



## Thank you for your enquiry regarding Deerlands Day Nursery

We hope you find the enclosed details informative, but no information however detailed can provide you with a true feeling of the warm, caring and stimulating environment that we aim to provide at Deerlands.

Therefore we recommend a visit to our purpose built nursery, so that you can come and see for yourself our spacious facility and its unique location.

For a snap shot of the nursery please see the pictures on the reverse of your Prospectus or head over to our website [www.deerlandsdaynursery.co.uk](http://www.deerlandsdaynursery.co.uk)

If you have any further queries or would like to discuss your own individual requirements, please do not hesitate in contacting me.

I look forward to hearing from you.

*Kindest Regards*

Mrs Heidi Cook  
Senior Nursery Manager



### *Our Aim*

We aim to provide a warm, stimulating and safe environment for your child and through a varied curriculum and wide variety of structured and free play activities your child will be able to learn and develop physically, intellectually, emotionally and socially.

### *Introduction*

Deerlands Day Nursery is a purpose built nursery providing high quality care and education for children aged from 3months to 5years.

Deerlands is set in a unique private rural location at North Fambridge where it is surrounded by spacious grounds in which the children can play safely. The nearby Red Deer herd and wide variety of wildlife provide opportunities for the children to learn about the natural world around them.

Our nursery is regulated by Ofsted and the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage.

The highest quality of care will be provided for your child by our early years practitioners who are qualified and experienced in working with young children and will work in close partnership with parents to monitor their child's individual progress and development throughout their time at the nursery. Deerlands welcomes parents to spend time with their child within the nursery environment initially to settle their child into their new surroundings and then at anytime to simply observe or join in with all fun and exciting activities that take place within the nursery.

The nursery is divided into home base rooms in which small groups of children, of a very similar age/stage of development, are based. Activities and routines are then planned accordingly to cater for each groups individual needs. The early years practitioners in each room have a particular responsibility for the care and development of the children based in the room and act as their "Key person".

### Location



Deerlands is within walking distance from the local train station, which provides a regular service to the surrounding area and is only 45 minutes to London Liverpool Street. By Road Deerlands can be reached via the B1012 main trunk road from South Woodham Ferrers to Burnham on Crouch and is easily accessible from Maldon, Danbury and surrounding villages within the Dengie peninsula.

### Hours & Attendance

The nursery main operating hours are Monday - Friday 8am to 6pm for 51 weeks of the year. Although the nursery does now offer a 7am start which is subject to availability and demand. Please speak to the Nursery Manager for further details. The nursery is closed for the week between Christmas and New year and all Bank Holidays. Fees are calculated to take into account that most people will take family holidays for 2 weeks per year.

The Nursery provides a variety of attendance patterns, from sessions to full days, allowing parents flexibility in meeting their own individual requirements and needs. Please see attached fees sheet for further details. The Nursery is not obliged to refund any days not attended due to sickness or absence as the nursery place is allocated for your child only.

### Safety

Deerlands operates a controlled entry system for all persons and visitors entering the nursery and only parents and other authorised persons whom the nursery has full details of may enter the nursery or indeed collect a child. Both the front and rear entrances are monitored by 24 hour CCTV.



### Parking

Off road parking is provided in front of the nursery to allow for the safe drop off and collection of your child.

### State Funding



Deerlands is registered to receive Government funding for 3 & 4 yr olds and offers a wide variety of attendance patterns using the funding available. At present the funding is available for 3yr olds a term after their third birthday and all 4yr olds. The funding entitles all eligible children to 15 Statutory funded hours per week, for 38 weeks of the year. A further 15 hours Extended entitlement is available subject to specific criteria and ongoing eligibility. All funded places are subject to signing a funding agreement contract. Further details are available on request.

### Meals

The nursery will provide a mid-morning snack, which may consist, of a drink, some fruit or vegetable batons and a sweet or savoury biscuit. At lunchtime the children will be given a fresh home-made meal prepared on the premises and in the afternoon the children will be given a snack similar to that in the morning. A light tea is provided for those children who attend after 4pm. Breakfast is provided only to those who attend before 8am.

