

# Hirst Welfare Centre Nursery

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## Prospectus 2023/2024

## Introduction

At Hirst Welfare Centre Nursery we are an Early Years provider based in the Hirst Welfare centre in Ashington. We started off as a creche, however in 2013 we became an established OFSTED registered setting, where in 2015 Active Northumberland expanded and took over the setting.

At Hirst Welfare Centre Nursery we are committed to providing the highest quality child care, ensuring the promotion and enhancement of each child's personal development. Each child will be valued as an individual and will be cared for and stimulated in a safe child-focussed environment. We will care for your child, physically, emotionally, socially and intellectually providing a well balanced, holistic experience. At the Hirst Welfare Nursery our aim is to provide a fun, safe and educating environment for children from the ages of 6 weeks to 5 years old.

## Our Ethos

At Hirst Welfare Nursery we strive to deliver a high quality teaching and learning environment to encourage our children to grow and develop their imagination in our indoor and outdoor areas.

We provide a safe, stimulating and happy environment for our children to enjoy and flourish during the first steps of their education, and in doing so we respond to the individual needs of all of our children as 'We Are All Unique'!

We believe that an effective team is essential when working with children, therefore we work together to help nurture and build relationships with families and develop a positive friendly atmosphere where children will progress.

## Day Care Opening Hours

**Monday - Friday**      8am - 6pm

**Saturday:**              Closed

**Sunday:**                Closed

**Please Note** we are closed on Bank Holidays and during the Christmas break

## Fees

### **Full day provision**

Operates from 8:00 - 6:00 (10 hours childcare) which includes fruit snacks with milk, breakfast, lunch and tea.

The cost for a full day is **£50.00/ £53.00 for Under Twos**

### **Half day provision**

Operates from 8:00 - 1:00 or 1:00 - 6:00 (5 hours childcare) which can be taken as a morning or afternoon 5 hour session. Half a day provision includes snack with milk and lunch or tea.

The cost for a half day session is **£33.00/£35.00 for Under Twos**

**(prices effective from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022- reviewed annually)**

### **15 Hour Funding**

Your child's 15 hour entitlement can be taken over:

→ 5 morning sessions from 8:30 - 11:30 or 5 afternoon session 12:30 - 3:30

**Lunch is NOT provided for  $\frac{1}{2}$  day sessions**

→ 3 days (5 hours) 8:30-1:30 or 12:30-5:30 (lunch/tea is provided at an additional cost of £2.50)

### **30 Hour Funding**

At the Hirst Welfare Centre Nursery we provide 30 hour childcare for 3 and 4 year olds these sessions are:

→ 5 Days 9:00-3:00 (6 hours per day)

→ 3 Days 8:00-6:00 (10 hours per day)

**Lunch/tea is provided at an additional cost of £2.50**

(Hot meals are prepared for you child in the Hirst Welfare Centre main kitchen, at a cost of £2.50 this includes a cooked meal and a pudding, however you also have the option of bringing a packed lunch for you child instead)

We will ask you to complete a Registration form, detailing information about your child prior to their first session, especially if they have any particular needs and sign a contract agreement if you are a paying customer.

Your child's name, along with your signature and who is collecting is required on leaving and collecting your child. Should there be any outings your signature will be required as permission.

We ask you to supply a bag (**marked clearly with the child's name**) for nappies, change of clothing and anything else your child may need.

If you wish to cancel your child's Nursery place you will be expected to give 4 weeks written notice to the Nursery Manager and you will remain liable for fees throughout this notice period.

## Staffing

Our current staffing is as follows:

Name	Staff Role
Nicole Gibbons	Nursery Manager
Jessica Hoggins	Deputy Nursery Manager
Rebecca Hall	Nursery Practitioner
Kimberley Short	Nursery Practitioner
Hayley Milligan	Nursery Practitioner
Zakia Farrassi	Nursery Practitioner
Chloe Woodward	Nursery Apprentice
Hannah Scott	Nursery Practitioner
Melanie Harrigan	Nursery Practitioner

All the staff who work in our setting have a valid DBS checked prior to their employment and are Paediatric First Aid trained.

## Early Years Foundation Stage

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) set standards to ensure that we provide the appropriate care for your child to develop and enhance their learning.

