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The company is owned and run by local people who have formed a dedicated, enthusiastic, friendly, well qualified team and experienced team. Together we are committed to the following vision:

We will provide quality care and education in a safe, happy, homely environment. We promise to care for your children safely and lovingly by giving them the very best care that they deserve. Children start to learn about the world around them from the moment they are born, the loving care and attention offered by Playdays Daycare Nursery supports these little people through the Early Years Foundation Stage which will set the standards for learning, development and care for children from birth to five years.



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Curriculum Planning

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When Parents choose to use early years services they want to know that provision will keep their children safe and help them to thrive. The EYFS is the framework that provides that assurance.

The aim of the EYFS is to help young children achieve the five Every Child Matters outcomes of staying safe, being healthy, enjoying and achieving, making positive contribution and achieving economic well being. It is separated into Six Areas of Learning:

- ❖ Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- ❖ Language, Communication and Literacy Development
- ❖ Mathematical Development
- ❖ Knowledge and Understanding of the World
- ❖ Physical Development
- ❖ Creative Development

These are then subdivided into typical (though flexible) age bands. The areas of learning development are connected to one another and are equally important. The principles which guide our planning are grouped into 4 themes:

- | | Age Bands |
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Playdays Team

The Playdays team have been selected for their qualifications and experience, personality and above all their love of children. All our staff are encouraged and supported to continue their self development through on-going training opportunities. Your child will be assigned a Key Person who will set goals and achievement targets and will be your first contact in communicating your child's development. We also work closely with the local Early Years Partnership to provide support, training and information to all parties involved in the care of your child. There is a full time Nursery Manager or Nursery Co-ordinator on site at all times.

Meal Times

We offer 3 full meals a day (breakfast, hot lunch, cold tea) and also 2 drink/snack/fruit times.

Our children are provided with nutritious meals cooked on the premises by our own chef who has over 20 years catering experience. Our kitchen is ultra modern and complies with all health and safety regulations. Our menus change weekly, reflect seasonal produce and provide well balanced meals including daily fresh fruit and vegetables and the daily requirements of vitamins and minerals. All staff involved in food preparation are qualified in Basic Food Hygiene.

Special dietary and cultural requirements can be accommodated.

We ask our parents to provide pre-prepared bottles for our babies to ensure they have the same milk as at home. We have a dedicated room for food and milk preparation together with milk chiller. At all times our baby room team will constantly communicate with parents to enable baby's home environment to be mirrored in nursery. Your baby's key person will always be your primary contact.

Indoor Activities

We provide a wide range of activities in all our brightly decorated and spacious rooms. Children are encouraged to choose their own activities and make choices and to share equipment - at the same time contributing to their early social development and self confidence. We have several computers with a range of educational software which complements our Curriculum planning and a well stocked library with a huge choice of children's books. Our children regularly take part in cookery activities and we have a Spanish member of staff who regularly communicates to our children in Spanish. All our children have access to specially designed toilet and wash room facilities, older children are allowed access to these facilities to encourage with self-help skills.

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We have a large outdoor play area (our nursery is set with 0.6 acres of land) and plenty of free space for free play. This is encouraged as part of their daily routine - in all weather conditions (but not too severe!). We have plenty of outdoor play activities and our children are always supervised. We also like to take opportunities for our children to experience their local environment. Outings to the local park or to the village library are encouraged and we always seek parent's permission before so doing. Kinder Swim lessons are available for our pre-school children.

Assistance with Fees

For an up-to-date list of our fees please contact the Nursery Manager. Our fees are paid by Direct Debit monthly in advance and are calculated over 51 weeks divided by 12 monthly instalments.

There are a number of ways in which you may be able to reduce your nursery fees, depending on your financial circumstances.

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Opening Hours

Playdays is open 5 days per week from 7.30am until 6pm.

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M E N U P L A N N I N G

All our menus are planned ahead to ensure that the best food choices are made and that meals are varied. At Playdays we promise that:

- A variety of foods will be served throughout the menu cycle
- We will always offer our children fresh fruit and vegetables as part of their daily diet. We will always include fruit and vegetables at meals and as snacks. Raw and cooked vegetables and fruit, diluted fruit juice and dried fruit will contribute to our daily portions
- Children need starchy foods for energy. We will always offer bread, pasta, rice, potatoes and sweet potatoes
- We will always aim to make our food attractive to our children
- We will offer a combination of different textures – crunchy, crispy, chewy, smooth and soft foods
- Finger foods as well as foods which require cutlery to allow variation at meal times will be offered



Menu Week 1-2

Week 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Mixed bean chilli with rice</p> <p>Apple crumble & custard</p>	<p>Sweet & sour pork with noodles</p> <p>Fresh fruit platter</p>	<p>Roast chicken, potatoes, and vegetables</p> <p>Natural yoghurt & fruit</p>	<p>Lamb lasagne with carrots and sweetcorn</p> <p>Rice pudding & peaches</p>	<p>Fish risotto and seasonal vegetables</p> <p>Banana cake</p>
<p>Ham & pineapple pizza</p> <p>Fruit platter</p>	<p>Cheese & tomato tartlets</p> <p>Semolina & fruit slice</p>	<p>Pitta bread, ham sliced, hummus and veg sticks</p> <p>Lemon biscuits</p>	<p>Open rolls with egg & cress, cheese and tomato</p> <p>Raisin flapjacks</p>	<p>Jacket wedges and assorted dips</p> <p>Fresh fruit platter</p>

