



Your child's potential is endless...

A WARM WELCOME



Hamond House Day Nursery was established in 2015, followed by Hamond House Day Nursery (Leeds Road) 2017 and Gomersal House Day Nursery 2025 OFSTED registered, providing the highest standard of childcare with qualified staff with over 15 years' experience, here every child is valued, supported, and encouraged to grow and thrive. We provide a safe, happy, and stimulating environment that inspires curiosity, creativity, and confidence. Our experienced team works closely with families to meet each child's unique needs and potential, laying the foundation for a lifelong love of learning. We follow the EYFS development guidelines, offering a wide range of learning opportunities through an early childhood platform (Family).

We believe in planning around child's interest, and enhancements, ensuring activities are spontaneous and aligned with each child's interests. By tracking your child's development through our online platform, we incorporate next steps into their learning journey, delivering challenging and engaging experiences that are tailored to their individual needs. Our qualified and skilled staff are dedicated to guiding your child's progress and supporting them to reach their next developmental milestone.

The welfare of the child is our highest priority, and we strive to ensure that every child feels safe, valued, and supported in all aspects of their development. We believe that your child's potential is endless — and we are here to help them reach it. All three of our nursery settings are protected by 24-hour CCTV, ensuring the highest level of safety and security for every child in our care.



WE ARE COMMITTED TO:

- Treating each child as an individual, respecting their unique needs and abilities.
- Providing a safe, nurturing, and caring environment.
- Working closely with parents and carers to ensure we meet every child's specific needs.
- Fostering warm, secure, and supportive relationships between our staff and the children in their care.
- Offering consistent emotional support to ensure children feel valued and understood.
- Giving every child the time, space, and opportunities to build confidence, self-esteem, and independence.

Each of our settings provide a unique environment, thoughtfully tailored to reflect the needs of children and families. We believe that visiting our nurseries is the best way for families to experience our approach firsthand and decide what feels best for their child.

Our goal is to deliver high-quality childcare and education; your child's potential is endless!

STARTING NURSERY



When your child is ready to start nursery we offer a tailored settling-in period designed to meet the unique needs of each child.

Once you've confirmed your child's place and the registration fee has been received, we offer two free taster sessions, each lasting between 1 to 2 hours. During the first half of the initial session, we encourage you to stay with your child to complete an All about me form and discuss any routines, needs, or special requirements they may have while at nursery. For the second session, we recommend leaving your child for an hour with their keyperson, though you are welcome to call at any time to check in. This will also give your child the chance to begin adjusting to their new surroundings.

Throughout the settling-in process, we encourage you to gradually step back, allowing your child to find their own comfort zone. While you are with your child, their assigned keyworker will spend time getting to know both you and your child, building a strong and supportive relationship.

We understand that every child is different, and some may settle in quickly while others may need more time. We are happy to arrange additional visits if needed to ensure the transition is as smooth as possible. We know this can be a challenging time which we are here to support you every step of the way.

HOW WE STAY CONNECTED:

During your child's settling-in session, we will provide you with access to the app so you can start monitoring their progress from day one. The app allows you to track:

- Permissions, meals, nappies, bottles, and sleep patterns.
- Invoices.
- Parent blog and newsfeed for important updates.
- Photos and observations from staff.
- Messaging and interaction with your child's keyworker.
- Collection and Password details - If someone other than the usual authorised parent or carer will be collecting your child, the Nursery must be informed in advance. A password will be required to ensure the child's safety, and we kindly ask that you provide photographs of any alternative adults who may collect your child. This, along with the agreed password, will be required before the child is released into their care. Please note that children must be collected by an adult over the age of 16.



KEY PERSON



Each child is assigned a dedicated keyperson, who is responsible for ensuring that your child's individual needs are met and supporting their development throughout their time with us. At the start, your child will be paired with the most suitable keyworker, but this can be adjusted if your child settles better with another member of staff during their first month.

We use the Famly app to create an online learning journal for your child, documenting observations, achievements, progress, milestones, and daily updates. Parents and guardians have full access to their child's journal, including a zip file containing any artwork. Twice a year, we hold a parents' evening where staff and parents can discuss the child's development in detail, review their progress, and explore examples of their work completed at nursery.