We will ensure your child gains knowledge and develop skills across 7 main areas of development these:

### 3 Prime Areas

- Personal, Social and Emotional
- Communication and Language
- Physical Development

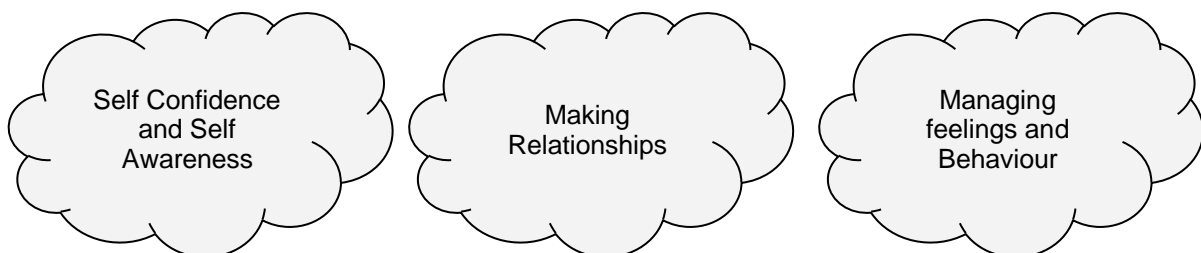
### 4 Specific Areas

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Expressive Arts and Design
- Understanding the world

The 7 areas mentioned are used throughout your child's learning, all staff members who are involved in your child's learning will ensure that all of their individual needs are met. The EYFS not only states but we also ensure that all of our children learn through play, exploration, and being active both in the indoors and outdoor areas.

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This area is broken down into 3 smaller areas:



At the Hirst Welfare Centre Nursery we will work together to ensure that:

- Our children gain confidence in themselves to take part in small group activities
- Are able to make effective relationships with other children, and adults.
- They are aware of themselves and the world around them, and they help follows rules to ensure we all stay safe.



## Communication and Language

This area is broken down into 3 areas, these are:

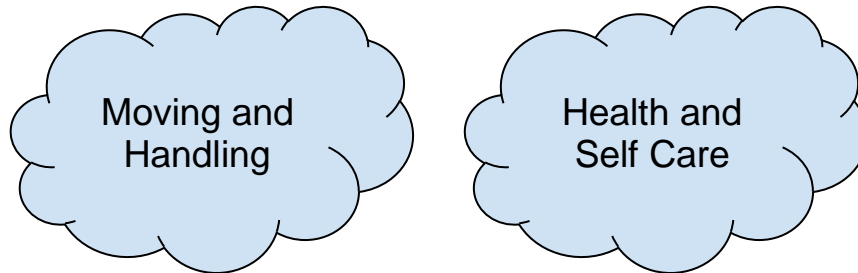
In our setting, the children are encouraged to:

- Develop their speaking skills and develop them language
- Use their imagination to create their own marks
- Listen to stories and use these to develop their understanding
- Develop and interest in letters and sounds
- Use these skills during carpet sessions and group activities



## Physical Development

Physical Development is broken down into 2 smaller areas, these are:



At the Hirst Welfare Centre Nursery we aim to develop our children's physical development by:

- Enhancing fine motor skills
- Exercising gross motor skills
- Learning and acquiring the ability to dress and undress themselves, as well as understanding basic hygiene skills.
- Improving balance and coordination.
- Understanding how their body grows and what they need to do look after themselves.

Fine Motor

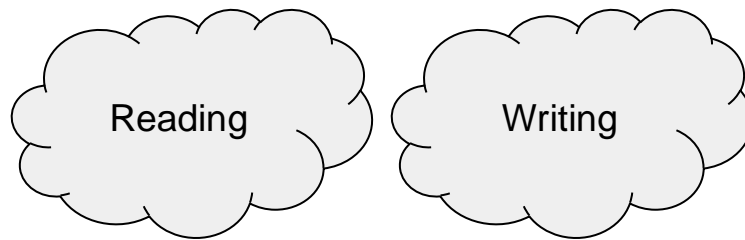
Health and Self Care

Gross Motor



## Literacy

Literacy is broken down into 2 smaller areas, these are:



In Nursery we aim to develop these areas by:

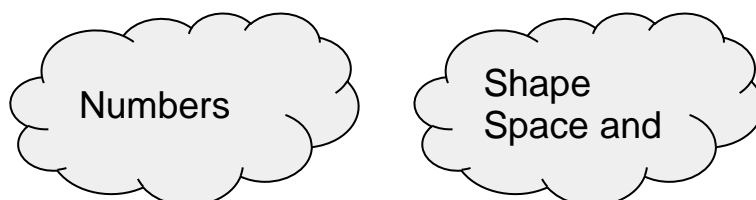
- Improving Fine Motor skills to further develop writing
- Learn new sounds and letters
- Recognise new words and use them in their language

When your child is developmentally ready, we will introduce a Jolly Phonics programme into your child's daily learning. This is when your child will have an introduction to letter formation, sounds and blend sounds together.



