







Prospectus

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# Introduction from Liz Nunn



When I started Dizzy's in 2002 I had very strong views on what I wanted the nursery to stand for and the experience on offer to both parents and children. After 14 years I am pleased to say that my vision for Dizzy's has never wavered. It has always been about providing the highest standard of childcare that we possibly can. About the nurturing and development of a team of childcare professionals who "get" the vision and who understand that our learning journey, just like the precious little ones in our care, is never ending.

From Monday to Friday, from 7.00am until 6.30pm for 51 weeks of the year parents entrust their children to our care. They are trusting us not only to provide an environment that is safe and secure but also to help their children to develop a love for learning, for discovery and for life itself. And of course to cultivate within the children the confidence to develop in their own unique way and achieve their full potential. We are proud to accept this responsibility and take it very seriously.

Since 2002 we have grown and evolved steadily; building solid foundations based on our values. Our primary motivation has never been financial gain and never will be - for me the positive impact that we have on the lives of the families in our local community is profit enough. If you are looking for a nursery where your child can grow and flourish; where you will both be treated with kindness and respect then Dizzy's Day Nursery is the place.









## Welcome to our world.....

#### The Induction Process

When you join the Dizzy's family we want to ensure you feel both safe and secure from the outset. The induction process sets the foundations for our ongoing relationship, the stronger our partnership with you the happier your child and the more enhanced their learning experience.

Upon selecting Dizzy's as your childcare provider you will be offered an optional home visit from one of our senior team. The visit allows us to meet your family in familiar and relaxed surroundings.

During your first free hour long session you stay at the nursery with your child. It gives you both the opportunity to get to know their key person and experience the routine of the nursery.

A further free settling in session then takes place. Your child stays at the nursery on their own whilst you have a friendly, informal 1:1 induction session with one of the senior management team where we will discuss the key areas of nursery life.

In our experience two settling in sessions are usually enough to ensure that parent and child are happy and secure. If for whatever reason this is not the case we will work with you until you are both content and confident.





# The Learning Journey

The Learning Journey is the main record of your child's daily life and achievements at Dizzy's. All children in our care have a Learning Journey which is completed by their key person, it is a central point for discussion and partnership with parents.

Our online Tapestry learning journeys offer improved accessibility for parents and family members. They link home and nursery seamlessly and when the time comes they are easily shared with primary schools.





## The Sunshine Room

Full of warmth, smiles, love and cuddles the Sunshine Room is designed for our youngest children, from 3 months up to 2 years. It is self-contained with a dedicated sleep room with named cots, nappy changing area, large open space for playing and eating and its own secure, enclosed garden.

With a staff ratio of 1:3 and a key person programme you can rest assured that your child will receive the highest level of care and attention. A daily diary sheet keeps you fully up to date with your child's time at nursery – from sleep times to nappy changes, mealtimes and playtimes – we will share everything that your child has done.

We create a happy and stimulating environment with music and story times; messy play, painting, sticking, outside play and heuristic play. Children have "free flow access" to the garden with its water feature, astro turf and sandpit.

### The Rainbow Room

There's definitely a pot of gold at the end of this rainbow! Colourful and bright the Rainbow Room is home to our 2-3 year olds.

A typical day involves a mix of play and structured activities to address the seven main areas of learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework – Personal, Social and Emotional Development; Communication and Language; Physical Development; Literacy; Mathematics; Understanding the World; Expressive Arts and Design. Independence and social skills are encouraged and children are fully supported as they start to understand the social world around them.

The Learning Journey for each child is used to record the detail of their day and as a tool for the assigned key person to review the child's progress and learning. The staff ratio is 1:4.



Typical activities include exploring natural materials, gardening, cooking, painting, sticking, cutting and modelling; building and construction; imaginative play, threading; music and movement and storytelling.

Mealtimes are a real social occasion with children and carers sitting down together to share and enjoy their food.

# The Explorers Room

The journey of discovery steps up a gear as our 3-5 year olds move into the bright and spacious Explorers Room. With more structured activities designed to help develop the vital concentration and listening skills required for school and lifelong learning. Our highly experienced Early Years Teachers and Professionals continue to work to the Early Years Foundation Framework, planning a varied and detailed curriculum. Typical activities include recognising and identifying letters, numbers, colours and shapes and support in writing their own names.

