

Kirktonholme Childcare.

Award Winning Nurseries
Across Central Scotland



Welcome

At Kirktonholme Childcare, we understand that choosing the right childcare for your child is one of the most important decisions you will make as a parent. Finding a stimulating, structured and nurturing setting that you feel comfortable leaving your child in is not always easy.

At Kirktonholme, we pride ourselves on providing high-quality care and education in a safe and nurturing environment. We are firm believers in attachment theory, and this is central to both our everyday approach and our curriculum. Building strong relationships with children and their parents is at the very heart of what we do.

About Us

Kirktonholme Early Learning and Childcare is a family-owned group, and we opened our first nursery in May 1994. Since then, we have gone from strength to strength, and we now have ten thriving nurseries across the central belt of Scotland, which includes a fully outdoor nursery. In addition to this, we also had the privilege of operating the creche in the Scottish Parliament building for ten years and were the first nursery in Scotland to secure registration for our outdoor learning environment.



Our Values

At Kirktonholme, our values centre primarily around nurture and attachment. We strongly believe that the relationships that young people develop with those around them are fundamentally important to their learning and development. Our core values are;

- Children are at the centre of all we do
- Providing an environment for children that is inclusive, diverse and nurturing
- Embedding continuous learning and development in our practice

We fully understand that the most important considerations parents have when choosing childcare are affordability, opening hours that fit around their work and most importantly, finding a setting in which they are happy to leave their child. We are confident that you will find all of these considerations met to the highest standards at Kirktonholme Childcare.

“A person’s a person, no matter how small.”

- Dr Seuss



Stay & Play

Leaving your child at nursery for the first time can be upsetting for both the child and the parent. We understand that it takes time for children to feel comfortable with being left in a new setting with unfamiliar people, no matter how nice they are! It is for this very reason that we offer 'stay and play' sessions for new pupils.

These sessions enable your child to get used to the staff and other children at a pace that suits them, with the added comfort of having you right there with them. It will also allow you to get to know the staff and see the kind of activities your child will be participating in.

Once your child has settled in, they will have the opportunity to freely access a child-centred learning environment that promotes mutual respect for those around them. In line with our deep belief in attachment lead practice, plenty of cuddles are shared out through the course of the day should your child feel they need it.



Our Learning Environments

In both our indoor and outdoor learning environments, we strive to provide engaging and challenging activities while having a lot of fun at the same time.

Indoor

Our indoor spaces are designed to be homely, stimulating and engaging. We create spaces where children can decide for themselves how they would like to spend their time. Our belief in child-centred learning dictates this approach, and we strive to create environments in which children feel relaxed and comfortable while having the freedom to explore and discover new things.



“Play is the highest form of learning.”

- Albert Einstein

Our Learning Environments



“There’s no
such thing as
bad weather,
only bad
clothing”

- Our Motto

Outdoor

At Kirktonholme, we are firm believers in the benefit of risky, outdoor play, and as such, we spend as much time as possible exploring the outdoors, even if the Scottish weather doesn’t always play ball! Our outdoor environments range from woodlands to seaside, and we access them all year round.

We encourage parents to ensure that their child always has a supply of suitable clothes (waterproofs and warm clothes) so that we can explore our surroundings, whatever the weather. High-quality outdoor play has been shown to have tremendous benefits on a child’s cognitive, social, physical, and emotional development and positively impact mental health.

Awards

We are thrilled that the Nursery Management Today Awards have repeatedly recognised our passion for quality childcare. In 2015 we were over the moon to have been awarded Best

Nursery Group and Best Indoor Learning Environment, in addition to being shortlisted for Nursery Group of the Year and Best Outdoor Learning Environment. We were also shortlisted for awards in 2017 and 2019.



“It takes a big heart to shape a little mind”

Our Practitioners

Our staff team are the heartbeat of our centres, and as such, we invest a great deal into ensuring we have the best team possible. Our staff all have a clear understanding of how children learn and develop and the importance of adapting their style to suit the individual child's needs.

We hold regular training sessions for our staff to ensure that they have the opportunity to keep developing and updating their knowledge. Each child is assigned a key worker who ensures that the child has a close, secure and positive relationship with a staff member who will keep a special eye on their wellbeing and development.

Our team's staffing is a mixture of professionally qualified staff who are mature, experienced and highly skilled, along with a small percentage of Trainee Practitioners. Through a Modern Apprenticeship Programme, these younger staff members are trained and mentored through their two-year qualification to become fully qualified practitioners.

The staff team in each nursery comprises a Nursery Manager, a Deputy Manager, Team Leaders, Practitioners and Trainee Practitioners.

Our Area Manager, Karen Flynn, has 36 years of experience working within Early Learning and Childcare. She has worked within Kirktonholme for 19 years and within her role as Area Manager for the last 18 years. Karen is based within our head office but spends much of her time guiding and supporting our nursery teams in their individual settings.

We very much look forward to welcoming both you and your child into the Kirktonholme Childcare family.

Where to Find Us

Our 10 nurseries take pride in providing environments which allow children to follow their own interests and curiosities.

Find your nearest location and request a visit today.



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