



# SHOOTING STARS

## NURSERIES



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# Welcome to the Shooting Stars family

## Who we are

Established in 2009, Shooting Stars Nurseries is a family-owned network of children's day nurseries in 6 great locations, each featuring fantastic secure outdoor play spaces and car parking for your convenience.

Our unique approach puts the well-being of people, both big and small, at the centre of everything we do. We believe that a happy, settled child is one who can experience the world at its fullest, promoting deeper learning.

## Our values

Our 5 core values remain at the heart of our daily practice, deeply embedded in everything that we do. We believe in these values and they guide our behaviour, decision-making and how we communicate.



Respect



Accountability



Passion



Integrity



Delivery

Thank you for considering Shooting Stars Nurseries in your search to find the right childcare provider for your child's early years journey.

Our children are the most precious people in our lives so choosing a childcare provider to give them the very best start is naturally a big decision.

I know from experience that feeling you get when you know a nursery is the right fit for you and your family, and it was my quest for that very feeling that inspired me to set up Shooting Stars.

Over the years, I've watched with joy as my own 3 children flourished at Shooting Stars. I believe their early years experience helped them to become the happy, confident young people they are today and I hope that Shooting Stars can bring the same joy to your family too.

Jon Higgins  
Company Director







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Together may we give our children  
roots to grow and wings to fly

Anon



# Our Locations



## Stourbridge | est. 2009

A hidden gem right in the heart of Stourbridge town centre! The original Shooting Stars Nursery is our smallest nursery but don't be fooled... A hive of activity both indoors and out, a big welcome and true family atmosphere fills this deceptively spacious setting. Our dedicated team puts the child at the centre, resulting in a bespoke curriculum designed around the individual.

## Hinckley | est. 2012

Featuring 2 exciting garden spaces and a sensory room, our Hinckley nursery is bursting with opportunities for the children to play outdoors and connect with nature. Children feel both at ease and inspired in the light, spacious rooms, with the freedom to explore their unique fascinations and interests, whilst our caring team respond sensitively to each child's needs.



## Wolverhampton | est. 2014

A striking setting occupying a prominent position on Compton Rd. West, our Wolverhampton nursery is set in beautiful leafy grounds, with 3 thoughtfully designed outdoor play spaces. Natural light illuminates the generous rooms as the children discover and investigate to their hearts' content. And when it's time to rest and recharge, there are plenty of cosy spaces to enjoy a story and a cuddle too.



## Bromsgrove | est. 2016

A stone's throw from Bromsgrove town centre, this nursery occupies beautifully renovated and extended premises, offering a plethora of challenging, open-ended opportunities. We help children to develop their confidence and foster a love for hands-on learning, whatever their unique interests. A warm welcome awaits your family at Shooting Stars Bromsgrove.



## Worcester | est. 2017

This beautifully renovated nursery is nestled in the tranquil residential area of Barbourne. The inviting array of resources and provocations on offer here ignites the spark of curiosity, encouraging deep engagement and learning every day. The outdoor space, featuring forest school and potions area, is a treasure waiting to be discovered by little hands and feet.



## Kings Norton | est. 2019

The striking setting occupies beautifully renovated and extended premises at the historic Barbara Hart House. The incredible expansive outdoor space, complete with trike track and bespoke baby garden, has to be seen to be believed! The Ofsted OUTSTANDING report praised how 'all children make excellent progress in readiness for their future learning and school.'







# Our Mission



Working in partnership with families to raise happy, confident children who are eager, excited and equipped to experience the world at its fullest.

Shooting Stars Nurseries Mission Statement



# What we do

At Shooting Stars Nurseries, we provide the highest quality of childcare in a safe, nurturing and inclusive environment. Your child will enjoy a rich, exciting nursery experience which will have a positive influence on their learning and development. Through our child-centred learning approach, our staff team facilitate a varied blend of planned activities and free play, both indoors and outdoors, alongside other children the same age. All areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) are given equal coverage to ensure children receive a well-rounded early education.