## Mathematics

Maths is split into 2 sections, these are:



We will help promote these areas by:

- Introducing basic numeracy skills with number, pattern, colour, shape and counting.
- Allowing children to investigating the way things work

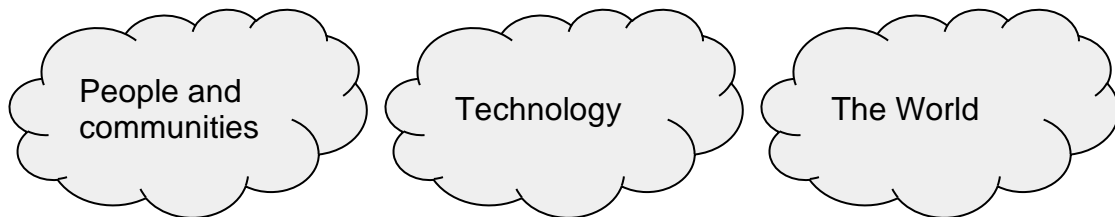




*They have lovely opportunities to discover the natural world in the investigation area and use shells to practise their individual counting. (Ofsted 2018).*

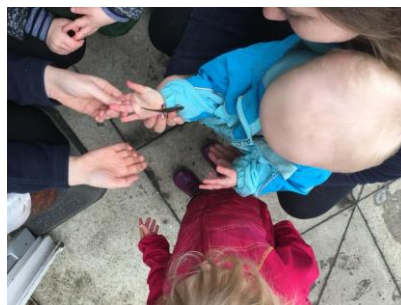
## Understanding the World

This area is split into 3 smaller specific areas:



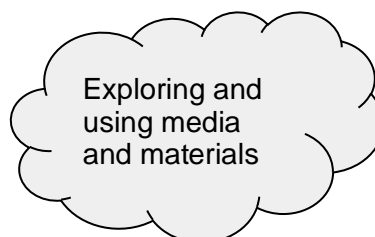
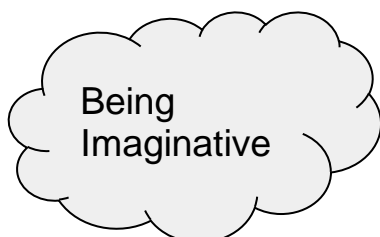
We aim to support this by:

- Giving children the opportunity to explore living things such as plants, minibeasts etc
- Develop early ICT skills to promote their understanding on how things work
- To help them understand about the world around them
- Developing their understanding about their own life and culture



## Expressive Arts and Design

This area is split into small sections, these are:



Together we will help your children develop these skills by:

- Encouraging role play and imaginative play
- Using and exploring a wide range of materials
- Expressing themselves through music and stories



## Under Twos Provision

We are able to take children from the age of 6 weeks old. Your baby is very special and important to us, as well as ensuring your baby's routine is maintained from home to nursery. Our Under Two's Room room has recently been developed to provide the children with a more stimulating and spacious environment. The staff ratio for this room is 1:3, where each child is given a key worker, we are very passionate about ensuring our children feel safe and happy while with us which will provide them with their best starting points.



## Key Worker

We have a key worker system in place to ensure your child achieves the very best they can while in nursery, this staff member will be assigned to your child during their first few weeks, they will be responsible for:

- Learning journey observations
- Help your child settle into the setting
- Have an input into your child's assessment and help produce realistic and effective next steps for your child
- Help take part in adult led activities
- Help towards toilet training/nappy changing

(although these responsibilities are aimed towards your child's key worker, all staff still hold a joint responsibility for your child.)

## British Values

As a setting we also work towards effective British Values, this ensures that we:

- Demonstrate mutual respect and tolerance-We will work together and ensure our children learn how to treat others with respect



- Understand the Rule of Law- we will work together to ensure the children understand that rules matter and that their own and others behaviour has consequences but to learn right from wrong.
- Allow individual Liberty- we will help promote children to develop a positive sense of themselves and help excel their confidence.
- Make decisions together- it is very important for the children to make their own decisions, however they also need value each other's views and values and talk about their feelings.

