Dunkys at Hapsford Hall

Dunkys Day Nursery is in the quaint village of Hapsford, ideally located and only a short distance away from the Chester Services/Helsby junction of the M56 motorway.

Hapsford Hall is a Georgian Country Hall beautifully presented and spacious throughout, with several outdoor areas and a very large paddock adjacent to the Nursery which we use daily as our Forest School for our children to be able to explore all the elements and use nature as a tool for learning.

The nursery is registered for 90 children, each room having access to their own individual outdoor space. The nursery has 6 spacious rooms for the babies, toddlers, and Pre-school children to explore all have CCTV cameras within the rooms and outdoor areas. The Nursery cares for children from 0-5 years and we also have Holiday Club for children aged 5-13 years with the flexibility of term time only and shift rota contracts available. (Subject to t&c’s)

The nursery has spacious baby rooms situated on the ground floor, toddlers and preschool rooms are on the middle floor followed by a further preschool room and holiday club room on the third floor. Our rooms are very comfortable and equipped with lots of age-appropriate educational resources and soft furnishings where children can relax and spend quality time making new friends and learning new skills in the stimulating and educational environment. We like to provide the children, with open ended resources where the children can use their imaginations to design, create and test out their own ideas.

We encourage children’s independence and regularly consult with our children to ensure their involvement in making decisions and having choices about their learning and education is evident. Our gardens are fully secured with a large fence surrounding the perimeter. We have a gardening club which encourages children to grow their own fruits and vegetables to use in the weekly cookery classes.

Together with their enjoyment of the healthy balanced meals and snacks offered throughout the day at nursery we want to look after the health and wellbeing of all the children on our care, therefore we actively promote healthy choices such as outdoor play, hygiene routines and practices and our healthy eating program. The outdoors is accessed by the children flexibly throughout the day “it is not bad weather; it is bad clothing”.

As well as encouraging independence within personal hygiene routines children are encouraged to brush their teeth from 6 months - children have their own toothbrush and they are encouraged to clean their teeth along with hand washing and brushing their hair, to encourage lifestyle choices that will remain with them into their adulthood.

Our curriculum is based around each individual child, and we follow `In the Moment Planning` we use the children’s interests as a basis for learning. For our older children we operate Forest School sessions, where all children are given the opportunity to access, experience and enjoy learning while working in the outdoor environment. We take the “classroom” outside and use the beautiful surroundings, weather and sounds to enhance their learning visually, orally, and sensually. This holistic approach encourages children’s imaginations, build’s self-esteem and creates the desire to understand, learn and respect the natural world around them. The children are in a safe environment where they can succeed, create, and use maths and literacy skills without them even realising it! Through exploration and discovery, the children can enjoy and self-initiate their own learning.

In Forest School children can take calculated risks in a controlled environment. They learn cause and effect and what may or could happen. They are given the opportunity and responsibility under supervision, to use tools and help be part of a team. We are passionate about supporting children and staffs wellbeing and feel that being out in nature is the best environments where everyone can flourish.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child into our ‘Dunkys Family’ soon!