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WELCOME

WORKING TOGETHER TO INSPIRE YOUR WORLD

As a mum with three children, I know how important it is for you to be assured that your child is going to feel happy, safe and secure during their time at nursery or within a childcare setting..

After my first daughter Isabelle was born in 2007, I had difficulty finding a nursery that could not only accommodate my busy schedule, but also provide the very best quality in care and education for her. Following a management career in other sectors, I made the decision to set up Kids Planet and I still, to this day, personally oversee the operations of our company, and ensure it continues to underpin our ethos. The values of our company remain the same now as at the start of the Kids Planet Journey, and are at the heart of all we do.

We are a family managed Group, with my sister, Lucy Kaczmarska, the Operations Director. We are continually striving to achieve the highest possible standard of care within modern, unique, physically and emotionally secure environments.

Our primary focus is the children, and everything we provide and do has been designed through the eyes of a child; each room is carefully designed for the age group, where natural curiosity is encouraged and young horizons are allowed to expand. Each and every child at Kids Planet is actively encouraged to explore, learn and enjoy the world that they create for themselves

inside the safe surrounding of our nurseries. We constantly reflect on everything we do to strive to remain a leader in delivering excellent childcare. Safeguarding is one of our highest priorities and we have secure systems in place to ensure your child is in the safest surroundings possible.

Our staff are childcare professionals and hand picked for their warmth, passion, commitment and enthusiasm. Each staff member is totally committed to the care and safety of your child and we invest heavily in their ongoing further training and development.

Finally, at Kids Planet our early morning opening times and later closing times help you to plan your day with more flexibility. I know this can be a huge plus for parents who have hectic schedules and this factor has been a huge plus for me from day one. I do hope you trust us with your treasured possession and our promise is to do our very best for your child every day.

Yours sincerely

Clare Roberts

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Chief Executive & Founder

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ABOUT US

Within Kids Planet our fully qualified and carefully selected staff are friendly, approachable, caring and actively work to preserve the magic of childhood. By developing young minds through play, we can help give the children the very best start. Kids Planet provide all you expect from Ofsted registered nurseries and so much more.

FROM BABIES TO PRESCHOOL

Every child is treated as an individual and as a result, the care we offer is tailored to suit that child's needs. We work in partnership with parents and carers to learn as much as possible about how to mirror the care your child receives at home to nursery. We ensure every child is given the best opportunities during their early years care with us.

BEFORE, AFTER & OUT OF SCHOOL

We offer Out of School Clubs, where available, for 3 years up to 11 years old. Our professional and friendly staff provide safe care before and after school, and also in school holidays. OOSC is led by trained and experienced staff members providing a range of age appropriate activities and resources.

EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE (EYFS)

Our nurseries follow the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and the children enjoy a self generated programme, enhanced by the staff as they work to meet their own individual developmental goals. All our nurseries are well resourced and developed to engage and inspire our children.

CARE & SAFETY

We are dedicated to providing a physically and emotionally secure environment. Every one of the team is totally committed to the care and safety of your child. Safeguarding your children in our nurseries is one of our utmost priorities and we have secure systems in place. Complete with CCTV in every room to ensure your children's safety is paramount at all times, in the majority of our settings.

OFSTED REGISTERED

All our nurseries are Ofsted registered, with a large number of our nurseries rated as Outstanding at their most recent inspections.

FUNDING

We offer 15 and 30 hours funded childcare places for 2, 3 and 4 year olds. For further information please contact the relevant nursery manager.

ALL INCLUSIVE

Across all our settings, we provide an All- Inclusive offering. Rather than bringing nappies, wipes, and formula into nursery each day, we provide them to all parents as part of our fees.

OUR NURSERIES

Our nurseries are located across the UK, please contact us to find your nearest nursery.





KIDS PLANET APPROACH

At Kids Planet we have always been incredibly focused on children's interests being at the heart of everything we do. Our mission statement "working together to inspire your world" was born out of this belief.

Our goal is to ensure our children are happy, engaged and thriving within their environment. When planning our provision we have always spent a lot of time planning what we are including and what we want the children to achieve.