## Outdoor Provision

Here at the Hirst Welfare Centre Nursery we believe that outdoor experiences are very important for our children. We have our own outdoor facility where children can expand their gross motor skills through digging, climbing, using bikes, running and jumping. All areas of the EYFS are planned for both indoors and outdoors to ensure that our children experience the very best they can while in nursery. We are also lucky enough to have access to the centre's football pitches, which provides the children with more space to develop skills such as throwing and catching. There is also a wooded area around the centre where we can take part in investigative walks and mini beast hunts.



## Learning Journey

When your child starts our nursery, a learning journey will be set up for them and you as a parent/carer on a system called Tapestry. This will be a collection of your child's artwork, WOW moments and observations, where together we can celebrate your child's achievements and what their next steps should be to achieve their very best. Photographs will be taken of your child and collected together showing work and activities they have taken part in.

## Assessments

At the Hirst Welfare Centre Nursery we complete a baseline assessment the term your child starts with us. This is used to help us ensure your child learns and develops within the EYFS appropriately to their stage of development. We continue to assess your child during their time with us by carrying out observations, and taking photographs which we use to help them with their next steps. We believe that parents know their children the best, therefore we continually ask for your support and input into your child's development by sharing information with staff members as to how they're progressing at home.

*Children make good progress in their learning and development from their various starting points. (Ofsted 2018).*

## Snack & Meal Times

Snack and mealtimes are a fun and educational experience for all of our children, where we encourage them to set the table, share and serve food and develop their fine motor skills by using cutlery. All the children spend snack and meal times together in the main classroom. During morning and afternoon sessions, our children are provided with a healthy snack, this ranges from banana, orange, apple, pears, etc. and they enjoy this with a selection of different drinks. If our children request something specific for a snack we will try our best to accommodate this. Fresh, nutritious meals are prepared for the children in the main centres kitchen, which we believe encourages healthy eating habits and influences a child's long term relationship with food, please speak to a member of staff to request our menu. We also implement regular cooking

activities with the children to help introduce new flavours, encourage listening skills and turn taking.



## Visits and Trips

We believe it is very important for children to take part in experiences outside of their usual routine at Nursery, therefore we try to organise trips and visits where possible which have relevance to the topic we are learning at the time.

## Ofsted

Our Nursery was inspected by Ofsted on 19th March 2018 - we received a grade of 'GOOD'. There is a copy of the official report in our reception area and this can also be viewed by visiting <http://www.ofsted.gov.uk> then go to Inspection Reports.

Our aim is to provide a high standard of care for our children and families and it is therefore important your voices are heard. We welcome any feedback or suggestions that may help us improve our practice further and ensure that you get a quality, inclusive service you can trust and rely on. We consistently monitor and review all aspects of the service we provide as well as the learning and developmental progression of all of our children.

## Safeguarding

As an Early Years Setting we take safeguarding very seriously to ensure all of our children are cared for and we work together to promote the welfare and

safety of our children. We ensure this as professionals, working under legal frameworks such as the Children Act 1989 and 2004, and the Childcare Act 2006, therefore we have a legal obligation to report any situations which we believe are putting a child at risk, to the appropriate local authority.

### What to bring to Nursery

During your child' session we will require you to provide a number of items, some of which may make your child's experience more comfortable when they first start with us, these items are:

- Nappies
- Wipes
- Nappy Cream
- Change of clothes/underwear/socks
- Wellingtons
- Wetsuit
- Comforter (dummy/blanket etc)
- Bottle/Powdered milk (under twos)
- Necessary Medication

**Please ensure all of your child's belongings are named.**

### Government Funding for 2,3 and 4 Year Olds

If your family meets certain income and benefits criteria then your 2-year-old child/children may be entitled to 15 hours of free childcare per week. If you think your family may qualify for the free childcare entitlement then you can contact the Northumberland Free Childcare Line on 01670 623 592 who will confirm your eligibility. You can also check your eligibility by accessing [www.myearlylearning.co.uk](http://www.myearlylearning.co.uk).

If you also think you may be eligible for 30 Hours free childcare you can check and apply for this at [www.childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/](http://www.childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/).

To arrange a visit or if you require any further information about our setting please get in contact with Nicole Gibbons (Nursery Manager) on 01670 629396 or direct email at [ngibbons@activenorthumberland.org.uk](mailto:ngibbons@activenorthumberland.org.uk). We are also on Facebook and Instagram, like our page @hirstwelfare-nursery,