Our aim in the Explorers Room is to inspire and motivate; to prepare your child for school and for life. From role play and dressing up to building awesome models in the construction area; from the arts and crafts corner to sensory play, dough gym and the wonderful Explorers garden, with its own trees and climbing equipment, the children have access to a wide range of resources.

Meals are taken together with carers and children sitting at the tables, sharing conversation.







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### The Tree House

The Tree House out of school club for children aged from 5-11 years is a friendly, welcoming place with a positive atmosphere.

Children can enjoy a tasty, healthy breakfast in a relaxed atmosphere before they head off to school with one of the team.

The After School sessions offer a delicious tea followed by a wide range of activities which are totally dictated by the child. Some children are looking to relax after the school day and simply want to have some quiet time to rest or study or perhaps they need a reassuring hug or a chat whilst others are eagerly awaiting the next activity.

The large, airy rooms and outdoor play area of the Tree House ensure there is sufficient space to accommodate all needs in a safe and secure environment. The large Sports Hall is the ideal environment for running off excess energy come rain or shine.

Full days of care during school holidays, teacher training days, strike days or emergency school closures are available.

The staff team in the Tree House are Early Years and Playwork trained. Children are encouraged to make their own choices, plan their own activities and menu, and share their views about how their sessions are run. the staff:child ratio is 1:8.





# Why choose Dizzy's



- ✓ Ofsted outstanding 2011/2012 and 2014/2015
- ✓ Founded 2002, longest established nursery in Haverhill and the surrounding villages, = track record of looking after over 900 children speaks for itself
- √ Above average staff retention rates for nursery sector = continuity of care
- ✓ High staff ratios = more focused attention for your child
- Senior staff members and nursery nurses all suitably qualified in Early Years Education and childcare. Extensive in-house training and a highly qualified nursery teacher = committed and dedicated childcare professionals.
- ✓ Tried and tested induction process = guarantees transition to nursery life is as stress free as possible for you and your child.
- ✓ Our energy and commitment is channelled into just one setting = one nursery, one focus your child
- ✓ Fresh, wholesome and healthy meals cooked from scratch in 5 star food hygiene rated kitchen = providing best nutrition for development of young bodies and minds
- ✓ Fully trained cook = able to cater for any special dietary requirements
- ✓ Extensive range of outdoor experiences and opportunities, including our new allotment garden = allowing your child to engage with the elements and connect with the world
- ✓ Fair and transparent fees structure = you know exactly how much you are paying
- ✓ Over 1000 reviews on an independent website, received since December 2012 = happy parents and family members
- ✓ Winners of the Most Loved Nursery in the UK in 2014 and 2015, as voted for by local people.

### **Testimonials**



#### Here's what our parents have to say about Dizzy's:

"Dizzy's made me and my daughter feel very relaxed from the induction day. All the staff in her room, not just her care worker, make sure they know how each child is and you can tell they just really care and love working with children. The company is refreshingly transparent, they welcome you in with no pre-warning needed. They all just do their jobs very well." *Sally W* 

"On my first visit the nursery looked so warm and inviting. Staff checked who I was for security reasons which reassured me the children are safe." *Kirsty J* 

"Our daughter enters the Rainbow Room happy and confident, and returns to us at the end of the day even more so, full of stories of her fun-packed day!" Sarah B

"Dizzy's Day Nursery is a very special place. The moment you enter you can feel the warmth and welcoming environment. Everybody is always smiling and very cheerful. This is a great place for the little ones, where they can grow, develop, learn and also have an enjoyable time." Adriana R

"Under the humble, caring and dynamic leadership of the owner, Liz Nunn, my wife and I were sponsored in preparation for adopting our amazing daughter. She now attends the nursery 4 days per week where all her emotional, psychological and educational development needs are being met in full, leaving us as parents in the safe knowledge that her journey as a settled member of our family is being provided for 24/7 even though we have to both go to work." *Robert G* 

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