

OPERATIONAL STATEMENT

CRECHE, AND DAY NURSERY AT 4 NORTHMOOR ROAD, MANCHESTER M12 4HP

Creche information:

The creche will be available during our opening hours, from 08:00 – 18:00hrs, in line with staff ratios. The aim of the day nursery is to offer a service to parents who must work and have no one to take good care of their children while providing a safe secure environment for learning and development.

The service is mainly aimed at parents and families within the area who have difficulties finding short term childcare, whilst they carry out their day-to-day activities. Based on our market research, we have highlighted a demand from residents for this service in the Belle Vue and greater Longsight areas. Therefore, the majority of our customers will come from Belle Vue and families in the area.

There will be a registration and booking system to ensure we can monitor capacity to ensure the safety and to ensure our ratios are adhered too. The booking system will allow for monitoring and control capacity and drop offs which will prevent too many drops offs at one time.

The operation hours of the day nursery will be between the hours of 08:00 – 18:00, Monday to Friday.

Proposed building space and capacity:

- Ground floor – 135m²
- First floor – 93m²
- Cellar – 44m²

Total floor area is 272m²

Ofsted regulations require specific indoor floor space per child in day nurseries based on age:

Specific Floor Space Requirements (m² per child)

- Children under 2 years: 3.5m² per child.
- Children aged 2 years: 2.5m² per child.
- Children aged 3 to 5 years: 2.3m² per child.

As a guideline, in order to manage day nursery bookings; we will aim for no more than 42 child bookings at any one time. We have designed the nursery space including play areas, sleeping areas, and WCs in line with the legal requirement:

- 6 children under the age of two (who would require 17.5m²)
- 20 children aged two (who would require 50m²)
- 16 children aged three and above (who would require 46m²)

Ofsted requires specific minimum staff-to-child ratios in day nurseries, varying by age: 1:3 for under twos, 1:5 for two-year-olds, and 1:8 for three-year-olds and above.

- 2 staff for the children under the age of two.
- 4 staff for children aged two.
- 2 staff for children aged three and above.

This in total would require eight (8) members of staff, to ensure we are also in line with legal requirements regarding ratios and supervision. The above floorspace measurements are in line with Ofsted regulations.

Eight (8) qualified staff will be hired. The staff will have previous experience working with children and have passed Enhanced DBS background checks.

There is on-street parking available directly outside and on the two adjacent sides of Northmoor Rd. There is no dedicated parking as parents drop off their children and leave. We also expect parents to drop off their children and pick them up at varying times, hence, there is no fear of congestion.

We have also provided bike storage area at the back for 8 adult bikes.