Our childcare rooms and gardens are spacious, light, calm and inspiring, primed with opportunities ready to be discovered by the children each day. Awe, wonder and joy await each and every child as they explore their unique fascinations and interests through play.

- ✓ Childcare from 3 months to 5 years
- ✓ Highly trained, caring and friendly staff
- ✓ Spacious, inspiring and secure environments
- ✓ Inquiry-based learning approach increases engagement
- ✓ Focus on well-being and strong partnerships with parents
- ✓ Nutritious meals and snacks, home-cooked in our on-site kitchens
- ✓ 'NurseryCam' parent-accessible CCTV with unobtrusive cameras





# The Shooting Stars Journey

From your child's first day right through to their Preschool Graduation, our friendly team are here to support your family, every step of the way.



## Starting and settling

When starting nursery or moving from another setting, we provide plenty of support to ease the transition for young children and parents alike. Our bespoke, gentle settling in programme gives your child the time to become familiar with their Key Person and surroundings before their first full session.



## Keeping track with Eylog

We use the eyLog app for sharing information between home and nursery. We post observations to each child's learning journey and log daily basic care data. Developmental progress is observed, logged and reviewed regularly to help us identify where a child might benefit from more support or challenge.

You can upload photos and videos from home too!



## Parent partnership

We strongly believe that when parents and Practitioners work together, the results have an immensely positive impact on each child's learning and development. We value communication with parents at every opportunity, whether as a scheduled formal Parent Partnership meeting or as a quick, informal chat at pick up.



## Room transitions

When your child is ready to move up, they will start to spend time playing in their new room with a small group of their peers. We also encourage parents to arrange a Working in Partnership meeting with their existing and new Key Person, to share information and plan to facilitate a smooth transition.



## School Readiness

We support the children in developing all the skills they need to be independent and ready to learn when they join Reception. Our staff team works closely with parents, the local authority and local schools to ensure our Preschoolers graduate feeling ready to spread their wings at 'Big School'. You can read more about our School Readiness approach on our [website](#).





## Our unique pedagogy

Pedagogy is defined simply as the method and practice of teaching. Our pedagogy is how we approach delivering the content of the curriculum to the children. At Shooting Stars, we recognise that all children are different and unique so we don't follow a prescriptive 'one size fits all' approach to teaching. Instead, we favour an approach which is adaptable, varied and inclusive of the many ways in which different children learn. We've developed our own bespoke, in-house '5 Star' pedagogy by combining key principles and inspiration from a number of respected learning theorists and approaches, including

Steiner, Froebel, Montessori and Reggio Emilia. Our '5 Star' pedagogy is driven by 5 fundamental principles, or stars, that guide our approach;





# Our '5 Star' pedagogy explained...



## Growing a culture for excellence

The best Nursery Practitioners never stop learning and that's why our team have access to a wide range of in-house and external training opportunities. We focus on continuous professional development, inspiring leadership and management, a strong, accountable safeguarding culture and exceptional customer service.



## Well-being

Well-being is fundamental to the overall health of children and high levels of both well-being and engagement allow children to experience deep learning. Our Key Person approach means that each child has a nominated staff member dedicated to protecting and prioritising their well-being.



## Enabling environments

Our nurseries are designed to be uncluttered, light and spacious, and are furnished in neutral tones, creating a calming, purposeful play environment. Our indoor and outdoor environments are designed to enable children the space, choice and opportunity to explore their own unique fascinations and interests without sensory overwhelm and clutter.



## Inquiry-based learning

Resources which are open-ended, movable and can be used in a variety of ways offer the widest range of benefits to children, encouraging exploratory play, imagination and creativity. We provide opportunities for children to become more confident and autonomous problem-solvers and thinkers as they discover and 'learn by doing'.



## Parent partnership

We know that strong, effective partnerships with children's families are some of the most valuable tools in 'getting it right' for them. We work in close partnership with parents to ensure regular 2-way communication. Our Key Person system ensures each family has a nominated Nursery Practitioner dedicated to supporting the best outcomes for their child.



