

OFSTED Reg. No. EY273915

*The Dolls House* and

Nursery (for 0-2's)  
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*The Cottages*

Pre-school (for 2-5's)  
54 King Street Leicester  
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*'A learning experience never forgotten'*

## Membership Fees

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### *Membership Fees from 1st September 2017*

Full day	£50.00	
Half Day	£40.00	Daily prices for 0-2 yrs and
Full Time Day	£49.00	additional days
Full Time Week paid weekly	£245.00	

### Monthly Fees

*3-5yrs*

	<i>Standard</i>	<i>Funded 15</i>	<i>Funded 30</i>
1 day per week	£218.00	£92.00	----
2 days per week	£436.00	£246.00	----
3 days per week	£654.00	£464.00	£324 Gold
4 days per week	£872.00	£682.00	£542 Gold
5 days per week	£1061.00	£871.00	£760 Gold

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**It Is A Condition Of Membership That**  
**The Payments Of All Monthly Fees Must Be By**  
**Automatic Standing-Order On 1<sup>st</sup> Of Each Month**

**Daily Membership Fees changing from £50.00 to £52.00  
 From 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019**

## Our Aims and Objectives

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At The Dolls House Nursery and The Cottages Pre-school, we realise the importance of working in partnership with parents, and celebrate independence and individuality of each child. We have a very 'open' policy towards parents who can call in to see their children at any time; especially at the baby stage. Parents, as well as children, join our nursery as members and are respected and valued, kept informed by periodic news-letters, consulted and involved with an open day twice a year. Whilst developing confidence and self-awareness in a safe, friendly atmosphere, your child will be encouraged to share and participate in group activities, making decisions and choices in a self-initiated learning situation. All seven areas of learning are covered from birth to school age according to OFSTED approved 'Early Years Foundation Stage' curriculum. A safe and stimulating environment is provided in which all children, including those with special educational need's, are supported to reach their full potential. We have a designated member of staff to be the Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO). We are proud of our mature staff team (some with children of their own) many who have been with us since our 2003 opening and now hold senior positions. Due to our policy of continued training, all are highly qualified.

*Whilst maximising enthusiasm and knowledge through interaction and play, your child's individual needs, learning and development will be given careful attention.*

***The Dolls House* nursery, incorporating *The Little House* is OFSTED registered and caters for children aged 0 – 2 yrs.**

The unique Victorian houses on Leicester's tree-lined New Walk have been homes to families for over 120 years. The houses, which truly deserve to be 'lived in', continue to provide a warm, homely atmosphere for our babies and toddlers. Benefiting from a quiet traffic-free location, both offer large South-facing windows and a large kitchen with walk-in food store and, of course, spacious homely rooms. The Dolls House and The Little House are linked by a new atrium play room leading to our garden. All buildings comply with the very latest requirements of the Children's Act 1991, the Environmental Health Dept. and Leicestershire Fire Dept. The nursery is situated at the bottom (town end) of New Walk, conveniently placed to serve both our local community and professional parents working in the City.

***The Cottages* pre-school caters for children from age 2 – 5 with 'members-only' school holiday cover provided to age 8.**

Our 'state of the art' pre-school is uniquely housed in a row of seven cottages with a large open covered atrium space. Restored and finished to the highest standard, the cottages with listed building status provide individual inter-connected rooms for the seven areas of foundation-Stage learning with additional dedicated rooms for sand

and water play, arts and crafts, construction and role play. A library and IT computer suite have also been created to broaden your child's pre-school learning experience.

The large indoor/outdoor atrium play area benefits from good natural light but is heated and well lit for winter play around the clock. This 'family area' also houses the children's restaurant and soft-play 'grass' area. A visit is highly recommended to view our innovative and unique pre-school; truly 'a learning experience never forgotten'.

**The combined nursery and pre-school are family owned and run by Nigel and Chris Dakin and senior manager Farhana Usman.**

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## Our Day at The Dolls House and The Cottages

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Babies from 0 – 14 months, are cared for on two levels, with quiet and warm sleep room. Foundation-stage activities ensure that your little one's learning needs are well catered for. Our 'Toddlers' from 12 to 24 months have five large play-rooms with a variety of stimulating activities for learning through play. The 2 year olds will move on, in small groups to The Cottages Pre-school adjacent on King Street, Leicester.

A daily group walk or themed visit is a very important part of our day. We visit the museum, the library, the shops and market, and can play safely on the grass in our own New Walk conservation area. We can observe wildlife and collect leaves and pine cones from the many trees around us. We like to play and learn in our outdoor play area.

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## Learning Based Framework

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We aim to provide for all children a broad and balanced daily experience with an enjoyable and varied routine. The framework is based on the OFSTED approved 'Early Years Foundation Stage Framework' incorporating the 'seven areas of learning:' Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Communication and Language, Physical development, Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design. Our babies experience this varied curriculum through carefully adapted and modified activities suited to each individual child's age and ability.

