

Watcombe Children's Centre Nursery



Welcome



Our Location and Facilities

Watcombe Children's Centre Nursery is located within the grounds of Watcombe Primary School, enjoying a magnificent setting surrounded by wooded hills, open fields, and nearby beaches.

Situated on the northern boundary of Torquay, the nursery directly faces Brunel Woods and Brunel Manor, both closely associated with the renowned engineer Isambard Kingdom Brunel. This unique environment provides wonderful opportunities to inspire curiosity and learning.

We are fortunate to operate from a purpose-built nursery building, designed specifically for early years education and equipped with high-quality fixtures and fittings throughout. Our secure outdoor play area has been carefully designed with children in mind, and we also offer a covered outdoor space to ensure children can enjoy fresh air and outdoor play in all weather conditions.

The nursery was built with funding from Sure Start and benefitted from over three years of careful planning to create a bright, welcoming, and enjoyable environment for children and families. As a Community Interest Company (CIC), all profits are reinvested back into the nursery to enhance facilities and resources and to support enrichment opportunities such as excursions for the children.



Community Interest Companies (CICs)

CICs are a new type of limited company designed specifically for those wishing to operate for the benefit of the community rather than for the benefit of the owners of the company. This means that a CIC cannot be formed or used solely for the personal gain of a particular person, or group of people.

Details

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Dear Parents,

We understand that finding high-quality childcare is an important decision for families. At Watcombe Children's Centre Nursery, we pride ourselves on providing the very best care and early learning experiences for children, while offering reassurance and support to parents and carers.

Our team of colleagues are highly qualified, experienced in childcare, and committed to creating a welcoming, nurturing environment. They are friendly, approachable, and always happy to talk with parents about their child's needs and development.

We hope you find this prospectus informative and that it gives you a clear insight into our nursery and the high standard of care we provide.

If you have any questions or would like to arrange a visit, please do not hesitate to contact me or a member of our helpful nursery team.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to Watcombe Children's Centre Nursery.

Clare Chamberlain

Nursery Manager



Our Mission Statement

Watcombe Children's Centre Nursery is committed to its statement of

'Your child, our priority'

We acknowledge parents wishes for their children to receive high quality childcare in a safe and stimulating environment.

QUALITY CARE

- Qualified staff.
- Unique state of the art facilities, purpose built indoor and outdoor holistic environment.
- A secure home from home like environment.
- Learning to flourish through fun experiences.
- Inspiring young minds to reach their full potential.
- Trust and total commitment to families.
- Your child our priority
- Committed to our community.
- Adding colour to a child's life by encouraging self-expression and imagination.
- Respecting diversity within our community.
- Everybody is working together towards your child's future.

It is our goal to

- ✓ meet the children's individual needs
- ✓ to provide a rich learning environment
- ✓ to continue to work in partnership with parents and children
- ✓ to safeguard all children
- ✓ to be committed to our colleagues' training and development
- ✓ to be a setting for others to aspire to
- ✓ to reach out to the community

Our Nursery Environment

At Watcombe Nursery, we pride ourselves on working within, and often exceeding, Ofsted requirements for adult-to-child ratios. This allows our experienced practitioners to provide high-quality care and support, ensuring each child's individual needs are met throughout the day.

Children under three years old are cared for in a dedicated area of the nursery. This space includes a partitioned section specifically designed to create a calm and nurturing environment for our babies. Children aged three and over are based in our dedicated Over 3's Unit, which benefits from its own secure gardens and age-appropriate learning spaces.

Our nursery environments are bright, welcoming, and thoughtfully resourced. Each area is equipped with a wide range of stimulating and engaging resources that support children's play, learning, and development across all areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS).

We follow the EYFS framework in full, meeting all statutory welfare requirements and delivering a broad, balanced curriculum that supports children to develop confidence, independence, and a love of learning. Further information about our ethos and curriculum can be found on our website at www.watcombenursery.co.uk.

All children enjoy daily access to our fully enclosed outdoor play areas, allowing them to explore, be active, and learn in a safe and secure environment. The safety and wellbeing of every child remains our highest priority at all times.

Play Experiences

At Watcombe Nursery, we believe that children learn best through play. Our nursery is thoughtfully organised into well-defined areas that encourage children to explore, investigate, and discover independently and alongside others.

Each child is supported by a dedicated key person who plans meaningful play experiences based on the child's individual interests, stage of development, and learning needs. By working closely with parents, key persons gain a deeper understanding of each child's interests and experiences, enabling learning opportunities to be extended naturally through play.

Key Person Approach

We believe that children thrive when they feel safe, secure, and confident. This is achieved through our key person system, which helps build strong links between home and nursery.

Your child's key person will work in partnership with you to follow individual care routines and support your child's emotional wellbeing and development.

"We know that young children achieve more and are happier when early years educators work together with parents and share ideas about how to support and extend children's learning."