Children thrive in environments that are suited to their interests and developmental stages  
~ The Reggio Emilia approach



Shooting Stars Nursery Bromsgrove

## An enabling environment

In order to increase engagement, each base room is carefully planned to create defined accessible zones or spaces for different types of play and learning to take place. Our zones offer children familiarity and consistency, as they can easily locate and access resources for themselves (and tidy them away!), which empowers them and helps to support their developing independence. Resources are moveable between zones, giving children the flexibility to transport and combine resources from multiple areas to develop their play as they choose. Resources can then be returned to their 'home', ready to be played with again.


The zones and the way they are resourced ensure that the seven areas of learning within the EYFS are reflected in the provision, so that children can access a wide variety of learning opportunities throughout each day. The layout and resourcing of each base room environment is different, but typically contains a broad selection of the following zones:



Loose parts & natural materials | Sensory | Water & Sand | Messy & Malleable | Musical  
Creative/mark-making | Small world & construction | Role play/home corner  
Physical play & climbing | Cosy area/quiet space | Carpet area/gathering space  
Reading & literacy | Maths & numeracy | Scientific investigation | Information Technology







## A rounded educational experience

The seven areas of learning of the EYFS framework (revised in 2021) are the foundations on which we build our curriculum. This structure enables our Practitioners to plan a balanced, varied day full of awe and wonder, whilst ensuring good educational coverage of the EYFS.

All 7 areas of the EYFS are considered important and interconnected. Three prime areas are particularly important for building a foundation for learning, forming relationships and thriving:



Communication & Language



Physical Development



Personal, Social & Emotional Development



Literacy



Mathematics



Understanding the World



Expressive Art & Design

## Time for sleep



The nursery day is full of lots of opportunity for social, physical and educational fun but the majority of babies and many young children still need to take some down time during the day to rest, refresh and recharge. We provide cots and coracles with bedding in the baby room and sleep mats and blankets in all other rooms. We follow safe sleeping guidelines to ensure the children are safe at all times.

The amount of daytime sleep children need tends to decrease with age but every child is different. We continue established home sleep routines at nursery as far as possible and we will keep you updated as to how your child's natural nursery sleep pattern evolves as they grow.



# Daily Routine

Children feel settled and thrive in an environment that is familiar and secure, and an important aspect of creating this feeling is the familiarity of a daily routine. A day at Shooting Stars flows from 7:30am until 6pm with a blend of child-led exploration and adult-guided learning, indoor and outdoor play, small/large group activities and individual focused activities to create a well-balanced learning experience.

## A typical day\*

07:30	AM session begins*   Arrival   Self-registration Hygiene   Breakfast   Child-led free play
07:45	Circle time   Group focus   Music & movement Adult-guided activities   Sleep time (if required)
10:00	Hygiene   Rolling snack
10:30	Outdoor play   Physical activity
11:30	Hygiene   Lunch
12:15	Rhyme & story time   Child-led free play
13:00	PM session begins*   Hygiene Child-led free play   Sleep time (if required)
14:00	Circle time   Group focus   Singing   Relaxation Outdoor play   Physical activity
15:30	Hygiene   Tea time
16:00	Adult-guided activities   Child-led free play
18:00	Nursery day comes to a close*

\*At Shooting Stars, every day is different! For illustrative purposes, the above routine is an example of how a typical day might unfold, but please note that curriculum delivery, activities and timings are flexible and vary widely day-to-day based around the children's changing needs and interests.



## Nursery essentials

Each child is allocated a named peg and tray for their belongings at nursery. You are welcome to store a set of seasonal items at nursery for ease (one less thing to remember!)

Please bring a bag containing:

- Prescription medication to be signed in at reception
- At least 2 changes of clothes (more if toilet training), including pants and socks
- Wipes, nappy cream and nappies (at least 5 for full day / 3 for half day)
- Seasonal coat/jacket
- Wellies (all year)
- Hat, gloves and scarf (autumn/winter months)
- Sun hat and unopened sun cream of at least SPF 30+ and 4 Star UVA protection (spring/summer months)
- Comforter, if required

All food, snacks, drinks and toys are provided by nursery so please leave these at home. Remember to dress your child in comfortable clothes that you don't mind getting wet or dirty. We encourage children to wear aprons for art, messy and wet play but sometimes they get there before we do!





