



**PATRICIA PILGRIM NURSERY  
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Dear Parents,

Thank you for your inquiry regarding the nursery.

## **DAY CARE NURSERY**

The Patricia Pilgrim Day Care Nursery and Nursery School was established in April 1991 as a lasting memorial to the late Pat Pilgrim 1948 - 1990.

The Nursery is situated in a quiet rural location close to the village of Stebbing, within easy reach of Braintree, Dunmow, Felsted, Thaxted, Bardfield, Coggeshall and Steeple Bumpstead.

Nursery places are available for children aged from 3 months - 5 years, Monday to Friday from 7.00am - 6.00pm throughout the year, with the exception of public holidays and approx. 10 days at Christmas.

The two nursery units are set in a large and securely fenced garden. The baby unit is in a large house, where the furnishings and arrangement of the rooms in small groups provide a homely atmosphere.

The children aged 2 - 5 years are grouped by age in three bright and spacious rooms within a new purpose built unit. The children enjoy seeing their work displayed in their classrooms.

Each unit has its own garden with a large grassed area and hard surfaces to play on. The children have slides, a climbing area, a boat and a play house.

PE sessions take place regularly.

Our children are cared for in small groups each with a qualified and experienced Early Years Practitioner.

Parents are kept informed of their children's activities and achievements in an individual diary which they bring home each day.

## **NURSERY AIMS**

Within a happy and secure environment the nursery sets out the following aims.

Children learn:

- To gain confidence and independence
- To develop an understanding of what is right and wrong
- To be sensitive to the needs and feelings of others
- To use their imagination, to observe, to express ideas and communicate their feelings
- To concentrate, and seek help where needed
- To show an ability to initiate ideas and solve simple practical problems
- To listen and talk about their experiences
- To work as part of a group, and independently

These aims are achieved by covering a wide range of stimulating and challenging activities during the day, structured to promote and develop the child's natural interest, curiosity, initiative and confidence.

This will include play with sand, water, play-dough, clay. Puzzles, stories, dressing-up and role play, games where the child can experience physical play with wheeled construction and manipulative toys, together with out-door activities. The nursery routine gives space for both free and structured play. Children's creative abilities develop through art work, singing, music making, dance and the inventing and telling of stories. Elementary science is explored through simple experiments, growing, interest tables, and general observations of nature. Language develops through acting, listening to and telling stories and poems, choosing books, and talking with adults and other children. Cooking, sorting and sequencing activities, matching, weighing and measuring initiate mathematical understanding.

## **NURSERY SCHOOL**

With the benefit of a fully qualified and experienced infant teacher, nursery offers a full pre-school education program in the Pre-School unit. The understanding and familiarity of numbers, writing, knowledge of basic phonics and reading are quickly learned in a quiet and happy one to one environment. Here the children also learn computer skills.

Each child follows an individual learning program and progresses entirely at their own rate and level.

The teaching sessions are interesting and fun, so that learning can be a happy, anxiety-free experience. The results speak for themselves in the eagerness shown by the children, and their achievements.

We have close links with local state and independent schools.

## **DIETARY NEEDS**

Lunches are cooked at nursery and these contain lean meat, poultry, fish, eggs, cheese, vegetables and fruit. Whole grain bread, pasta or cereals, e.g. rice. The nursery provides a balanced diet and encourages healthy eating habits. This will be supplemented from the nursery at mid-morning snack time with crackers, raisins, vegetables and fruit. Alternatively your child may prefer to bring a packed lunch from home in a container clearly marked with your child's name.

Afternoon tea will also be provided and milk and water or squash will be freely available at all times. As the above is incorporated into the nursery daily routine children learn to help with both preparation and clearing away after their snacks.

## **CLOTHING**

Children come under considerable pressure if they are worried about remaining clean during some of the play activities. Please send your child in clothes that do not matter. A change of clothes, clearly marked with the child's name where possible. A pair of wellington boots, also clearly marked, should be provided for use at nursery in wet weather. A named shoe bag will ensure safekeeping of each child's clothes and footwear.

## **TIMETABLE**

The nursery is open Monday to Friday 7.00am until 6.00pm throughout the year with the exceptions of Bank Holidays and approximately 8 - 10 days at Christmas.  
(25th December - 1st January inclusive)

Mid-morning snack	9.30am
Lunch	12.00noon
Tea	3.45pm

## **FULL DAY 8.00 - 6.00 EXTRA TIME 7.00 - 8.00**

Children may arrive between 7.00 am and 9.30am and must be collected by 6.00pm.

We all look forward to welcoming you and your child to nursery.

Yours sincerely

*Graham Pilgrim*  
Principal

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**[www.patriciapilgrimnursery.co.uk](http://www.patriciapilgrimnursery.co.uk)**