Your child's online journal is also available through the app, showcasing their developmental progress and pictures of key milestones. It's a fantastic way for both parents and nursery staff to stay informed about exciting learning moments, both at home and at nursery.

We also have a **Parent Blog** to keep you up to date with events, celebrations, and other important information we feel is relevant to you.



UNDER TWOS ROOM

Our Under 2's Room is a dedicated space thoughtfully designed to nurture the youngest children in our care, from birth to two years old. It offers two calm, cosy areas that provide a safe and welcoming environment where babies can feel secure, safe and encouraged to explore.

We know that a child's first years are a time of rapid development, and our experienced, caring team is committed to providing the individual attention for each child needs. We work closely with families to follow and support each child's personal routine, helping to create a smooth transition between home and nursery.



The room offers a wide range of carefully selected age-appropriate resources to stimulate early learning experiences through play. These include sensory areas designed to stimulate and calm senses, messy play, role play, painting, sand and water, mark-making, and a quiet reading corner—ensuring children have access to rich, varied experiences that support both physical and cognitive development. Our cosy sleep areas are designed with sleep pods, soft mats and bedding. We follow each child's home sleep routine to ensure consistency and comfort. A daily routine sheet is created based on the information provided by parents and is kept on hand for reference. This sheet helps guide our care throughout the day. We regularly review and update the routine with parents to reflect any changes in the child's needs.

Hygiene and safety are a priority. To protect our youngest children as they crawl and play, all visitors, parents, and staff are asked to remove their shoes before entering the room.

Above all, our Under 2's Room is a warm, homely space where babies build strong bonds with trusted adults, begin their social journey with peers, and are gently guided through their earliest learning experiences in a nurturing and stimulating environment.

OVER TWOS ROOM

Our Over Twos Room is a bright, spacious, and welcoming environment designed to support growing independence and curiosity. Activities and resources are chosen to stimulate curiosity and language skills as well as supporting social skills and physical development. Children enjoy a wide range of learning experiences across dedicated areas.

Many of our Over Two's have a nap after lunchtime, resting on their own individual soft rest mats and bedding, which are provided by us. They sleep together in a calm, quiet area, closely supervised by our caring team.



Developing Toileting Skills usually begins when children move into our Over Twos room, however we know that every child develops differently, when you feel the time is right to begin self-care skills, we'll work closely with you to ensure a consistent and supportive experience for your child.

Private toilet facilities and nappy changing areas are available within the rooms, during nappy changes and toilet times, we gently encourage your child to use the potty or toilet. For children already out of nappies, we continue to support regular toilet use throughout the day, including during playtime. Our team is always on hand to assist and encourage your child, and we celebrate every success with lots of praise and positive reinforcement.

All we ask is that you provide plenty of spare clothes—and bring a little patience—as your child takes this big step. Remember, we're here to support.

PRESCHOOL ROOM

In our preschool room, we provide a rich variety of learning experiences designed to support children as they prepare for their transition to school. Through a balance of structured activities and child-led play, we focus on developing key skills such as early literacy and numeracy, communication, independence, problem-solving, and social confidence. Our self-registration system and the children's favourite welcoming song are an integral part of our daily routine. This, alongside our open-flow policy for free play and outdoor access, helps create an environment where children feel confident, independent, and engaged.



Children take part in activities like phonics games, mark-making, counting, turn-taking, and role play, all of which build the foundations for school readiness. We also continue to encourage self-care skills such as dressing, toileting, and managing their belongings, helping them to grow in independence. Children have access to private toilets and rest mats for downtime when needed.

Our experienced staff work closely with local schools to support a smooth and confident transition for each child, ensuring they are excited, prepared, and ready to take their next step.

