

HOPSCOTCH

Children's Premier Nurseries



You will find our nurseries at:

BRIGHTON:

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Telephone 01273 566673

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Telephone 01273 277001

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Telephone 01273 772028

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50 STEYNING AVENUE, PEACEHAVEN, BN10 8HN
Telephone 01273 584250

SEAFORD:

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Please contact individual nursery managers to arrange a visit.

Our administration is carried out at:

HOPSCOTCH HEAD OFFICE

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to find out more about what's happening in Hopscotch.

Welcome to . . .

HOPSCOTCH

Choosing childcare is one of the most important decisions you'll ever make. So when it comes to selecting a nursery for your child you can't make a better choice than Hopscotch.

Thousands of parents across Sussex have chosen Hopscotch since 1988. When you visit one of our nurseries you'll discover why.

- You'll find clean, bright, stimulating rooms with a warm and nurturing atmosphere.
- You'll meet our highly professional, well-qualified, enthusiastic staff who are experienced and knowledgeable.
- You'll find happy children, having fun, free to choose from a wide range of activities in a safe and caring environment.



Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

0 - 60 months

The Early Years Foundation Stage is a central part of the Government ten year childcare strategy and the Childcare Act of 2006. 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 a positive contribution and achieving economic well-being. The EYFS is the framework by which Hopscotch keep their children safe and help them to thrive. The Principles which guide the work of our practitioners are grouped into four themes, a unique child, positive relationships, enabling environments, learning and development.



Hopscotch Nurseries

Our nurseries are thoughtfully equipped to promote the highest standard of care and education. They are regularly inspected by Ofsted and our learning programmes are planned within EYFS policy. Children's progress is recorded and regularly reviewed with parents.

Hopscotch offers a range of peripatetic classes in French, Spanish, Dance, Yoga and Music & Movement.

Children who attend Hopscotch nurseries are advantaged because we encourage the development of non-cognitive skills as part of our educational programme. Research shows non-cognitive skills, for example resilience, determination, perseverance, motivation, self-discipline, sociability, tenacity, trustworthiness, persistence and reliability, determine future life outcomes and successes rather than IQ. Thomas Edison wrote, "Genius is 1% inspiration and 99% perspiration". There are many cases where people with a very high IQ do not succeed in life and many with lower IQ who do and the difference is their non-cognitive skills. In the past academic studies have focused on cognitive skills and have ignored non-cognitive skills, partly because they are much more difficult to measure. However these non-cognitive

skills are now considered to be much

more desirable to universities and employers as indicators of future success of an individual. High staff to children ratios and an EYFS curriculum which includes problem solving, reasoning, communication skills, understanding, a sense of community, personal independence, confidence building, disposition, behaviour management and a sense of self-esteem, ensure all our children have the best possible start in life.

Furthermore, all our activities and procedures are child-centred and are planned to support the development of children's individual needs at their own pace. We care for the whole child and this means wiping bottoms and noses, and cuddling children through tantrums and tears, praising and encouraging their efforts, for example, if they paint a picture, tidy the book corner or use the potty.



Babies - Blue Group

Our babies are cared for in soft, warm rooms with a special key person to ensure their well-being and devote uninterrupted time to be attentive and fully focused. Equipment and toys are specially chosen for babies to explore and develop their senses and stimulate their vision, hearing, smell and touch, and to help them begin to move and coordinate their actions. They play with paint, sand and water, and other materials incorporating music, light and aromas. Babies are taken on regular walks in our buggies to local parks.



Older babies - Yellow Group

Older babies are now developing confidence in exploring what they can do. They move their bodies to show their excitement, interest or amusement. We provide a range of differing physical activities such as music and movement, action songs and garden play to develop their skills. We introduce children to activities which help them express themselves through sound and imagination, and through experimenting with colour, texture and shape. At this stage we help children to understand their emotions and develop their relationships with other children through empathy and concern.