(Athey, 1990; Meade, 1995)

Your key person will be introduced to you when your child starts at the nursery and will take time to get to know your child's routines, interests, and development.

Throughout your child's time at nursery, the key person will share regular feedback, observations, and guidance, and will always be available to offer support and advice.

Partnership with Parents

We pride ourselves on our strong partnerships with parents and believe that working together ensures the best possible outcomes for children.

Parents are encouraged to play an active role in their child's learning journey. We offer **stay and play sessions**, giving parents the opportunity to spend time in the nursery, observe their child's learning in action, and engage in activities alongside them. These sessions also allow us to share information about children's progress, celebrate achievements, and offer guidance on supporting learning at home.

We use an online communication and learning platform called **Family**, which enables us to securely record observations of your child's learning and share updates with you. Parents can access Family using a working email address to view observations, receive nursery updates, comment on learning moments, and share their own experiences from home. This helps us build a complete picture of your child's development and strengthen communication between home and nursery.

Special Educational Needs (SEN)

We have a fully trained Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCo) who works closely with children, families, and key persons to ensure that children with additional needs receive appropriate support.

Support may include tailored activities, specialist resources, or involvement from external professional agencies, always in partnership with parents and carers.

Food and Consumables

All lunches are freshly prepared each day in our on-site kitchen by our dedicated cook, following a healthy and balanced menu.

Individual dietary requirements can be catered for. Please inform your child's key person so that arrangements can be made in advance.

Children are encouraged to enjoy healthy snacks in the morning and afternoon. Mealtimes are seen as valuable learning opportunities, with older children helping to lay tables and serve their own food under staff supervision.

For safety reasons, children will only be offered foods that they have already tried at home. Menus are shared with parents in advance to allow allergens or intolerances to be checked and approved.

Parents are asked to provide:

- Nappies and wipes (we will notify you when supplies are running low; a charge of £1 per session applies if nursery nappies are used)
- Bottles and formula milk, which will be prepared by your child's key person during the day

Clothing and Belongings

While we take great care to ensure belongings are returned to the correct child, Watcombe Children's Centre Nursery cannot be held responsible for loss or damage to personal items.

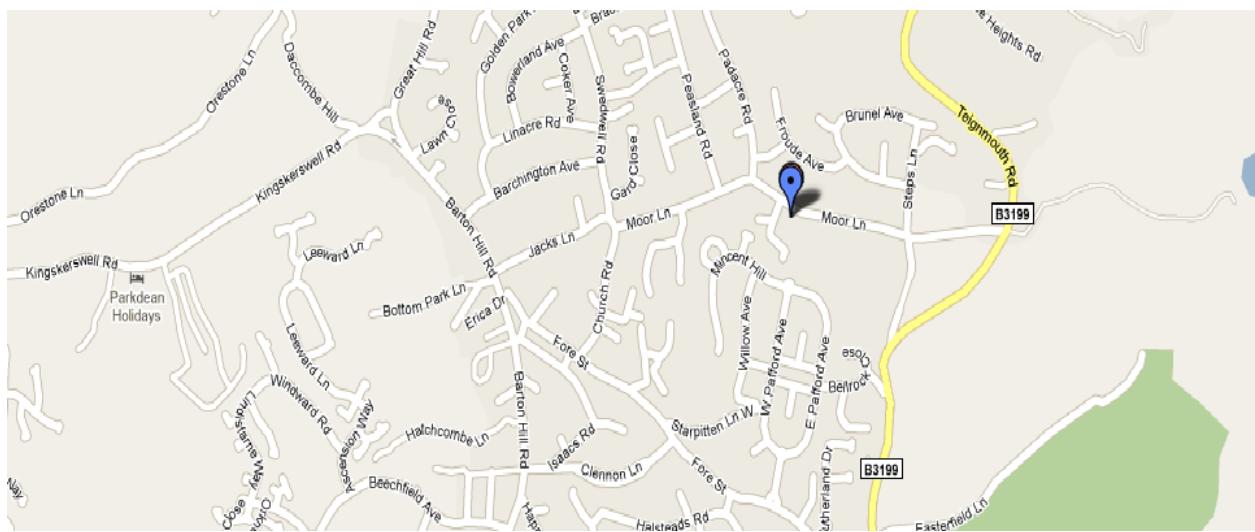
We recommend that children wear practical clothing suitable for play and ask that all items are clearly labelled with your child's name. Please avoid sending children in expensive or sentimental clothing.

What Happens Next?

If you have any questions or would like to arrange a visit to the nursery, please contact us on **01803 316959** or email admin@watcombe.net.

Once you have visited the nursery, completed a registration form, and either paid the deposit or provided your funding code, your child can be registered. We will then contact you closer to your child's start date to arrange settling-in sessions.

