



hopscotch
day nurseries



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If you would like your child to join us at Hopscotch, call us on **023 9255 9840** or email info@hopscotchnursery.com

We'll be very happy to make an appointment for you to come and see how we could offer your child the best possible care when they are not at home with you.

Our Nurseries:

Gosport Nursery: The Guard House, Mumby Road, Gosport PO12 1NY. Tel: 023 9252 1456.

Lee on the Solent Nursery: The Legion, High Street, Lee on the Solent PO13 9BS.
Tel: 023 9255 9846.

Titchfield Nursery: The Stables, Little Abshot Road, Titchfield PO14 4LN. Tel: 01489 557300.

Botley Nursery: The Vicarage, Church Lane, Curdrige, Southampton S032 2DR.
Tel: 01489 798605.

Hopscotch would like to thank all our parents, children and childcare team for taking part in the brochure photography all of which was taken at our nurseries.



The Hopscotch philosophy.

Thank you for considering Hopscotch for your childcare needs. I too am a working mother and, having been in your position, very much appreciate the dilemma of selecting childcare that meets the high expectations you have for your child which at the same time helps you juggle the complexities of busy family life.



Only a parent can determine the level of care they require for their child and when I was unable to find a nursery that would provide the standards of staff and care I wanted for my children, Hopscotch was born. In 2005 we opened our first nursery and the philosophy that underpinned our ethos then **“that only the best is good enough”** remains key to the way Hopscotch operates today.

We have an established, experienced management and childcare team who invest their time listening to the needs of our parents and children and who have one of the highest reputations in this area. Our goal is to provide a more flexible approach to meeting the needs of families working in today’s demanding

climate and we strive to the very highest levels in all that we do as our Ofsted reviews will support.

You are welcome to visit our various locations to see for yourself what Hopscotch has to offer you and your child. Each of our nurseries is unique but common to us all is our commitment to provide the highest possible standard of care meeting the needs of our clients - you and your child.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Freya Derrick", with a long, sweeping underline.

Freya Derrick
Founder and Managing Director

As part of the founding team I have seen Hopscotch grow into a nursery group I am proud to be Regional Manager of. My commitment to support our individual nursery teams so they can provide the very highest standard of care to each family that choose us for their childcare has not changed since the day we opened our first nursery in Gosport in 2005.

Lorna Wright - Operations Manager

“ Hopscotch is an excellent nursery due to offering a high level of care and support to parents and children. I have very high expectations and Hopscotch fulfils all of them. ”

Sue Chapman



“ It is a real joy to pick up my little girl every day and see her smiling all the time. Staff are professional and dedicated to the well being and development of all the children. ”

Mr Hensman



Your child, our team.

Every child at Hopscotch has a key person, someone who is with them from their very first settling in session and who is responsible for meeting their individual needs and ensuring they continue to learn and develop through play opportunities. This person will also be there for you, for any questions, daily communication and to support you and your child from their first day at Hopscotch to the transition to the next age group.

Our rigorous interview and recruitment processes ensure we recruit the best possible team to care for your child. References are checked, qualifications validated and if the candidates are successful an Enhanced Criminal Records Check is secured.

We invest in our team and reward their commitment to Hopscotch and your children. With an ongoing staff development programme and extensive training we can support their continuous improvement in all areas of their work. We motivate and lead the team with an exceptional working environment that allows them to provide the very highest

quality of care, learning, play and development opportunities for your child.

The handpicked team at each nursery will look after every aspect of your child's care in an environment which has been designed with the unique needs of that age group in mind.

Outdoor play and fresh air are an important part of life at Hopscotch. With this in mind, all nurseries have indoor and outdoor play areas and Hopscotch is committed to ensuring that play opportunities are given outside throughout the day and whatever the weather!

Our experienced, happy, friendly and committed team are what makes Hopscotch special.

Home from home.

Each of our nurseries provides home rooms for our Babies, Waddlers, Toddlers and Pre-school children. Each room is equipped with the highest quality resources and equipment, all easily accessible by the children to encourage spontaneous play. Each Hopscotch nursery is designed to meet the needs of children of all ages and stage of development and to maximise their care, learning and play opportunities.

Babies (3-15 months)

At such an early stage of their life babies are constantly observing and responding to their environment and the people caring for them. Your child will be allocated a key person who will be responsible for learning everything about them before they start with us, their likes, dislikes, comforters, family, what they enjoy most and this will give you the confidence to leave your child. Care and nurture are key and the babies are cared for in spacious, brightly coloured rooms meeting that 'home from home' feel. Tactile, sensory resources and play support their continual development and every baby follows their own routine reflecting family life in order to support their gentle transition from home to Hopscotch.

