

Woodlands Day Nursery

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Caring and fun for your children



Our Vision...

is to provide the highest quality experiences for children, for carers and for parents.

- We believe in treating all people, little and large with care and respect
- We believe that happy children should be able to explore their world freely, whilst remaining at all times healthy and safe
- We believe that each individual child should be able to enjoy and achieve their potential in life through play and laughter
- We believe that parents are the most important people in their child's life and we value and welcome their knowledge and involvement
- We believe in open and honest relationships and strive to be positive and flexible in all that we do

Kelly Bartle

Kelly holds a Foundation Degree in Early Years and has many years experience of pre-school childcare and education.



Josy Thompson



Woodlands Day Nursery is run by Josy and Ian Thompson (Funcare) with Dee Sturges as the Early Years Director, and Kelly Bartle as Manager.

Josy and Ian are local parents who also run Little Dragons Day Nursery and PlayAway Day Nursery, and before and after school Funclubs at Oatlands Infants, St Peters, Rossett Acre and Pannal Schools.

Dee Sturges is a qualified teacher and an Early Years Professional with many years experience in childcare and Education.



Ian Thompson



Dee Sturges

Quality Childcare

Excellent childcare is always about the people who are caring for your children, and this is where quality is most important.

We achieve this by investing in our people. As good relationships form the solid basis of our nursery we are very proud of our low staff turnover and fantastic team work!! Our staff are supported through regular training and supervisions to ensure our high standards are maintained. We always aim to improve and love to challenge ourselves to be the best we can and have been awarded the 'Gold' award for quality by North Yorkshire County Council.

We are consistently rated as high quality by OFSTED with some elements of outstanding practice.

Your Key Person

The key person system is the foundation of everything that we do at Woodlands. It is our aim to form close relationships not only with your child but with you as a family. Your key person is there to ensure that your child is as comfortable and secure as possible whilst away from their family.



Whilst your child is with us at Woodlands their key person carries out observations and uses these to plan ways to move your child's learning forwards. During this time a Learning Journey is kept as a record of their learning which you take home to keep at the end of your time with us.



"A well embedded key person system ensures that most children have formed secure emotional attachments to key staff who know and care for them well." **OFSTED**

Our Lovely People



We are very proud to have a highly qualified and experienced team of child carers, and a very low staff turnover. Over 85% of our team hold childcare qualifications and the rest are working towards them!

Our aim is to have every member of our staff team:

- Childcare qualified or in training
- First Aid qualified
- Trained in basic food hygiene
- Trained in child protection

“The nursery has a warm and welcoming atmosphere with enthusiastic, approachable staff, who work well together as a

team promoting children’s welfare and learning”
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We are proud to be part of the Tiny Talk accredited programme. Our staff are fully trained to sign with all children as part of our daily routine. This helps children communicate with us long before they have the verbal skills to do so.



the UK's favourite baby signing classes

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Baby Rooms

Our warm and friendly ground floor baby room offers our tiniest people a cosy, happy and stimulating environment.

During the time your baby is with us we offer high quality experiences by providing:-

- Wonderful opportunities to explore and investigate their world through sensory and heuristic play which allow babies to explore touch and texture with their WHOLE bodies, as well as through a whole load of messy play too
- Lots of time to socialise and interact with other children and adults
- Warm and caring key people who are responsible for meeting all of your child’s personal care needs as well as building a secure attachment with your child
- An environment where we follow your baby’s individual home routine to



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ensure your baby feels comfortable and secure

- Interesting and varied activities and toys to keep your baby stimulated
- A separate sleep room that provides a peaceful sleeping place for babies who need a quiet place to nap during the day
- A daily diary with information about their day at nursery
- All formula milk, food, nappies, nappy cream and suncream too, to make things easier for you.

“The babies begin to explore the world around them through a wide range of experiences including music, sensory activities and arts and crafts. They develop their self confidence and early communication skills well through quality interactions with staff” **OFSTED**

Tweenie Rooms

Action, exploring and building relationships (2 - 3 years)



Our exciting tweenie rooms on the first floor offer many different experiences for your toddler

- We understand that 2 year olds need to be able to move, climb, discover and explore with their bodies and our open ended resources support this learning as they figure out the world around them.
- We provide a safe and friendly base from where children can engage in new experiences. They learn to be increasingly independent and gain confidence through socialising and interacting with others
- As each room offers different experiences our little people have the opportunity to select their own play – they enjoy the chance to be in charge of what they want to do during the day
- Our experienced tweenie staff work closely with you as they encourage children to become more independent in dressing themselves, toilet training and making their own choices.