We believe in celebrating every stage of a child's journey, especially the important transition from nursery to primary school. Each summer, we hold a joyful **Preschool Leavers' Party and Graduation Ceremony** at our Gomersal House Day Nursery - Reformed Church, giving children a chance to celebrate their achievements and say a fond farewell to friends and staff. Dressed in miniature graduation gowns, our preschool children receive certificates in a heart-warming ceremony attended by family and carers. The celebration includes their early yearly milestone reflection, music, refreshments, and plenty of photo opportunities, creating treasured memories for both children and parents. It's a proud and emotional event that highlights the growth, confidence, and readiness of our children as they take their next big step.



OUTDOOR LEARNING AND OUTINGS

We believe in the importance of **free flow play when possible**, allowing children the freedom to move between indoor and outdoor spaces throughout the day. This approach encourages independence, decision-making, and active exploration. With a wide variety of engaging activities available, our qualified and experienced team works closely with each child to ensure their day is filled with joy, discovery, and meaningful learning experiences.

Our **outdoor area** environment thoughtfully designed to inspire curiosity and creativity. It includes distinct zones such as playgrounds with bikes, sand trays, and a water wall, as well as dedicated **nature-based areas**. Children can explore **mud kitchens, bug hotels, and sensory gardens**, dig in the **planting beds**, or enjoy quiet moments in our **Tepees**. These natural features offer endless opportunities for hands-on learning, encouraging children to connect with the environment and develop an appreciation for the world around them.

Planned outings are an exciting and regular part of nursery life, offering children meaningful opportunities to engage with the world around them. Throughout the year, we organise trips that provide hands-on, interactive experiences designed to spark curiosity, develop new interests, and extend learning beyond the nursery setting.

These excursions also play an important role in developing children's social skills, building self-confidence, and deepening their understanding of the community. Whether it's a nature walk, a visit to the library, or exploring local attractions, each outing is carefully planned to enrich their overall learning journey in a safe, supportive environment.



OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB & HOLIDAY CLUB CARE

We offer a welcoming and stimulating **Out of School Club and Holiday Club** for children aged **4–12 years**, designed to support busy families and provide children with a safe, fun, and enriching environment outside of school hours.

Our **Before and After School Club** offers a flexible and reliable childcare solution. In the morning, children enjoy a healthy breakfast with a variety of options including cereal, toast, fresh fruit, and drinks. We provide safe **drop-offs and pick-ups** from school, and after school, children are welcomed back with a **warm tea and desert**, followed by engaging activities and our spacious games room where they can relax, play, and socialise with their friends. For children who need a quieter space, we provide dedicated corners where they can do homework or relax away from the busy activities.

For safety, children wear bright visors during the walk, and our staff accompany them every step of the way.

Our club is led by a dedicated team of **qualified staff** who are passionate about supporting each child's development and wellbeing. Through a mix of structured and free play activities, we create an environment where children are **motivated, inspired, and supported to thrive.**

Our **Holiday Club** is packed with fun and adventure! Open during all school holidays, it offers a varied schedule of **activities and outings**, with a new plan posted two weeks in advance on our parent notice board. Children take part in everything from creative arts and crafts to outdoor games, nature walks, play gyms, and local park visits — giving them the chance to make friends, learn new skills, and enjoy their break to the fullest.



HAF FUNDING (HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD)

We are proud to offer fully registered access to the **HAF Programme (Holiday Activities and Food)**, a government initiative supporting children who are eligible for free school meals. This funding allows eligible children to attend our Holiday Club **free of charge**, including access to all our exciting activities, day trips, and a healthy meal each day.

HEALTHY EATING



We are committed to promoting healthy eating habits from an early age. This reflects our dedication to providing nutritious, balanced meals and snacks that support each child's health, development, and wellbeing cooked daily in our nursery kitchens by our on-site chefs. We regularly update our menu to reflect the changing seasons and the wonderfully diverse cultures within our community. This not only supports healthy eating but also allows our children to explore a wide variety of tastes, textures, and flavours from around the world — making mealtimes both nutritious and exciting.

Our menus are available on the nursery website and Family app along with the Kirklees Food Hygiene Ratings and our earned GOLD healthy eating awards – staff will keep you informed about your child's meals through the day. You'll receive daily updates showing what your child has had throughout the day, and any additional notes from staff—such as new foods they tried or mealtime preferences. This helps you stay connected to your child's eating dietary needs and routines and ensures consistent communication between home and nursery.

