

OFSTED Reg. No. EY273915
The Dolls House
Nursery and Pre-school
6 New Walk Leicester
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Membership Fees

30 hours funding for 2 year olds and Babies from 9 months,
available from 1st September 2025

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Full day	£76.00	Un-funded daily prices
Half Day	£66.00	and additional days
Full Time Day	£74.00	

Monthly Fees

	<i>Standard</i>	<i>Funded 30 Babies and 2's</i>	<i>Funded 15 3's – 5's</i>	<i>Funded 30 3's – 5's</i>
2 days per week	£658	£140	£458	£242
3 days per week	£988	£518	£787	£622 Gold
4 days per week	£1318	£896	£1116	£998 Gold
5 days per week	£1603	£1126	£1403	£1230 Gold

All fees to be paid by Automatic Standing Order on the 1st of each month
and charged 52 weeks of the year

The Good News is that our pre-school can offer Funded 30 Hours for 3's to 5's as well as the Funded 15 hours for 3's – 5's, which will all begin at the start of term following your child's birthday.

30 Hours funding for all children of working parents available from 9 months of age. Information freely available at The Dolls House.

***Returnable deposit of £150.00 payable to reserve a membership
place with non-returnable registration fee of £100.00
(Deposit returned on leaving but not returned if membership is less than 3
months)***

Account Name: The D H Nursery Ltd. (Bank of Scotland)
S/C: 12-08-81 Account No: 06008444
IBAN GB30BOFS12088106008444
BIC BOFSGB21258

Our Aims and Objectives

At The Dolls House Nursery and 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 phone 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 needs, are supported to reach their full potential. Our senior manager is the Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO). We are proud of our mature staff team (many with children of their own) who have been part of the team for many years, and now hold senior positions. Due to our policy of on-going and sustained training, all are working to achieve a high level of qualification.

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 – 5 yrs.

Both unique Victorian houses on Leicester's tree-lined New Walk have been homes to families for over 120 years. The houses continue to provide a warm, homely atmosphere for our babies, toddlers and pre-school members. Benefiting from a quiet traffic-free location, both offer large South-facing windows and a large kitchen with spacious homely rooms. The Dolls House and The Little House are linked by a garden play room and out-door learning area..

The nursery is situated at the town end of New Walk, conveniently placed to serve both our local community and professional parents working in the City.

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

Safety

Our nursery enjoys a safety and security record second to none and has owned and operated this setting for twenty years. You will enjoy working with our experienced staff team to ensure a happy and exciting nursery and pre-school experience.

Our Day at The Dolls House and Little House

Babies from 0 – 24 months, have exclusive use of four comfy and warm rooms at The Little House. Your child's educational needs will be well catered for. Our two year olds also have four well-equipped activity rooms at The Dolls House, and our pre-school have four rooms including our restaurant and children's kitchen for their own cooking and baking. All groups share our front and back out-door play areas; so essential for supporting our 'curiosity approach learning.'

Our outdoor visits are an important part of our week, We visit the museum, the library, shops and market, and can play safely on the grass in our own New Walk conservation area. We can observe wildlife and collect leaves, conkers and pine cones from the many trees around us. We like to play and learn in our outdoor play area.

Curiosity Approach Framework

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.

Our Staff Team

Your child will be allocated a Key Person within a small team with whom they will develop a trusting relationship. This enables the child to gain confidence quickly, continuing to enjoy the security of knowing that a familiar friendly face will always be waiting for them at Nursery. Many of our staff team 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 holds 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. Our Nursery Assistants train to NVQ2, 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 Food

Our meals are freshly prepared in our own kitchen using locally sourced fresh vegetables and good natural produce.

Fresh fruit and vegetables are carefully selected. Our balanced and exciting, creative menu is prepared 'in house' to the highest standards of childhood nutrition, with a desire to involve and stimulate our hungry children.

Open House

7.45 am to 6.00 pm

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

Please collect no later than 5.45pm.

Holidays

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.

Personal Needs – All-inclusive

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, teething rings and dummies etc. where required, however, disposable nappies (up to the age of 30 months, and wipes, calpol, and sun-cream will be provided by the nursery.

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 damage to, or loss of, any personal property including clothing, shoes and buggies etc. whilst on Nursery premises.

Access and Security

It is to our great advantage that New Walk is traffic-free and King Street semi-pedestrianised. Parking is available on King Street in the pedestrianised area before 10am. For security reasons, there is only one inward entrance to The Dolls House, and one to The Little House. The entrance door is operated manually by staff after identity has been established. Your child is then 'signed in' by their Key-Person.

Our Fees

Please see the fee's table on page 2.

Remember to search childcarechoices.gov.uk for 30 hours funding for working parents and HMRC tax-free child-care which can contribute towards nursery fees.

Financial Membership Agreement

A membership place will be reserved with a refundable deposit of £150 accompanied by a non-refundable 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 cannot be guaranteed. Places are subject to availability. One week's fees as a minimum plus deposit and registration fee are required to start membership.

Fees must be paid monthly in advance by standing order on the 1st of each month or weekly on Thursday in advance by special arrangement. If your child is absent from the nursery for any reason, full fees must be paid as a retainer; this includes holidays, vacations and illness. If you expect to be absent for more than one calendar month please speak with Nigel Dakin (Managing Director) to make special financial arrangements in order to retain the membership place. As a member, there is no reduction for any days that your child is absent and membership does not allow the swapping of weekly attended days. Membership fees are paid 52 weeks of the year even if you have an arrangement to pay fees weekly. Bank holiday days and Christmas break days are charged as attended days.

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. There are no exceptions to this rule which applies to all members. Please speak with a manager if you do not understand any part of the above policy regarding financial membership.

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Application Form

Parents Full Name/s 1. 2.		Date	
Childs Full Name	Gender		D.O.B.
	Male	Female	
Address Email Address		Ethnicity	
		Home Tel No.	
		Mob No.	
Which Full Days Attending			
Which half-days Attending (1pm Change-over)			
Between What Hours	Start Date	Office Use Only	
		Deposit Paid*	Registration Fee
*Deposit of £150.00 returned only if your child completes 3 months membership. Registration Fee of £100.00 non-returnable. Additional Relevant Information About Your Child (Including Allergies, Dietary Requirements and Medication.) <i>Ind. 1</i> <i>Ind. 2</i> <i>..Please phone for 2 free induction sessions. Thank you</i> <i>.....Account details for deposit and membership fee on Page 2.....</i>			