Week 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Tuna & sweetcorn pasta</p> <p>Rice pudding & stewed apple</p>	<p>Chicken curry & rice</p> <p>Natural yoghurt & pears</p>	<p>Spaghetti bolognese</p> <p>Rhubarb flan</p>	<p>Roast pork, roast potatoes and vegetables</p> <p>Baked apple & raisins</p>	<p>Fish cakes & mashed potato</p> <p>Fresh fruit platter</p>
<p>Cold meat platter & brown bread</p> <p>Oatie biscuits</p>	<p>Pitta bread, fish pate & vegetable sticks</p> <p>Melting moments</p>	<p>Potato cakes</p> <p>Fresh fruit salad</p>	<p>Cheesy garlic bread, pasta salad</p> <p>Fruit Milkshake</p>	<p>Soup & Roll</p> <p>Jelly & fruit slices</p>

Fresh drinking water is available throughout the day
Menu's may vary

Menu Weeks 3-4

Week 3

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Leek & potato pie & baked beans Fruit platter	Lamb casserole with soya beans & vegetables Semolina	Pork & vegetable stir fry And noodles Fruit tart	Chicken in white sauce, potatoes and vegetables Fruit salad	Fishy Pasta Fresh fruit platter
Cheese & crackers Fromage frais	Bagels with tomato and cream cheese & veg sticks Flapjack	Bruschetta with cheese, potato and ham topping Fruit platter	Soup & Roll Fruit scones	Tortilla wraps with assorted meat & vegetable fillings Pineapple upside down cake

Week 4

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Fisherman's pie and mushy peas Fromage frais & Fruit slice	Roast chicken, potatoes and vegetables Jelly & Fruit slice	Chilli con carne & rice Fresh fruit platter	Vegetable & lentil curry & rice Fruit yoghurt	Sausage & tomato pasta bake Mixed berry flan
Banana & cheese loaf Fruit smoothie	Sandwiches with assorted fillings Viennese whirls	Pizza with assorted meat & vegetable toppings Semolina & Fruit slice	Crackers, cheese, cold meat & Veg sticks Fresh fruit platter	Cheese scones, tomato & herb dip Natural yoghurt & fruit slice

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Babies Week 1-2

Week 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mild mixed chilli with rice	Sweet 'n' Sour Pork with noodles	Roast chicken dinner	Lamb Lasagne	Fish Risotto
Fruit puree	Banana and prune fool	Apricot, apple and pear custard	Rice pudding and peaches	Stewed Apple and raisins

Week 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sweet Potato with spinach and peas	Mild chicken curry and rice	Spaghetti Bolognese	Roast pork dinner	Salmon with carrots and tomato
Apples and blackberry	Yoghurt and pears	Rhubarb	Mango	Strawberry rice pudding

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SAMPLE MENU – VEGETARIAN/ETHNIC

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Vegetable Curry	Lentil Casserole	Roasted Vegetables	Fish Cakes	Spanish Casserole with butter beans
Banana	Milk.Soya Fruit Yoghurt	Orange	Dried Fruit Salad	Pineapple
Orange Juice Cheese Muffin Apple Fromage Frais	Orange Juice Egg Mayo Sandwich Celery Fruit Salad	Orange Juice Scone Hummus Cucumber Pineapple	Orange Juice Crackers & Cheese Tomato/Apple Fruit Yoghurt	Orange Juice Cold Pizza & Salad Cheese Mandarin Oranges

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REGISTRATION FORM

(Please print all information)

Child's surname:	Other names: boy/girl
Date of birth:	Religion:
Full name of mother:	Full name of father:
Address:	
	Post code:
Home telephone:	
Mother's place of work:	Father's place of work:
Mother's work telephone number:	Father's work telephone number:
Mother's mobile number:	Father's mobile number:
Email Address:	

ATTENDANC	SCHEDULE					Please '√' required sessions				
	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri					
Morning										
Afternoon										
Full Day										

Preferred start date:
I have understood and accept the terms and conditions of registration. I have enclosed a cheque made payable to Playdays Daycare Nursery Ltd for £75 as deposit and that this deposit will be returned at the end of my child's education.
Signed: _____ Print: _____
Date: _____

Terms and Conditions

1. A £75 deposit is payable upon registration. I understand that this deposit will be returned at the end my child's education but may be used to offset any outstanding fees. Deposit is **not** refunded if your child does not start nursery.
2. Two week's notice is required if you need to change your child's session. Bank Holidays are charged within the monthly fees and are not transferable.
3. **Fees are payable in advance on a monthly basis by direct debit. Completed direct debit forms must be returned to the nursery at least 2 weeks before your child takes up a place.**
4. At least one month's notice must be given in the event of your child leaving nursery, otherwise one month will be payable.
5. Details of this form will be held on computer for nursery use only.
6. Medical attention (I give permission for staff to seek medical attention if necessary)
7. Fees are non refundable should Playdays be forced to close for reasons beyond their control ie. Gas leak, no electricity etc

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8. Please note that full time applicants will be given priority over part-time applicants and we reserve the right to review part-time places. In the event that we may need to change a part-time place we will endeavour to offer an alternative session. If this cannot be arranged we will give at least four weeks notice.
9. Please note it is the parents/carers responsibility to inform the nursery should there be any changes to your child's authorised emergency contacts (finger print details).

Name and address of Doctor	
	Tel No.
Name and address of Health Visitor	
Permission to contact Health Visitor YES / NO (please indicate)	Tel. No.
Immunisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • • •

Other Emergency Contacts (Please note these people must be registered on our Biometric System)	1. 2. 3. 4.
Emergency Collection Password	

OFFICE USE ONLY

Confirmed Place	
Deposit Paid	
Medical Record	
Parenta	
Direct Debit returned	
Parent Pack given	
Month 1 Fees	

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