Location



We are in the grounds of Watcombe Primary School and we are in the white building (with the grey roof) to the Right of the school as you face it.

We are on the following bus route - 31

CHARGES

As from April 2026

UNDER 3's

Morning 8.00 - 1.00	Afternoon 1.30 - 6.00	Full Day 8am - 6pm
£46.00 including lunch & snacks.	£44.00 including snacks	£72.00 including lunch & snacks.

OVER 3's

Morning 8:00 - 1:00	Afternoon 1.30 - 6.00	Full Day 8am - 6pm
£43.50 including lunch & snacks.	£41.00 including snacks	£70.00 including lunch & snacks.

Funded sessions have a Catering Charge of

Morning	Afternoon	Full Day
£2.50	£2.50	£5.00

The Catering charge is not charged to those who are claiming 'targeted' funding and those able to claim EYPP.

A deposit of £100 is required for paid sessions or if you do not have a funding code yet. This will be refunded into your Family childcare account when you start with us.

Funded Childcare

Working Families 30-Hour Funding

(From the term after a child turns 9 months)

We offer funded childcare places under the Government's Working Families 30-Hour Funding scheme.

The Government funds childcare over 38 weeks per year, although many families choose to stretch their funding across the full year.

From the term following their third birthday, all children are entitled to a funded nursery education place. This includes:

- 15 hours per week for all eligible 3- and 4-year-olds (38 weeks per year)
- An additional 15 hours for eligible working parents, giving a total of 30 funded hours

Further information and eligibility details can be found on the [Childcare Choices](#) website.

How the funding typically works at our nursery:

- 30 hours = 3 full days (term-time)
- or 2 full days (all year round)

All funded sessions include a catering charge, which is invoiced monthly. We keep this charge as low as possible and review it twice a year. The catering charge covers all meals and snacks provided throughout the day.

If you would like to discuss opting out of this charge, please speak to the Nursery Manager.

Targeted 15-Hour Funding for 2-Year-Olds

Some families in England who receive certain forms of government support may be eligible for 15 hours of funded childcare for 2-year-olds.

We are able to offer a limited number of funded two-year-old places, subject to availability.

If you believe you may be eligible, please visit the Torbay Early Years website to apply for targeted two-year-old funding. If successful, you will be issued with a Unique Reference Code (URC) by Torbay Council.

Once we have received:

- Your child's **URC**
- A completed **registration form**
- Your child's **birth certificate**

we will be able to allocate sessions where availability allows. Places are offered on a first come, first served basis, as numbers are limited.

Please note:

We do not charge a registration fee or require a deposit if your child is attending nursery only for the free 15 funded hours. If you choose to book additional paid sessions, a deposit will be required.

Education for 3-Year-Olds

Please note:

When your child reaches the age of three, a place will be offered in our Over 3's Unit, subject to availability.

If you live within the local catchment area, your details may be shared with Watcombe Primary School, who will contact you regarding the possibility of your child moving into the school's Foundation Unit.

If you do not wish for your child to transition to the school's Foundation Unit, please inform us so that we can continue to support your child within the nursery where possible.

For further clarification please do not hesitate to ask.

Consumables

Parents are requested to provide their child's own formula milk. Families will also need to supply a named kit bag containing their child's care items, including:

- A change of clothes
- Slippers
- Wellington boots

Please ensure all items are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Illness

Absences due to sickness will be charged at the normal session rate.

Charges for long-term sickness will be considered at the discretion of the Nursery Manager.

Trips, Visits, and Special Events

We offer children opportunities to take part in a range of educational visits and special events, such as trips to the zoo. A small charge may apply to cover transport and entry costs.

Parents will be informed well in advance of any planned trips, and written consent will be requested prior to participation. High-quality care and learning will continue to be provided at the nursery for children who do not attend trips.

Late Pick-Up Policy

To ensure we remain within required adult-to-child ratios, all children must be collected on time.

For late collection, we reserve the right to charge:

- £10 for the first 15 minutes
- £15 for each additional 15 minutes

These charges help cover staff overtime costs incurred.

Terminating a Place

If you wish to terminate your child's place, we require **one month's notice in writing** (email is acceptable). Fees remain payable during the notice period, whether or not your child attends.

Nursery Closures

No fees are charged when the nursery is closed, including:

- Bank Holidays
- Training days
- Christmas holidays



Help with Fees

Some families may be eligible for financial support with childcare costs.

Universal Credit may help working families on low incomes, including:

- Households where someone has a disability
- Support towards eligible childcare costs

Tax-Free Childcare is available to parents who do not receive Universal Credit. For every 80p paid, the government adds 20p, giving a 20% contribution towards childcare fees.

Registration and Deposit

A £100 deposit is required to secure your child's place. This deposit will be refunded into your Family account once your child starts at the nursery.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss fees or policies in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are always happy to help.