Our mealtimes are more than just a time to eat — they're a time to connect, learn, and grow together. Our children sit around the table with staff in a warm, family-style setting where they can socialise with friends, develop independence, and practise good table manners. These shared moments help build confidence, encourage a healthy relationship with food, and make every mealtime a special part of our day. Our staff can eat alongside the children, encouraging social interaction and modelling positive mealtime behaviour. Whenever possible, snacks and teatimes are enjoyed outdoors, giving children the chance to eat in the fresh air and connect with nature as part of their daily routine.

Our designated social times for breakfast, lunch, and teatime, featuring a self-serve system that promotes independence. In addition, throughout the day, we provide a snack option with milk, water, and fruit, which children can access at their own convenience.

OUR TEAM



We know how important it is for you to find the right nursery setting for your little ones. Our staff team are here to put you at ease with their qualifications, knowledge, skills and experience. Our ongoing training for staff ensures the team are always providing the best quality of care.

Each member of the team has a full DBS (Disclosure and Barring service) followed by the update service which ensures the information is kept up to date.

Each Member of the team hold a Paediatric First Aid qualification provided by us to ensure all staff have their training updated every 3 years.

Throughout our setting we have selected staff with qualifications and experience:

- Designated Safe Guarding Lead (DSL)
- Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO)
- Events Coordinator
- Nutrition, Health & Hygiene
- Mental Health Officer
- Data Protection Officer
- Health and Safety Officer
- Maintenance Managers (Hamond Projects)

Our aim is to provide the highest quality of childcare; we do this by making adaptations when needed to ensure each child is recognised for their individuality and their development needs are met.

We work closely with our Local Authority Early Years Consultant and the Educational Psychology & Early years SEND support service to keep a secure working partnership.

INCLUSION

We recognise that **every child is unique**, and we are fully committed to the **inclusion of all children** in our care. We promote positive attitudes towards diversity and ensure every child receives the individual support they need to thrive.

Our approach is rooted in careful observation, recognising each child's starting points, interests, and needs. We use this information to thoughtfully plan and adapt activities, ensuring that learning is accessible, meaningful, and enjoyable for every child.

Since 2015, we have supported many children with a wide range of additional needs. Our experienced and trained **Special Educational Needs Coordinators (SENCOs)** play a vital role in planning, implementing, monitoring, and reviewing tailored support strategies. We work closely with staff, parents, and the **Early Years SEN Team (Kirklees)** to ensure your child develops alongside their friends in a nurturing and inclusive environment.



PARTNERSHIPS

Building strong relationships with children and their families is at the heart of everything we do. We believe that your involvement plays a vital role in your child's learning and development. There are many ways to engage with nursery life, meet our staff, connect with other parents, and become part of our welcoming community.

You can join us for Stay & play sessions, participate in charity events, attend parents' evenings, and enjoy special performances and celebrations throughout the year.

Our nursery policies are always readily available on the Famly app for your convenience. We also encourage and value your feedback and suggestions, which help us continually improve the quality of care and learning we provide.

For daily insights into your child's day, follow us on Facebook. Our staff regularly post about activities, trips, and events, so you can get a glimpse of what your child has been up to. Feel free to like, comment, and share our posts to stay connected with our community.



CHARITY FUNDRAISING

We are committed to supporting both local and global charities, helping those who are less fortunate. We regularly organise events to raise awareness and funds for various causes, and we always welcome donations and volunteers from our families and colleagues to assist with these charitable efforts.

Here are some of the charities we frequently support through donations and fundraising:

- Yorkshire Brain Research Centre
- The Magic Wishing Well (Heckmondwike)
- Keep Heckmondwike Tidy
- Royd's Park Railway (Cleckheaton)

We are proud to contribute to such meaningful causes and appreciate the support of our community in making a difference.



OUR ETHOS OUR MISSION

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UNIFORM

We believe that wearing uniform helps promote a sense of identity, equality, and school readiness. For this reason, our **compulsory uniform policy** is in place for all children in our **preschool room**.



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