# Healthy, home-cooked food



“The food is excellent, varied and healthy. Our son has tried so many new things!”

We strongly believe that healthy eating in the early years helps to form a good foundation on which to build a healthy lifestyle and positive attitudes towards food as we grow up. A healthy diet supports growth and brain development, boosts immunity and provides energy and nutrients to help children stay active, healthy and happy. We provide healthy, nutritionally balanced meals and snacks to give the children the fuel they need for a busy day of learning, freshly prepared each day in our on-site kitchens.

We cater for special dietary requirements, including allergies, intolerances, sensory needs and preferences on religious grounds. We also guide babies through their weaning journey with freshly prepared purees, before gradually adding more texture, variety and finger foods as they develop.



If your child is weaning or has any special dietary requirements, please speak to the Nursery Manager to discuss. Together with our nursery chef, we can devise and put into place a plan to meet your child's requirements.



Autumn/Winter and Spring/Summer menus



4 weekly rotation to ensure variety



Reviewed regularly incorporating parent and child feedback



Healthy, balanced and delicious



Good quality, fresh and wholesome ingredients



All meals and snacks freshly prepared by our on-site kitchen team



We are proud to uphold 5 Star Food Hygiene ratings, demonstrating our commitment to food safety and hygiene





I don't know how they do it, but my son always eats well & enjoys pretty much everything on the menu!

## Family-style meal service

We encourage 'family-style' self-service, under the guidance and supervision of the staff team, enabling the children to learn the skills they need to become social, caring and patient diners. The lunch tables at nursery are welcoming and support independence.



Fine motor skills, social skills, patience and sharing are developed and embedded



The older children use crockery and metal cutlery, lay the table and clear their own plates



Self-regulation of portion size and children learn how to make healthy food choices



Develops independence as children have a role in meeting their own needs

## Food education & exploration

We integrate food education as part of the children's normal nursery day. This is achieved by involving them in the exploration of different foods, discovering new textures and tastes, discussing foods with their peers and staff, and in cooking/food preparation activities.

Meal times present a multitude of opportunities for initiating conversations around our personal preferences and making healthy choices, whilst also enjoying those yummy treats in moderation!





# Sample menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast	Cereals & toast with a choice of fresh fruit				
Snack	Breadsticks, satsuma & melon Milk	Crackers, red pepper & pear  Milk	Oatcakes, salad sticks  Milk	Rice cakes, grapes & apple Milk	Pitta fingers & houmous  Milk
Lunch	Chicken / chickpea & vegetable (v) korma with brown rice	Spaghetti bolognese / spaghetti with tomato sauce (v) & garlic bread	Creamy fish / cheese & leek (v) pie with seasonal vegetables	Pork / vegetable (v) stir fry with noodles	Sausage / lentil (v) & bean casserole with mash & broccoli
Dessert	Flapjack	Homemade blueberry muffin	Fruit jelly	Fruit crumble with custard	Fruit salad with Greek yoghurt
Tea	Assorted wraps with salad	Mackerel pate on toast with salad sticks	A selection of sandwiches	Jacket potatoes with various fillings	Hearty vegetable soup with bread



My child has  
become much more  
independent and  
adventurous at  
mealtimes





## Quality assurance



Ofsted registered and inspected



Robust Safer Recruitment Procedures



Paediatric First Aid Training for all staff



Designated Safeguarding Lead on site at all times



High levels of supervision, adhering to staff:child ratios at all times



NurseryCam (parent-accessible CCTV) to check in on your child at any time



5 Star Food Hygiene certification and adherence to dietary requirements



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## Raising the bar

Our team are proud to uphold the highest standards across all aspects of the service we provide to ensure a safe, nurturing, clean environment for the children. This includes not only our dedicated team of childcare professionals but also our in-house support staff who play a vital role in upholding quality standards in the delivery of our childcare services;

- Our maintenance team; who ensure our buildings, gardens and equipment are safe and secure for the children to use.
- Our cleaning team; who ensure the highest standards of cleanliness are upheld daily, enabling our childcare staff to focus on the children.
- Our catering team; who adhere strictly to Food Hygiene standards and dietary requirements, ensuring the children are kept safe when eating at nursery.



