**, **grow and achieve** so they will have the best start in life!

We aim to ...

- Provide high quality care and education for young children.
- Work in partnership with parents/carers to help children learn and develop.
- Add to the life and well-being of the local community.
- Offer children and their parents a service which promotes equality and values diversity.
- Meet the challenges of each child to ensure they have the necessary skills, concepts and confidence to meet the next stage of their development.

Fees

We Can Help

If you require additional care beyond your 15 or 30 hours free entitlement per week, we could help you reduce the costs (if you are eligible), with advice on Tax Credits for Childcare, Childcare Vouchers and Tax Free Childcare - so please ask.

For chargeable care, please contact the nursery to discuss your needs further.

All fees are due by the first day of the month to which they relate.

What's Included?

- Breakfast is offered up until 8:30am.
- Morning and afternoon snacks are included, along with drinks throughout the day (except baby formula).
- The nursery is open 8:00am 6:00pm unless otherwise stated. We operate childcare with the following timings:
 - Half day: 8:00am 1:00pm OR
 - 1:00pm 6:00pm.
 - Full day: 8:00am 6:00pm.

Key Person Approach

At Rising Stars Nursery, we operate a robust Key Person approach. This means each child and their family has a designated Early Years Practitioner in the nursery who works with you and your child to make sure their needs are met.

Funding Schemes & Early Years People Premium (EYPP)

Free for 2: This scheme enables 2 year old children, whose family meet certain criteria, to access 15 hours of free nursery care per week, the term after their 2nd birthday.

3 & 4 Year Old Places: All children aged 3 and 4 (beginning the term after their 3rd birthday) are entitled to 15 hours per week of free childcare, this increases to 30 hours per week for working parents.

Extra Support: If your child has additional needs, we can explore receiving funding to ensure we can meet the needs of your child.

If you are in receipt of certain benefits, or have been in care or adopted from care, EYPP enable us to give additional support.

To enquire about any of these, or for more information, please speak to a member of staff.



Our Nursery

We aim to help children develop positive social interactions with peers and adults alike. We encourage good manners and consideration for the needs of others.

Children learn through play. At Rising Stars
Nursery, we offer creative, educational and
imaginative activities. These include physical
and environmental activities that can be done
inside or outside. We aim to develop enquiring
minds and motor skills through self-expression and
investigation. Growing children need to develop in a
more challenging environment. We aim to meet the
needs and challenges of each child to ensure that as
an individual, they have the opportunity to grow and
develop.

We also work closely with local schools to make your child's transition

into school as



Key Information

- Our Nursery is **open** for up to **50 weeks** each year. (We are closed for Bank Holidays and between Christmas Eve and 2nd January)
- We are registered with Ofsted, to open 5 days per week between 8:00am-6:00pm
- We provide care and education for young children between the ages of **0-4 years**.

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Our Approach

Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

The EYFS sets out the Standards for Learning, Development and Care for children from birth to five years and incorporates the Welfare Requirements.

For each area, EYFS guidance sets out the Early Learning Goals. These define what children are expected to be capable of by the end of the reception year of their education



The guidance divides children's learning and development into seven areas:

- I. Personal, social and emotional development
- II. Communication and language
- III.Literacy
- IV. Mathematics
- V. Understanding the world
- VI. Physical development



about the EYFS then do not hesitate to ask a member of staff.

Outdoor Learning

We give children the opportunity to explore and play in natural environments to develop their confidence, independence and creative learning. At Rising Stars Nursery, we have a large open space and plenty of physical and environmental activities where children can develop their skills, learn and grow.





Tapestry

Tapestry is an online learning journal that enables us to record your child's learning and development. It is a secure online system that only you will be able to access. Your child's journal will be made up of photos, videos and observations and highlights key achievements against the EYFS. Tapestry is interactive and you as parents/carers, can contribute your own pictures and comments to the journal as well.