Toddlers - Green Group

These children are on the move and becoming more independent. We need to develop their manipulative and coordination skills with puzzles and games, their creative skills with drawing, painting, sticking, cutting and free expression, their language skills with books, poetry, songs and individual and group discussion. Riding trikes, climbing frames, soft play, music and dance support their spatial awareness and body control, while jumping, kicking a ball or balancing on one leg offer fun and physical challenges. Play is focused on helping children develop self-care skills, as well as encouraging independence.

Pre-school - Red Group

This is a time when our children need a more structured approach to their development whilst still learning through play-based activities.

Imaginative play encourages inventiveness and response to their own stories, interests and life experiences. Activities to encourage communication and literacy such as reading stories and poems, linking sounds and letters, reciting and creating songs and rhymes, recognition of their names, and letters and words. There are opportunities for numeric and problem solving games, mark making, counting, sorting and mathematical language.

Group activities and social events, such as eating and playing together, support children for a smooth transition from nursery to school.



Staff

Hopscotch team members have a range of qualifications and experience including Early Years Teachers, Early Years Professional Status, Levels 4, 3 and 2 in Childcare & Education, and are chosen because they are enthusiastic and knowledgeable. Hopscotch uses a Keyband system where staff work as a team and form relationships with the children in their care, catering for each child's individual needs. Staff praise and encourage children's efforts and provide a role model from which children learn to respect and value each other. The Hopscotch Staff Development Programme actively encourages career development and personal growth through internal and external training, and staff benefit from our excellent remuneration packages. Hopscotch has a rigorous and thorough recruitment procedure including reference and Disclosure and Barring Scheme (DBS) checks.



Meals

Hopscotch offers all children a healthy breakfast of cereal and organic milk each morning, and a selection of organic fruit, savoury snacks and organic milk during the day. Hopscotch supplies formula milk for babies.

Parents may provide their own packed lunch so they can choose what their child eats during the day catering for their individual and dietary needs. A typical nutritious lunch could consist of a sandwich, fruit and yoghurt, or we will warm your own home-cooked meals, soup or a tin/prepared meal. All perishable food is stored in a refrigerator.

A hot, freshly-cooked, two-course lunch can be provided for an extra charge; dietary options are available.



Nappies

At Hopscotch we believe it is very important to be socially responsible. We provide high quality, eco-friendly, biodegradable, disposable nappies which are kind to babies' skin and are super-absorbent with all of the features of a premium disposable nappy but with an environmentally friendly manufacturing process. Our nappies contain no PVC, perfumes, lotions or optical whiteners, reducing the likelihood of your baby having an allergic reaction or rashes. Hopscotch also provides creams and wipes.

What you need to know . . .

We have full and part time places for children aged from 0 to 5 years and offer a flexible service. Hopscotch Seaford also provides after-school and holiday care for children under 8. Our fees offer excellent value for money and are payable calendar monthly in advance by direct debit, cash, credit or debit card (see insert Hopscotch Fees and Terms and Conditions). Hopscotch is registered to offer the free Early Years Educational Entitlement sessions. Hopscotch policies and procedures have been developed over many years to promote health and safety, equal opportunity and special needs inclusion.

Hopscotch nurseries are open Monday to Friday all year round. We close for bank holidays and Christmas. Lunch times are included in a full day or can be added on to a morning or afternoon session. We would also be very happy to discuss your individual requirements.



It has to be
HOPSCOTCH

Oh let me go to Hopscotch please
I've heard of their activities
I want to learn, I can't sit still
I want to develop pre-school skills.

Outdoor play and indoor games
Lots of children, different names.
Painting, sticking and cutting too,
I can't decide what I should do.

A structured day is planned for us,
The Red Curriculum is a must.
Dancing, computers, stories and more,
I just can't wait to go through the door.

Creative work, Imaginative play
So much to do in every day.
Can't we visit, just have a look?
I'm sure you'll like it and want to book.

Praise and encouragement
help me achieve.

For at Hopscotch they care
for my individual needs.

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