Over the life span of Kids Planet, we have continuously reflected and adapted our practice which has brought us to where we are today. Being at the helm of the highest quality Early Years provision we are constantly reflecting on trends, changes in government policy and adaptations to Ofsted's focus. All of which can heavily influence settings within the Early Years regarding how they approach learning and development. This can at times negatively affect the sector and as a result, create a dissatisfied undercurrent within the Early Years Workforce.

However, at Kids Planet we always put children at the heart of the adaptations we implement. This ensures that all of the changes we make have your child's best interest at heart.

OUR ENVIRONMENTS

An enabling environment provides children with space and resources to play, explore and learn. The environment is a crucial aspect of our offering at Kids Planet and is widely evidenced within the Early Years as being a key factor in supporting children's learning and development. At Kids Planet, you will notice a calm environment; a neutral space, accented with well thought out resources that are purposely placed to support and extend children's learning. We enhance our play spaces regularly by reflecting on the children's needs and their specific interests.

When you walk into a Kids Planet setting, you know. You see it, you feel it. Children are engaged and challenged. For example, a role-play area will have been enhanced using real items, real clothing all of which provides children with endless learning opportunities and magical experiences. Large-scale open-ended items are dispersed throughout construction spaces enabling children to construct the Eiffel Tower or simply a wall. The fabrics, the texture, the sensory experiences are embedded and threaded throughout all areas.

We understand how precious the first five years are and how they should be steeped in magic, awe and wonder and this is widely reflected within our spaces and through our amazing teams.

OUTDOOR LEARNING

Indoor and Outdoor learning may seem similar; however, there is a huge difference. Taking indoor resources outside does not make it a true outdoor learning experience.

For example, an indoor water tray taken into the garden is still indoor water play, the only difference being the children may now have to battle the elements while they dip their hands in. The aim is to make outdoor learning a unique and a completely different experience from what children already have access to indoors.

Our play spaces are well thought out and regularly reviewed to provide a variety of opportunities for children both in and outdoors.



LOOSE PARTS AND OPEN ENDED RESOURCES

Open-ended resources offer a wider variety of opportunities. They allow children to exercise their creative and critical thought process, encourage discovery, collaboration, risk-taking and movement. However, most importantly they give children time to revel in the simplicities and delight of the everyday.

By giving children resources with endless possibilities, more learning takes place (i.e. a readymade tent offers less learning than den building materials that encourage children to plan, collaborate and problem solve amongst other things). What may look like a pile of scrap and loose parts to some, is a fabulous treasure chest of possibilities to a child. You may see this through the beautiful treasures our team have discovered when hunting through charity shops for magical items to capture the children's imagination.

THE MAGIC OF BOOKS

Experience shows that children benefit hugely from exposure to books from an early age. Right from the start, lots of opportunities should be provided for children to engage with books that fire their imagination and interest. They should be encouraged to choose and peruse books freely as well as sharing them when read by an adult.

Enjoying and sharing books leads to children seeing them as a source of pleasure and interest and motivates them to value reading. As well as encouraging them to develop speech, language and communication, develop socially and will support them in reading and writing in the future.

ACTIVITIES AND ROUTINES

A Kids Planet mantra that our teams will be familiar with is "what are we doing and why." Our teams are empowered to reflect continuously on the individual environments, experiences and activities they create for the children and this enables our team to question and reflect on the 'why'. Our management team frequently challenge our teams with our mantra to ensure that team are confident and know that everything we do is purposeful with children's learning and development at the heart of all of the decisions made.







NUTRITION

We provide nutritious food for our meal and snack times ensuring we include foods from the four main food groups. All our food is made fresh on the premises and fresh fruit is always available everyday.

In each Kids Planet, our Nursery Chef works with the staff and children to provide a wide range of cooking activities. Each Nursery Chef encourages the children to experience a variety of baking and cooking methods, introducing new foods and ingredients to the children.

Meal and snack times are seen as social occasions for our staff and children. Staff are encouraged to eat with the children at meal times, promoting positive eating practises that we hope will continue throughout our children's lives.

