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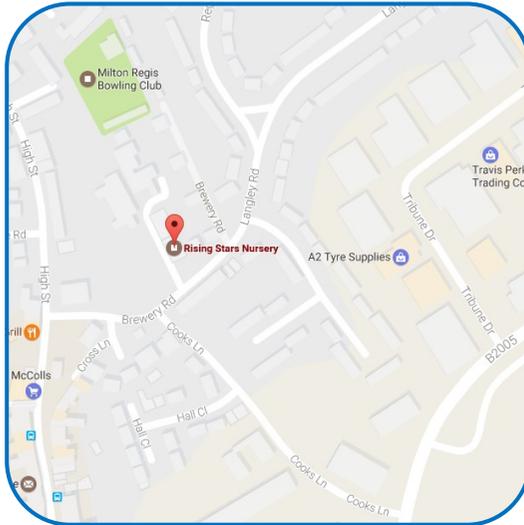
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Rising Stars Nursery



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Parents Comments

“Thank you all for looking after my son so well, it makes being a working mum better knowing he is safe and cared for”.

“My son really enjoys the garden and I like that the children get to go out on school trips. We all love all the staff at Rising Stars. They are all so good to my son”.

“Rising stars has played a pivotal role in the early years development of our daughter and we never had to think twice about sending our second daughter there too. Staff are very professional and represent a real warm and humane learning environment for children. I would strongly recommend Rising Stars to friends and family any day”.

“The staff are brilliant, friendly, approachable and caring. Thank you for all the effort you put in to ensuring a strong, positive relationship with parents—this is so important”.



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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 and we strive to help them to build on their strengths while helping 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 the children the very best possible experience.

I hope that our prospectus answers the many questions you have about our nursery. However, if there is anything else you wish to know please do not hesitate to ask and we will be pleased to help.

Yours Sincerely

The Manager

Policies

At Rising Stars Nursery we have policies that explain how we work, where responsibilities lie and how those associated with the nursery e.g. parents and staff, contribute to this work. For further clarification of any of the issues raised in these documents please speak to the Nursery Manager. The nursery aims to provide an example of best practice and has achieved the 'Kent Quality Mark' accreditation.

Please see our list of policies below:

- [Behaviour Management Policy](#)
- [Child Protection Policy](#)
- [Comments, Complaints and Compliments Policy](#)
- [Confidentiality & Information Sharing Policy](#)
- [Dummy Policy](#)
- [Emergency Closure Policy](#)
- [Equality & Diversity Policy](#)
- [e-Safety Policy](#)
- [Food and Drink Policy](#)
- [Hot Drink Policy](#)
- [Hygiene Policy](#)
- [Infant Feeding Policy](#)
- [Late or Non Collection of Children Policy](#)
- [Managing Allegations Against Staff and Volunteers Policy](#)
- [Medication Policy](#)
- [Missing Children Policy](#)
- [Outings Policy](#)
- [Parental Responsibility Policy](#)
- [Personal and Intimate Care Policy](#)
- [Play Policy](#)
- [SEND & Inclusion Policy](#)
- [Use of Mobile Phones, Cameras and Images Policy](#)
- [Whistleblowing Policy](#)



Copies of these policies are available for parents/carers in the nursery on request or they can be downloaded from our website.

Fees

We can help

If you want additional care beyond your 15 or 30 hours per week free entitlement, we can help you reduce the costs with advice on Tax Credits for Childcare, Childcare Vouchers and Tax Free Childcare – so please ask.

What's included?

All meals, snacks and drinks are included except baby formula.

The nursery is open 8:00am until 6pm unless otherwise stated.

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

Fees

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

<http://www.risingstars-nursery.org/>



Getting ready for Nursery

We offer three settling in sessions free of charge that your child needs to attend. This is good preparation to support their transition and ensure they are 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!



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 for that day. i.e. if hot, then 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.



Our Aims

At **Rising Stars Nursery** we are very ambitious for our children and aim for them to 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 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.



Healthy Eating

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

To ensure we meet the needs of 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, Cheerios, Rice Crispies, Cornflakes & Shreddies. Also bread and toast are available with any of the following toppings: butter, jam, marmite and lemon curd.

Drinks available are: milk or water.

Morning snack: Snack will vary throughout the week but examples of what we provide are as follows:

Fresh fruit, a variety of cheeses both hard and soft, bread sticks, rice cakes, dips (houmous, sweet chilli, mango chutney, guacamole), crackers, vegetable crudités, pitta bread, tortilla chips. At every snack time the children have a choice of either milk or water.

Lunch: Lunches we provide to the children are healthy and nutritious. The menu offer changes according to the seasons and we cater to accommodate all dietary needs.

Afternoon Snack: As listed above in morning snack

Tea: Again the tea menus are planned on a weekly basis and will offer the children a lighter alternative to lunch meals. For example sandwiches, scrambled egg, beans on toast and homemade soup.

Elizabeth Jarman

At **Rising Stars Nursery** we use the communication friendly spaces approach which 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 critical to understand how the physical space should connect with its intention, I think it’s essential to tune into the environment from the learners perspective”.



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, imaginative, physical and environmental activities inside and outside to develop enquiring minds and motor skills through self-expression and investigation. Growing children need to develop in a more challenging environment. Our aim is to meet those challenges and ensure they have the necessary skills, concepts and confidence to meet the next stage of their development. We also work closely with local schools to make your child’s transition into school as smooth as possible.

Our Nursery is open for up to 50 weeks each year.
(We are closed for Bank Holidays and between Christmas Eve and New Year)

We are registered with Ofsted to open 5 days per week between 8.00am and 6.00pm

We provide care and education for young children between the ages of 0 and 4 years.



Our Approach

Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

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

For each area, EYFS guidance sets out 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:

- personal, social and emotional development
- communication and language
- literacy
- mathematics
- understanding the world
- physical development
- expressive arts and design

If you would like to know more about the EYFS then do please 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 we undertake forest school sessions with the children and visit local areas such as nature trails, parks, etc. to develop and enhance children's learning.



Tapestry

Tapestry is an online learning journal that enables us to record your child's learning & development and highlights key achievements against the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS).

Tapestry is a secure online system that only you will be able to access to see your child's journal. This is made up of photos, videos and observations. Tapestry is interactive and you as parents can contribute your own pictures and comments to the journal as well.



Key Worker Approach

We operate a Key Person system, meaning 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. To enquire if you meet the criteria please speak to a member of staff.

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

1:1 Support: If your child has additional needs we can explore receiving 1:1 funding to ensure we can meet the needs of your child. They will be fully integrated into the nursery but have extra support where needed.

If you are in receipt of certain benefits, or have been in care or adopted from care, EYPP enable us to give additional support. For more information on any of the above schemes please speak to a member of staff.