EXPLORERS, DISCOVERERS, CREATORS AND INVENTORS WELCOME

Start your adventure here
At Fennies, your child will discover an exciting new world with multi-sensory experiences, make new friends and begin an amazing learning journey from nursery to preschool.

We cherish our role in your child’s life and will work very closely with you to make sure that your child continues to develop and grow in their own unique way. Our approach to teaching and play is led by the children with curiosity and wonder at the centre of everything we do.

STARTING YOUR JOURNEY WITH FENNIES WILL BE PLAIN SAILING
All of our nurseries are equipped to the highest standard with custom made indoor and outdoor play areas so that children can freely discover, create and explore.

We recognise that every child is different and every family has different needs. We provide a child-centred approach to routines in the nursery and alongside our team of Early Years Educators and Nursery Management, you will have a Key Person who will make sure that your child feels safe and secure and that they, and you, settle easily and quickly into nursery life.
Our nurseries began with family at the centre of the business in 1992 and family values are still very important to us.

As your child’s parents, you are their first and most endearing educators and we recognise that working in partnership with you is key to successful learning. We know that when we work together, it will have a positive effect on your child.

Every day your Key Person will create a daily diary of what your child has experienced and enjoyed during the day. For younger children this will include details of their food and drink, nappy movements and sleep times. In addition, you will be able to be part of your child’s amazing learning journey and we will discuss their development with you, in person at pick up, at dedicated parent evenings and through their unique online learning journal.

Your online learning journal is unique to your child and you can log in to view your child’s progress, see photos and videos of their experiences at Fennies. You can add your own observations and photos of your special moments and share comments with your Key Person about activities your child has enjoyed.
Our people make our world go round, they underpin every success and are the heart of all our nurseries.

We are proud to be part of the Fennies family, from your dedicated Key Person, Room Leaders and Early Years Educators to our Nursery Managers, Housekeepers and Chefs, we are all committed to providing an exceptional experience for your child.

We make sure that we recruit, develop and retain the very best people and have a continuous programme of structured development, mentoring and training for all of our teams. We are honoured to have been recognised in our commitment to our people in the many industry awards that we have won.
THE HIGHEST QUALITY OF TEACHING AND CARE FROM OUR STELLAR TEAM
Our daily activities and experiences are guided by the government’s Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS).

Your child will learn new skills and knowledge through seven areas of learning and development. In addition to the seven areas of learning, we nurture different characteristics of effective learning which are very important for building your child’s capacity for future learning and life success.
Our vision is to provide wonderful experiences and opportunities for children to develop physically, intellectually, creatively, socially and emotionally. We aspire to create a new generation of confident, independent, responsible, creative and communicative explorers.

We do this through our play based approach to learning.

Our vision is influenced by different early years approaches and practices as well as key pieces of research into brain development, neuroscience, and attachment.

It is brought to life within the nurseries not only in how we work but also in our spaces. All of our rooms and gardens are custom made learning environments with areas of interest for your child to discover and explore. The areas of interest are available throughout the day and are adapted for different ages. They include, dramatic play, sand, water, dough and clay play, table top play, small world play, construction play, creative play, ICT workshops, woodwork, block play, cookery, music, heuristic play and for our younger children, treasure basket play.
Explorers. 3 months to 2 years

Our youngest children at Fennies are our Explorers. In this age group the need to explore becomes apparent as they begin to crawl, stand and walk. Their communication and language will begin to develop and we offer toys and treasure baskets to stimulate the senses and encourage exploration. We focus on experiences that encourage movement, and play games that inspire communication through babbling and laughter.

Our Explorer teams are specially trained to care for babies and toddlers and we will work closely with you to make sure that your child’s regular routines and sleep patterns are followed throughout the day. We have specialist milk kitchens and nappy changing areas in all of our Explorer rooms.

Discoverers. 2 to 3 years

Our terrific two year olds are our Discoverers. At this age the children proudly display their need to communicate. They have increased movement, curiosity and a strong desire to discover the world around them. Discoverers have a growing need to act independently. We make sure that we support their independence in all areas of learning and development, as well as being a support to comfort and nurture them as they learn to regulate their feelings and behaviour. We have very flexible routines at this age. This means that your child can discover their interests and have uninterrupted time to play and explore. They will be able to play indoors and outdoors and we use a wide variety of open ended, natural materials to inspire imagination and discovery.
Creators. 3 to 4 years

Our fantastic three and four year olds are our Creators. At this age children thoroughly enjoy using their language and communication skills to socialise and make friends. They are also consolidating their self-care abilities such as washing and drying their hands, taking themselves to the toilet and dressing themselves.

Our skilful teachers will support your child as they move through this exciting phase of development and we plan experiences that will engage your child in literacy, maths, understanding the world and expressive arts. We also have quiet corners and specially created spaces where our Creators can enjoy quiet time, read a book or talk to their friends.

Inventors. 4+

Our Inventors are our big boys and girls who are getting ready for the transition to school. Our teachers work closely with local schools to ensure a seamless transition and many of our activities at this stage are about preparing your child for school. We make sure our Inventors are communicative, sociable, curious, active and equipped for the next phase of life and learning.

As with all age groups, we carefully plan different areas of interest for your child to investigate at any time, and provide opportunities to develop skills of science, technology, engineering and maths. We will encourage your child to explore and communicate, solve problems and develop complex role play skills. We offer real life resources and play items wherever we can to encourage greater invention and enjoyment.
Our days are planned to make sure that your child is fully engaged in all areas of learning, exploration and play.

Our rooms are set up with areas of interest for your child to discover and investigate. The structure of each day allows every child time to create their own play, explore their ideas and solve problems. Children of all ages have the opportunity to play with familiar items as well as try new things.

**Arrival and breakfast**

The day starts with a very warm welcome into the nursery and breakfast for our early starters. We encourage you to share with us your child’s milestones, learnings or special moments that they have enjoyed over the weekend or at home, as part of the morning handover.
Lunchtime
Children eat together within their key groups making it a social and relaxed experience. Older children have the opportunity to develop self-help skills and assist in laying the tables. The children often help our nursery chefs prepare fruit and vegetables as part of regular cooking sessions.

Sleep / Rest time
Children are able to rest according to their needs and for younger babies, our Explorers and Discoverers, we will work with you to follow their regular sleep patterns.

Tea
In addition to snacks throughout the day, we serve tea around 15.15. It is a healthy light meal intended to fill the gap between lunch and an evening meal.

Home time
Every day your Key Person will create a daily diary of your child’s development and what they have enjoyed during the day. For younger children this handover will include details of their food and drink, nappy movements and sleep times. In addition, you will be able to be part of their amazing learning journey through your child’s online journal.
We know how important it is for your child to eat a balanced and nutritional diet so we introduce a diverse range of delicious flavours to encourage good, healthy eating habits for the future.

The wonderful smell of home-cooked food is a familiar part of the day at Fennies. All our food is freshly prepared and cooked by our own nursery chefs in our onsite kitchens.
Our menus are regularly updated and we cater for all children under five, adapting recipes for younger palettes, including babies who are weaning. For example our cakes are often made with fruit and honey rather than using sugar. All special dietary requirements are catered for and many of our nurseries are nut free.

We work hard to make sure that mealtimes are a memorable and much loved part of the day. Children eat together in their key groups and in our Creators and Inventors rooms your child will assist in laying the tables and clearing away.

In addition, we have cooking sessions with our chefs where your child can explore different foods, textures, smells and learn about chopping, cutting and cooking.
WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU TO FENNIES