Waddlers (10-26 months)

So much to see, so much to do, so much to explore! Children at this age are quite literally 'into everything'! They are starting to move or have already mastered getting to where they want to be next, their language is developing every day so our team and the environment we provide supports and encourages their natural curiosity into the world around them. Activities are structured to encourage the children to learn using their imagination, creative and physical skills. Increasing independence means that they access the resources with confidence.

Toddlers (20-36 months)

Every day your child will be developing their independence and personality. 'Me do it' chairs and 'me do it' resources and equipment ensure that our experienced childcare team supports the development of their self-help, language and social skills. The focus in activities for this group is setting the foundations for life long learning through purposeful play and as your child becomes more aware of their friends around them we all play together and share in developing new skills every day. Independence is encouraged through feeding themselves and potty training and each child is helped and supported through this when they are ready.

Pre-school (33 months plus)

Children in this age group are developing confidence through their learning and are establishing social skills with their friends. The activities they experience daily supports their learning development and the more structured days prepares them for their early years' education when they join school. Child-led play activities help develop skills in early reading, maths, mark-making, information technology and imaginative play. The way the staff interact with the children encourages both group and independent play to ensure each child develops to their full potential. Our aim is to encourage children in this age group to be active learners for life as their own skills and knowledge of the world around them increases every day.

“ Hopscotch feels like an extension of our home, the staff are very caring and professional – Max is happy, we are happy! ”

Mrs Perry



“ Hopscotch has provided a fun, safe, stimulating setting for both our children to develop their skills and interact with other children. They both love attending Hopscotch and their confidence grows daily all thanks to the wonderful staff, many thanks. ”

Mr and Mrs Lear



Learning through play.

The opportunities available at Hopscotch give each child the chance to develop their experiences and learning skills at their own pace and to their full potential.

Each room offers interesting and varied experiences appropriate to the child's age and development incorporating indoor and outdoor opportunities. Children can work and play as individuals but also as a group with their friends; prompting and encouraging social interaction and developing self confidence.

Children learn best when they are having fun and enjoying their activities so learning through play is fundamental to everything Hopscotch and our childcare team does.

Early Years Foundation Stage

Hopscotch operates within the 'Early Years Foundation Stage', this is a framework which recognises the individual development and learning of each unique child. The emphasis is on learning through play opportunities, interaction with people and exploration of the world around them. The framework identifies the individual efforts and achievements of children and that learning and development takes place in all areas of a child's day.

Our building designs, room layouts, furniture, resources and outdoor play areas ensure that children of all age groups and abilities have constant access and free choice to the many areas that support their learning and development.

Activities are planned, evaluated and implemented to ensure a wide variety of experiences.

Children at Hopscotch lead their play, choose the play and tell us what they would like to do next. Staff sensitively build upon children's own interests, helping them to engage in activities and reach their full potential. Our professional childcare team know how to support play at all ages and stages of your child's development .

Learning Journey

During their time with us, each child's achievements are recorded in a 'Learning Journey'. This unique book is updated throughout each child's time with us, from joining us as a baby through to starting school. It is a very special keepsake that not only records your child's individual development, but is also a special place to keep artwork and mark magic moments, special memories and significant occasions in your child's time that we have been lucky enough to share with them at Hopscotch.

Your child's key person will monitor their individual progress and plan play opportunities to support their ongoing development and future goals.



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Healthy choices, healthy children.

At Hopscotch we are proud of our catering team and the home cooked, nutritious food they provide for all the children in our care.

We know that the food our children eat affects every aspect of their lives; their mood, behaviour, growth and their ability to concentrate. Hopscotch understands that good nutrition is vital to a child's health and development and so all our nurseries have a dedicated nursery cook who is fully trained and experienced in providing the high standard of food we expect. Fresh ingredients are used wherever possible and we make sure our menus are properly balanced by carefully planning the nutritional content using the guidelines laid down by the Caroline Walker Trust and the Food Standards Agency.

Mealtimes are a sociable part of each day where we encourage children to eat fresh vegetables and fruit, as well as to develop independence and learning by introducing new foods, textures and tastes. Our food looks good and tastes even better! New recipes and menu selections are always tried out at the nurseries before they are added to the regular menu choices and if children don't like a particular meal we will adapt or remove the meal and replace it with one they like better.

Babies at Hopscotch are fed with breast milk or formula which is provided by their parents -weaning your baby onto solids is only done at your request. Our cooks prepare and feed freshly pureed food and only introduce new foods once you have tried them at home. We keep you accurately informed as to how much your baby has eaten and constantly up to date with their progress with weaning whilst at Hopscotch.