The best decision we ever made was choosing Shooting Stars! Our daughter absolutely loves it and she cannot wait for her nursery days.







I am so grateful for the care and attention given to my child. Thank you for taking such good care of the most precious person in my life.



## Our People

We understand that any nursery, indeed any organisation, is only as good as the people within it. Shooting Stars Nurseries are committed to ensuring that all our staff share our ethos and are passionate about their role.

## Safer Recruitment & Employment

The safety and well-being of the children is our number one priority and through our robust Safer Recruitment Procedures, we ensure that our team are appropriately qualified and committed to delivering the highest level of service you expect for your child.

Each room is supervised by appropriately qualified staff based on the required staff: child ratio for each age group.

- Aged under 2 years: 1 staff member to 3 children
- Aged 2 years: 1 staff member to 4 children
- Aged 3+ years: 1 staff member to 8 children

Our Safer Employment Procedures also ensure that we encourage and support all staff to advance their professional qualifications to the fullest extent. Our staff training programmes are extensive, with courses arranged both externally and developed in-house to meet the needs and interests of our team.

## Happy, thriving staff = Happy, flourishing children!

We believe that ensuring our staff are cared for helps to support them in caring deeply for the children. Shooting Stars Nursery Managers receive Mental Health training and each nursery has a Well-being Champion too. Our staff have 24/7 access to the Employee Assistance Programme should they need external confidential support or advice.

We also subsidise social events to bring the team together and recognise and reward staff who go the extra mile.





Don't take our word for it! You can read our verified [Daynurseries.co.uk](https://www.daynurseries.co.uk) reviews from the people who know us best... Shooting Stars families! Here's just a few.

He was so happy and settled I didn't need to worry when I went back to work. With the unique addition of the NurseryCam, I could see what he was up to during the day.

Wonderful staff providing excellent care. My daughter absolutely loves going to nursery, and it's amazing seeing how well she has developed since she started.

The staff were amazing; they helped support him with his SEN and always kept me updated on how his day went. He is now thriving in primary school and is top of his class.

She is genuinely excited to go to nursery each day. I am completely at ease dropping her off there each day, where I know she will be safe and happy.

Amazing nursery, so bright and clean with a beautiful outdoor space. Such an enthusiastic and fun-loving bunch, we will be sad to leave but I'm confident my son is ready for school.

Being at another nursery previously, I can see such a difference in them, they're excited to get to Shooting Stars, and it makes me content to leave them and go to work.

The staff who look after my twins are the loveliest people, the boys adore them, and I trust them completely. Thanks for all you do.

As a first time mum, going back to work and sending my little baby to be cared for by others was so tough. But I know how well looked after he is and I could not recommend this setting highly enough.

The staff are friendly, confident, skilled and supportive. We benefit hugely from the full days - 8 am to 6 pm - including school holidays which for working parents is essential.

My son has made lots of friends, his speech and language have improved, he has formed lovely relationships with staff members, and the development he has made since attending has been amazing.

What I love most is their professionalism at all times, their love towards every single child and the relationships they build with the children as well as the parents. My son says his key person is his best friend!

My son now sometimes asks if he's going to nursery on weekends and never wants to leave! All the staff are amazing and really look out for his interests and activities to help him develop.

I'm so grateful to have a safe, loving environment for him to grow in whilst I'm at work. Having the CCTV was also very reassuring - to be able to see my son while he is there.

Both my children settled so quickly, formed really strong bonds and love every day they spend there. The food they eat is varied and healthy - that is one weight off my mind!







# Contact us

You can find out more on our [website](#), read our reviews on [Daynurseries.co.uk](#) and follow us on social media. If you have any questions or would like to [arrange a tour](#), we'd be happy to help. We look forward to welcoming your family to Shooting Stars Nurseries soon!



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