Most cultural and dietary requirements can be catered for, notification must be given on acceptance of a nursery place. Parents are responsible to inform the nursery of any changes in their child's dietary requirements throughout their time at the nursery. Menu adaptations and changes in consistency are all catered for



### Accidents

All Accidents/Incidents that may occur whilst a child is at the nursery are recorded with full details of the accident, the treatment given and by whom. Parents will be shown this at the end of the sessions and will be asked to sign to say they have been made fully aware of the incident. Parents will always be contacted in the event of a more serious accident.

### Clothing



We ask parents to dress their child in nursery uniform where possible if not appropriate clothing and footwear when attending the nursery so that they may fully participate and enjoy all the activities provided. This includes outdoor play, music & movement, painting & sticking and water play, to name but a few.

Parents are also asked to provide some indoor shoes or slipper socks to help maintain clean and hygienic play areas inside. We ask that all items brought into nursery, particularly coats and shoes, are clearly labeled with your child's name on to avoid any unnecessary confusion. The nursery will provide aprons for creative activities but we do also ask parents to provide a full change of clothes including socks for their child in case of any accidents or incidents during the day.

### Illness & Medication

Prescribed medication can be administered to your child as long as they have had at least 48hrs worth of medication already given and the medication is clearly labelled in its original container with your child's name, time it is to be given and the amount required. Parents will be asked to give written instructions and consent by completing a Medicine book on the day before leaving their child.

Further details and our Sickness Policy can be found in the Nursery Operational Plan.



### Comments & Complaints

Deerlands welcomes feedback from parents regarding any aspect of the nursery care, service and operations and is always happy to acknowledge ideas and suggestions from parents regarding how we could improve our service. Deerlands operates a complaints procedure in order that any issues raised are recorded, investigated and dealt with as soon as possible. Please see nursery website or parent notice board for procedure.

### Ofsted Report

Deerlands latest Ofsted report can be found online at [www.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.ofsted.gov.uk)

### How to Register your child

To register your child for a place at Deerlands Day Nursery simply complete the enclosed Application form and forward this to us as soon as possible along with your £15 non-refundable application fee. Your child's name will then be placed on a waiting list until a place can be allocated to your child for your desired pattern of attendance. Once a potential place is available you will be notified verbally and on acceptance written confirmation will be sent and you will have 1 week from receipt of the offer letter to return a completed Registration form and your 1st months fees to secure your place. Your 1st months fees will then be held as a non-refundable deposit. On receipt of your completed Registration form we will contact you to arrange a mutually convenient time for you to visit the nursery prior to when your child starts for a 'settling in visit'. These visits will provide an opportunity to meet your child's 'Key person' and it will allow us the chance to get to know you and your child's needs prior to starting at the nursery.



### Nursery Daily Timetable

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|--------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>7/8am</b>             | Nursery Doors Open |
| <b>10am -10.15am</b>     | Snack Time         |
| <b>11.45am - 12.15pm</b> | Lunch              |
| <b>2pm</b>               | Snack              |
| <b>4pm</b>               | Tea                |
| <b>6pm</b>               | Nursery Closes     |





## Deerlands Menus



Just a few samples of our menus that we cook fresh here at the nursery

### Lunch

Salmon & White Fish Pie with Carrots & Sweetcorn

### Pudding

Scotch Pancakes with a drizzle of Maple Syrup

### Tea

Bagels with Cream Cheese & Vegetable Sticks

### Pudding

Oatmeal Cookies

### Lunch

Roast Pork, Roast Potatoes & mixed Vegetables

### Pudding

Vienetta Ice Cream

### Tea

Ham Sandwiches with Vegetable Batons

### Pudding

Blueberry Muffins

### Lunch

Roasted Vegetable Pasta Bake

### Pudding

Mousse

### Tea

Cheese & Ham Wraps

### Pudding

Bananas & Cream

### Lunch

Chicken & Sausage Paella

### Pudding

Apple Crumble & Custard

### Tea

Macaroni Cheese

### Pudding

Angel Delight