- Loving and caring key people ensure that your child's learning and development is encouraged through a wide variety of activities such as baking, role play, lots of messy play, music and movement and quieter story times.
- As toddlers are very busy people some may need a nap after lunch. We provide sleep mats and a quiet supervised area for them to snuggle down and rest
- Some 2 year olds may be eligible for 15 hours free each week.(term time only) Please ask for more details.

“Practitioners take great care identifying children’s individual needs and interests to ensure they receive personalised care, and learning and development opportunities tailored to their needs”. OFSTED



Pre-School Rooms

Early Learning through play and fun (3 - 4 years)



Our Annexe is a busy hive of activity for our older children with a lovely wooded outdoor area.

As pre-school is all about getting your children ‘ready for school’ our exciting room offers wonderful opportunities for the children to manage themselves and make their own choices throughout the day. We give our children the best by

- Providing varied and fun activities offered in organised areas allowing children to choose messy play, mark making, role play, construction, maths or small world play during their day.
- Introducing our pre-school children to early numeracy and literacy skills. Letters and sounds and number concept activities are included throughout the day.
- Ensuring that exciting and challenging activities cover all areas of learning and development including music and singing, dancing, story time, sand and water play and imaginary play

- Having access to a computer allowing them the opportunity to develop early IT skills
- Allowing children to have free-flow access to the wonderful outdoor area, so that children can choose indoor or outdoor play
- Providing a quiet area with folding doors for a little ‘down time’ or a nap if needed during the day

We follow the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum and learning is strongly based through play. As a registered pre-school we are able to claim up to 15 hours per week funding from the government for your child. These free hours are term time only and are available for children in the term AFTER they turn 3.

“Many practitioners, especially those working with pre-school children, are highly skilled at following children’s interests and supporting and challenging them to think, investigate and experiment.” OFSTED



Fabulous Outdoors

At Woodlands we believe that our children should play freely outside whenever possible allowing them to be more physically active and in touch with nature.

Being outdoors allows the children to explore our fabulous gardens as often as they can even if it is raining! We have all weather suits and wellies and the children like nothing better than to splash around and enjoy themselves outside.

- Our babies and tweenies use the lovely shady and green play area at the front of the house. The garden offers plenty of space for varied play in a safe and secure environment away from the older children. Our lovely, shady willow dome provides a naturally peaceful hidey area for the children. We love having summer picnics there and when outdoors it also provides a cool, relaxing place for little ones to have a nap when they are tired from their busy play.
- The pre-school children use their varied and exciting outdoor area throughout the day for activities and adventure. Our large natural wood chipped area is well equipped for self-discovery, investigation, exploration and construction. Our fun 'buddy bench' around our tree offers a cool place to relax and spend some quiet time with friends and key people building important relationships.



The children also have opportunities to learn about the world around them by growing their own herbs, flowers, fruit and vegetables in our little green garden nearby.

- As well as using their own play areas our staff teams also ensure that our little ones get as much fresh air as possible by taking them out on short walks around the local area as often as possible. These outings include trips to the lovely local Stray, the park and even the supermarket!

“Practitioners are particularly committed to providing ample, good quality outdoor learning experiences for children of all ages in all weathers that motivate and interest them” OFSTED



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Meals

Sample Menu:

Pork, apple and butterbean casserole with potato wedges
Fruity rice pudding
Tuna wraps and salad
Fresh fruit

All meals are freshly cooked on the premises by our nursery cook.

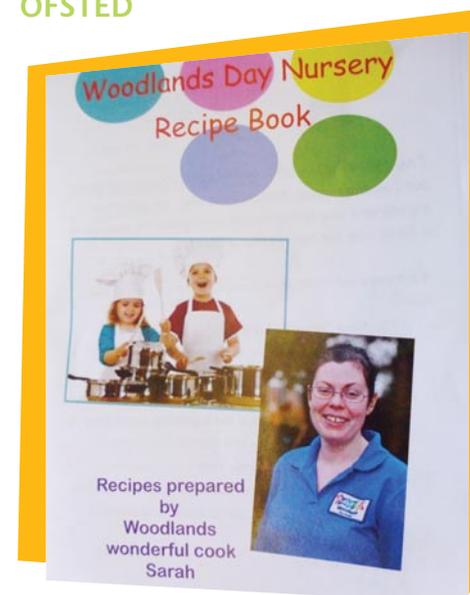
We pride ourselves on ensuring that all snacks and meals are well balanced and nutritious. We serve breakfast from 7.30 am – 9am.

