



BERKHAMPSTEAD DAY NURSERY

FACILITIES

Berkhampstead Day Nursery is situated on Pittville Circus Road and is adjacent to the main school. The premises are very spacious with large airy base rooms, high ceilings and lots of natural light. The rooms are finished off to a very high standard. There is a Baby Suite and a Nursery Department. We have close contact on a regular basis with The Early Years Department at Berkhampstead School.

Our outside space consists of two smaller, enclosed nature gardens to which the pre-school and Teddy Bears have free flow access and a more spacious open garden which the whole Nursery uses. The Nature Garden area has a range of learning areas, such as bug hunting, story area, gravel pit and a mud kitchen. This is accessible to all ages and can be use in small groups for specific activities. The large garden is split into different areas such as sand/water play, and physical. We also encourage children to grow their own vegetables and flowers in both gardens.

The main Day Nursery building is at ground level and facilities include:

1. **Cloakroom areas** – where children have space to keep their personal belongings during the day
2. **2 Offices** – offering privacy for meetings
3. **Dining Area** – where children will come together to enjoy meals/snacks in a family atmosphere
4. **2 spacious classrooms with free flow** (Teddy Bears and Wise Bears)
5. **Bathrooms and Laundry Room**
6. **Kitchen**
7. **Staff toilets**
8. **Library**
9. **Sensory Room**

On the first floor the facilities include:

1. **Under 2s** – consisting of two spacious classrooms (Bear Cubs & Cuddly Bears)
2. **Classroom** for Fuzzy Bears
3. **Changing Area** – for toddlers' personal care
4. **Staff Room**
5. **Two Sleep Rooms**

The Day Nursery is also equipped with disabled toilets and a lift. Doorways are wide to accommodate wheelchair users.

Policy reviewed – January 2024

Policy to be next reviewed – January 2025 Day Nursery Manager

Facilities

The Bathroom - A spacious area containing 3 individual child-sized toilets and child-sized hand basins. When a toddler is ready to be toilet-trained, potties are provided.

Toilet training is handled sensitively and with the minimum of disruption to your child. Children will be encouraged to wash their hands before eating and after using the toilet. They are also encouraged to use an anti-bacterial hand gel.

Outside Play Areas – We have two main outside play spaces. The main playground is equipped with large sandpit, water trays, telly tubby hill and various ride-on toys. We also have a separate nature garden equipped with a mud kitchen, small world and construction area a story area and a planting area.

Other facilities available:

- Use of the school gym
- Use of school library
- Use of the school playground
- Use of the school cookery room
- Fund raising events
- Day Trips/Walks to local parks
- Visits from outside agencies
- Music and Movement sessions.
- Phonic sessions
- Multi Use Games Area - (MUGA)