Our daily routines include the following meals at approximate times:

- Breakfast between 7:00 and 8:30
- Lunch between 11:30 and 11:45
- Afternoon Tea between 15:30 and 16:00

All our nurseries have their own individual menus, which also outlines how our different nurseries and rooms deliver snack throughout the day. Please contact the individual nursery to view their menu.

BABIES & TOTS

During this vital stage children develop and change so quickly that it is important that all their needs and interests are met. We work very closely with parents and carers to ensure we have continuity with home routines to enable a smooth transition to each nursery.

Kids Planet follow the Early Year's Foundation Stage (EYFS) Framework and this enables us to provide the most flexible and stimulating development programme which ensures that at each stage your child's unique needs are met. Children begin to learn and develop from an early age and it is particularly important that this is nurtured during their first two years within nursery.

On joining one of our nurseries, each child is assigned a Key Person who is that specific child's named member of staff and they will take on the main responsibility for their care. This enables each child to become more familiar with the nursery, and in particular with their Key Person, who can ensure the transition into nursery is as smooth as possible.

Babies in particular love to explore the world around them and at our nurseries we ensure that we can facilitate this development. We have a wide range of resources enabling each child to develop and gain experiences utilising their senses during play.

Our resources vary from natural materials, musical instruments, to more familiar favourite toys and books. All the resources in our baby rooms are at low levels so that from an early age children are free to make their own choices and access all the resources themselves. Our baby rooms have treasure baskets which provide children with different textures, materials, natural home resources and smells which children are able to freely choose to explore and have fun with.



TODDLERS & PRE-SCHOOL

Babies very quickly transform into toddlers, and again, we ensure that their needs and interests are met during this important stage in their life. Kids Planet adopt the Early Year's Foundation Stage (EYFS) Framework and this enables us to provide the most flexible and stimulating development programme.

Our toddler rooms are equipped with toys and apparatus which is age specific to challenge and enhance each child's development. Areas have been created for specific activities and children are free to make choices to ensure that they are developing their own interests. We ensure that our rooms also have large open spaces to enable them to have the space to develop physically with jumping, climbing, running, skipping all being able to take place both indoors and outdoors.

We also start to get children used to working in small groups focussing on specific activities or areas where they have real interests. As with our 0-2 year olds creative play is encouraged and in particular messy play with safe supervision. Children are also able to freely access role play and home corner areas where they can start to lose themselves in their own imaginations.

Our pre-school learning environment is focussed upon the preparation for the transition from our nursery to reception class for all our children. This means that your child will follow an individual learning programme, which will include:

- Communication and language
- Physical development
- Personal, social and emotional development
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the world
- Expressive arts and design

Our pre-school rooms ensure that all children attending our nursery are able to choose freely from a selection of activities and resources and to develop their own unique interests.

Within all our nurseries we have an open door policy and welcome feedback at all times. We have parents evening twice a year in each nursery but are available at any time to discuss your child's development at any stage.



BEFORE, AFTER & OUT OF SCHOOL CLUBS

We offer before, after and out of school clubs, where available, for 3 years up to 11 years old. Our professional and friendly staff provide safe care before and after school, and also in school holidays. OOSC is led by trained and experienced staff members providing a range of age appropriate activities and resources.

We provide a flexible, reliable and consistent high quality wraparound service for children aged 4 to 12 years old, in a safe, secure and happy environment. The children are introduced to a variety of activities, which are planned to stimulate and encourage development as well as to teach them to co-operate with each other at work and play. There is a good range of toys and resources providing children with good learning opportunities.

Our activities are carefully designed to ensure that all children have equal opportunity to participate in activities of their choice including art and crafts, music, dance, sport, cookery and much more!

Time is also set aside for children to do their homework (voluntary) during term time. During the school holidays we offer a variety of exciting and educational trips such as to local parks and beaches, the cinema, bowling, the farm and museums.

Continual investment and ongoing development, along with our partnerships with parents, schools and the community, ensure we give each child a strong foundation for future learning.

Each child is supported and valued; we respect differences, encouraging and enabling each unique child to make friends and have fun in a welcoming, happy environment.





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