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## Our Staff Team

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Your child will be allocated a 'Key Person' within a small team with whom they will develop a closer relationship. This enables the child to gain confidence quickly, continuing to enjoy the security of knowing that a familiar friendly face will always be there throughout the day. Many of our staff have children of their own; a reassuring factor that really makes a difference to the quality of our care.

Each one of our staff team hold First Aid Certificates, Basic Food and Hygiene Certificates and Child Protection Qualifications. All of our full-time staff team are Fully Qualified Nursery Officers holding a minimum of N.N.E.B, BTEC or NVQ level 2 in Childcare; most are level 3. Our Nursery Assistants train to NVO2, and are fully supervised. The Dolls House has an ongoing policy of 'investment in training' to achieve increasing qualification levels among our officers and staff. Our aim is to qualify and nurture staff, keeping staff changes to a minimum, resulting in a more mature staff team.

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## Our Food

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Our meals are freshly prepared daily by our own chef using locally sourced fresh vegetables and good natural produce.  
Fresh fruit, bought locally, for our morning fruit breaks and teas, is carefully selected. Our menu is prepared 'in house' to the highest standards of childhood nutrition.

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## Open House

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**7.45 am to 6.00 pm**

Morning Sessions end, and afternoon sessions begin at 1.00 pm.

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## Holidays

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The nursery is open all year round; we close only for one week at Christmas. The nursery also closes for statutory bank holidays including Good Friday and Christmas Eve.

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## Personal Needs

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**Babies** - The Dolls House has a policy of encouraging natural feeding. Arrangements for breast, natural or bottle feeding your child should be discussed with the manager of the Baby room. Parents of babies must provide milk feeds, disposable nappies and wipes, juice, teething rings dummies etc. where required.

**Toddlers** - Your child will need indoor and outdoor shoes, a coat and a spare set of clothes. A named peg is provided for your child and your buggy can be stored while your child attends.

**No liability will be accepted for any personal property including buggies etc. whilst on Nursery premises.**

## Access and Security

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It is to our great advantage that New Walk is traffic-free and King Street semi-pedestrianised. Parking is available on King Street and Wellington Street. For security reasons, there is only one inward entrance to The Dolls House. This is locked and monitored 24 hours a day. The entrance door is operated by staff after identity has been established. Your child is then 'signed in' by their Key-Person. At any time of day, access is gained in exactly the same way. A secure key-fob entry system is employed at The Cottages pre-school for the use of parents and staff only.

## Safety

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There are three main fire exits to both our nursery and preschool. Babies enjoy the safety of ground-floor and first floor accommodation. Fire drill is practiced routinely by the staff, and both The Dolls House nursery and The Cottages Pre-school is protected by a state-of-the-art fire detection system, monitored and maintained routinely.

## Our Fees

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**Please see fee's table enclosed inside this pack.**

Remember to ask your tax office about Working Family Tax Credit  
which can contribute towards the cost of child-care.  
And HMRC tax-free child-care

## The Small Print

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A membership place will be reserved with a returnable deposit of £150 accompanied by a non-returnable registration fee of £100 and completed application form. The deposit is returned on leaving unless your child fails to complete 3 months membership. A waiting list for places at the nursery and pre-school is occasionally necessary, but without a deposit, the place is not guaranteed. Places are subject to availability. One week's fees as a minimum are required to start membership.

Fees must be paid monthly in advance by standing order on the 1st of each month. If your child is absent from the nursery for any reason, full fees must be paid as a retainer. As a member, there is no reduction for any days that your child is absent and membership does not allow the swapping of attended days. Membership fees are paid 52 weeks of the year.

The D.H. Nursery Ltd accepts childcare vouchers and HMRC tax-free schemes.

To leave the nursery and cease membership, one month's notice is required or one month's fees in lieu of notice, if leaving is urgent. Please speak with a manager if you do not understand the above membership policy regarding notice to leave.

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## *'A learning experience never forgotten'* Application Form

Parents Full Name/s 1. 2.		Date	
Childs Full Name	Gender		D.O.B.
	Male	Female	
Address		Ethnicity	
		Home Tel No.	
		Mob No.	
Email Address			
Which Full Days Attending			
Which half-days Attending (1pm Change-over)			
Between What Hours	Start Date	Office Use Only	
		Deposit Paid*	S/O started
<p>*Deposit returned only if your child completes 3 months membership.</p> <p><b>Additional Relevant Information About Your Child (Including Allergies, Dietary Requirements and Medication.)</b></p> <p>Ind. 1 Ind. 2</p> <p><i>..Please phone for 2 <u>free</u> induction sessions. Thank you</i></p>			

