

Our Mini Movers Unit (0-2 years)

Our warm and welcoming Mini Movers unit accommodates 9 babies between the ages of 0 and 2 years, although this is dependent on individual children's needs. There are 4 full time members of staff based in the unit and the staff to child ratio is 1:3.

The unit has everything in one place so the babies needs can be met safely. Meals are prepared freshly onsite and served by our cook. We strive to provide a healthy balanced menu and follow the Food for Life guidance. All meat and vegetables are sourced from local suppliers.



The team warmly welcomes all babies and their families to ensure that solid relationships are formed, to enable the babies to develop to their full potential. This process is supported by the child's Key Person who plans, evaluates and tracks development. Key Person meetings are available as and when required so parents/carers are constantly included in their child's learning.

A variety of activities to promote and support the prime areas of learning are provided throughout the day.

The babies have the luxury of having the choice of three outdoor spaces. To the left of the unit there is an enclosed artificial grass area that promotes outdoor, sensory and gross motor skills. To the right of the unit is an enclosed hard surface area, where the older babies enjoy playing with the ride on toys and trikes. And finally there is the forest school area, which the older babies once steadily walking love to investigate, dig and hide in the tepee.



Our Early Years Unit

This lively unit can have up to 40 children and is staffed with 8 practitioners. Ratios are worked out based on individual child ages. Adult to child ratio for a 2 year old is 1:4 and for 3 years and above is 1:8. This unit initially promotes and develops independence in various areas such as Speech and Language, toileting, self help skills, decision making, risk taking and boundaries.

We fully support and promote Child Led Learning. We feel by following individual children's interests and listening to the voice of the child we can incorporate the areas of learning in an exciting and fresh way, to develop and extend skills in a way that is specific to the individual child.



Children's development is planned for, tracked and monitored by an allocated Key Person. Regular meetings with Parents/Carers are offered to share updates and include families. This supports both the child and Parents/Carers for their transition to school, by preparing them with similar processes and expectations.

Areas of provision are equipped to entice the children to explore them.

Regular daily groups are carried out to promote and develop children's learning experiences;

Speech and Language

Outdoor Play

Forest School

Sensory

We also have outside DBS checked companies, coming in on a regular basis to teach and deliver specialised skills to the children and there is no additional cost for this. We have;

Karate

Gardening

Growbig (Sensory)

We actively promote outdoor play and have superb outdoor spaces. Children have open access to the main garden. Please see the link page for further details.



Additional FREE Activities provided at Nursery

Bushido Ryu (Halifax's own unique style of Karate)



Matthew Handley is a 3rd dan, black belt Karate instructor, who has represented England. Matt as the children call him, is DBS checked and delivers three group sessions every Friday morning for 2 years + children.

Initially this project was started to support boys primarily with their handwriting funnily enough. As we thought this would support gross motor skills with all the stretching and big movements, which would then naturally underpin the fine motor skills required for writing. We have found that this project supports many other areas of learning such as Personal, Social and Emotional and there is really focus on behaviour and self discipline and also Physical as it promotes balance and coordination.

Growing Together (Community Garden Project)

Every Monday a group of the 2 year+ children either attend the Community Garden at Three Ways, Nursery Lane. to take part in the up keep of the garden with staff and Deborah Ash the Growing Together Community Gardening Facilitator Centre