The catering teams and nursery staff are experienced at catering for special diets, food allergies and intolerances. If your child has special requirements your child's key person will organise a meeting between you and the Nursery Cook before your child starts at Hopscotch to establish what dietary preferences we need to be aware of and the best way to provide for your child.

Menus and recipes are available at all of our nurseries so that parents can read and identify the ingredients used. The catering team are always happy to help you with your child's eating at home by providing recipes of your child's favourite meals.



The
Caroline Walker
Trust

Pre school children are encouraged to help prepare snacks to develop independent skills and have an understanding about the food they eat. Cooking activities are regularly on offer and staff members will support children with this in a safe environment.

“ Excellent staff look after the children, nutritious food is provided daily, excellent environment indoors and outdoors to provide a safe and interesting setting for my child. ”

Qian Liu



“ Oskar absolutely loves spending time at Hopscotch and considering English is his second language it shows how much of an amazing and great job the staff do. ”

Joanna Czyz



Parents as partners.

We have been in your shoes, we know how difficult it can be managing life, work and parenting! We want you to have confidence in us working in partnership together so you can leave your child at Hopscotch happy in the knowledge that your child is receiving the best possible care. We are here to listen to you and to meet the needs of you and your child.

We actively encourage you to reflect on Hopscotch and the services we provide ensuring they meet both you and your child's needs. We keep you regularly updated and informed through newsletters, parent boards and social events with our nursery news.

We recognise parents as the main carer for their child. Your child's key person will be your link between home life and life at Hopscotch. They are responsible for ensuring that as a team we meet the individual needs of your child and for supporting their learning and developing, they will lead the care for your child. Your child's key person will also be responsible for making sure that when you come to collect your child you will learn all about their day, they will share with you what they have enjoyed doing and what they

have achieved, it is a great time for us to let you know what activities your child has enjoyed throughout their time with us. We also encourage you to share with us experiences you have enjoyed with your child so we can share these activities at nursery wherever possible.

We hold a number of parents evenings each year and this gives you an opportunity to formally review your child's progress and development and for us to discuss their next move within the nursery giving you an opportunity to meet the team in the next room that your child will progress to.

Working in partnership together ensures we can provide the very best level of care that you expect for your child.

When you come to collect your child you will learn all about their day and what they have enjoyed doing.

Safe, secure and happy.

It is essential that you feel confident leaving your child in our care. Each child's safety is of paramount importance to us and an integral part of our commitment to providing the highest possible standard of care.

Entry to the Nursery is not permitted by any persons not known to the staff. Unrecognised visitors are always challenged and we have a stringent door entry policy at each nursery. CCTV is used internally and externally at all nurseries to ensure enhanced security measures are in place.

You will be asked to let us know who will be responsible for the picking up and dropping off of your child, and to keep us informed of any changes to these arrangements. If any other person is to pick up your child we must always be notified in advance.

Staff members are trained in first aid, and when required we will invest in specific care to support your child's unique needs. The team also attend in-house training to ensure they understand our strict allergy management procedures.

The indoor and outdoor play areas are safe and secure with CCTV, fences, door locks and gates in use, and toys and equipment are regularly checked for faults and breakages.

It is essential that you feel confident leaving your child in our care.

“ My daughter and I always enter and leave with a smile on our faces. The staff are so welcoming and friendly. Always on hand to offer advice if needed. They really took the time to get to know Isabella and myself which makes me happier about having to leave her. ”

Katie Anelli



First footsteps... together.

From the moment you choose Hopscotch we are with you every step of the way and your child will receive the very best possible care.

We will support both you and your child through the settling in process. This is often more unsettling for you than your child and our experienced team will make the process as easy as it can be for you both.

During settling in sessions we will allocate a key person who will be responsible for their day to day care and to ensure the transition from home to Hopscotch is as easy as possible. During the settling in sessions we will get to know you and most importantly the individual needs of

your child and their unique personality. You will be encouraged to leave your child with us during these times and although it might not feel it now these sessions are not as difficult as you imagine they could be! Your child will quickly learn that Hopscotch is a great place to be.

Our Management team will be on hand at all times and our open door policy means that any stage you can talk directly to the Room Leader or Nursery Manager about the care of your child.

“ We pride ourselves on our commitment to continuous improvement through development and investment in our people, nursery buildings, nursery toys, equipment and resources – and we promise to ensure that each child has access to the very highest quality of care across all ages and nursery locations, in a safe, secure, caring and stimulating environment. ”

You and your child will quickly learn that Hopscotch is a great place to be.