- All our meals are freshly cooked on the premises by our nursery cook. We try to provide the children with as many of their 5 a day as possible and our menu is varied and exciting. We pride ourselves on ensuring that all our snacks and meals are well balanced and nutritious and ensure that good eating habits are set from an early age.
- We provide a hot two course main meal for lunch and a light tea. Please note that children will still require supper when they get home. A healthy snack is on offer during the morning
- We provide babies with the equivalent fruit and vegetable puree when weaning.
- We cater for vegetarians and all dietary requirements and allergies, but regretfully not for vegans
- Our menu changes on a five weekly rotation, it is updated regularly and copies can be seen on the notice board in each room. Menus are planned with a strong emphasis on healthy eating.

- From time to time children are included in preparing their own tea and really enjoy the opportunity to be involved. We find they eat better too because they have made it!
- We provide the children with milk and water to drink throughout the day. The toddlers and pre-school have free access to their own water bottles and babies are given regular drinks of water throughout the day by their key people.

“Children grow their own produce, such as rhubarb, carrots and a herb garden, which significantly promotes their understanding of how to be healthy. Mealtimes are relaxed social occasions where children and staff sit together and enjoy each other’s company.”

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Equal Opportunities for all children

- We believe that every child has the right to reach their full potential.
- We have a Special Educational needs and Disabilities co-ordinator who has knowledge and experience in care and assessment.
- We ensure all children are treated as equals and encouraged to take part in every aspect of our nursery day.
- Our practitioners support the holistic integration of all children and acknowledge the diversity of special educational needs, additional languages, religious practices, customs and festivals.
- We pride ourselves in our close working relationships with other professionals in sharing their knowledge and expertise to provide a supportive and continuous environment.



We would always hope that any concerns a parent/carer may have would be raised and dealt with by negotiation and discussion between the parent/carer and the appropriate staff at the time of occurrence. However, should the issue remain unresolved then the Nursery Manager should be contacted either verbally or in writing. The Manager will investigate the complaint and try to resolve the issue speedily and appropriately contacting and informing those involved.

Tel: 0300 123 1231

Or at: National Business Unit, OFSTED
Royal Exchange Buildings, St Ann's
Square,
Manchester M2 7LA.

Safeguarding Children

Please note that if we have any concerns about your child's wellbeing, development or safety we will speak to you immediately. We are required to keep records of these concerns and when we feel it necessary, the advice of other professionals will be sought (in accordance with our policy). All matters will always be dealt with in consultation with parents/carers to ensure we seek the best support for you, and all matters will be dealt with strictest confidence

Complaints Procedure

If you have any cause for concern you should in the first instance take it up with your child's key person or the Nursery Manager.

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Admissions

Our nursery is open Monday to Friday 7.30 am to 6 pm all year except bank holidays.

What we ask of you:

- **To trust and respect us as professional child carers**
- **To share your knowledge and expertise about your child to help us gather a holistic view of your child's development**
- **To keep us informed of any changes to your contact details or your circumstances which may affect your child**
- **To keep your child at home if they are poorly or infectious**
- **To pay your fees on the first of each month on time and in full, in order to minimise any admin or cash flow difficulties**

We would love the opportunity to meet you and show you in person how proud we are of what we do, so please do make an appointment to come to visit our nursery and meet our lovely team!

We would be delighted if you decide to entrust us with your child. In order to reserve a place, please return an enrolment form to us together with your £40 registration fee and a deposit of £150 which will be refunded when your child leaves the nursery providing that all terms and conditions are met.

Please ensure the form has a requested start date and if your baby is not yet born, an expected date of delivery.

Enrolment forms can be downloaded from our website www.funcare.co.uk or please phone us and we will happily send one out by post.

“Parents report they feel welcome, valued and included. They are satisfied with the nursery, state their children enjoy attending and find it a friendly and homely place.”

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