

A young boy and girl are running happily in a grassy field at sunset. The boy is wearing a blue t-shirt and shorts, and the girl is wearing a white dress with a pink ribbon. The background is a bright, hazy sky with a large, faint watermark of a turtle in the center.

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**CINDERFORD**

Day Nursery & Out of School Club

## Welcome to Happy Turtles

Some of your child's happiest memories will come from their early years. We would be privileged and excited to be part of that. We hope you can think of us as part of your extended family and that you find benefit from the opportunities great childcare can give you.

Your peace of mind is always a priority to us and you can be sure that all of our services are run to the highest standards and procedures. We provide a warm and friendly environment with flexible booking to suit your needs. Your child won't want to leave!

Our Cinderford setting is a purpose-built nursery for children aged 3 months to 11 years. We operate 51 weeks per year and are open from 7:00am until 6:00pm.

The nursery is divided into 4 main areas: Babies & Toddlers, Preschool, Soft Play and Kitchen & Dining. We also have a large safe and secure outdoor area where the children are free to let their imaginations run riot out in the fresh air. We take children from all parishes throughout the Forest of Dean and have some children from further afield. We work closely with local primary schools and other childcare provisions.



## An indoor adventure

Our main room is fitted with an amazing set of soft play equipment, which children of all ages absolutely love. It features a huge variety of obstacles and challenges such as the climbing ramp, the suspended scramble net walkways and the swirly slide. This is such a benefit to the children's physical development as they learn risk taking and build the vital strengths that we all need, such as confidence and resilience.

## Healthy home-cooked food

We prepare a hot lunch every day in our kitchen using fresh ingredients, making sure that the children get healthy, highly nutritious meals. We believe that it is important that children avoid too much salt, sugar and fat and so we make sure our recipes are all really tasty without too much of those. Our lunch menu is based on a three week cycle to make sure we offer a real variety. We provide a morning and afternoon snack for everyone and the children can help themselves at any time from the fruit bowl in each room that we always keep full.



## A rich experience to help your child understand the world

Being with other children in early childhood has a huge impact on a child's development. We'll help them learn the all-important social and emotional skills that will stand them in good stead when they move up to primary school. Happy Turtles is an environment that is structured, without seeming so to the children. They'll learn to make friends and play well with others. We'll stretch and strengthen their skills with hands-on activities and "idea testing". We take our lead from the choices each child makes and activities are completely child-led. We help them learn to take care of themselves and to help others. We'll nurture their curiosity and motivation

as they learn through imaginary play and practise their cognitive skills.

Part of every child's development is understanding the world around them. What better way than to go out and discover it for themselves? Trips out into the community form a regular part of Happy Turtles activities. After all, who doesn't like seeing newly-born lambs in the spring, riding on the top floor of a double decker bus or going for a walk in the woods?



## Providing invaluable preschool education

We provide a wide variety of play activities and learning opportunities that are great fun for your child and help them develop key skills defined by the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). The three prime areas are:

- Communication and language
- Physical development
- Personal, social and emotional development

And the four specific areas are:

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the world
- Expressing arts and design

## ...while giving you some “grown up” time

Everyone needs some time for themselves; especially hard-working parents and sometimes you can't fit everything in. We can help lighten the load for you while giving your child all the benefits of excellent childcare.

## ...with the flexibility to use hours that suit your needs

These days life can be unpredictable; we all need different things at different times. Some nurseries are only interested in extended advance bookings. At Happy Turtles, if we can fit your child in, then we will.



## Funding

### Age 2

First 15 hours childcare per week FREE if you're eligible (11 hours per week if you stretch your hours over the whole year).

#### Can I get This?

Yes, if you are getting a form of support, such as:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- Tax credits or Universal Credit.

Hours over and above the first 15 (or 11 if stretching) in a week are charged at the standard fee rate.



**Visit the Government's website where you can find out what you're eligible for and apply for funding.**

[www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)

### Age 3 & 4

First 15 hours childcare per week FREE for everyone (11 hours per week if you stretch your hours over the whole year).

Available from the 1st January, 1st April or 1st September following your child's 3rd birthday.

Or...

First 30 hours childcare per week FREE. That's an extra 15 hours a week of FREE childcare if you're eligible; so 30 in all! (22 hours per week if you stretch your hours over the whole year).

#### Can I get This?

Yes, if you, and your partner if applicable, are working 16 hours or more at the National Minimum or Living Wage per week.

If you, or your partner if applicable, are on maternity, paternity or adoption leave, or you're unable to work because you're disabled or have caring responsibilities, you could still be eligible.

Hours over and above the first 15 or 30 (11 or 22 if stretching) in a week are charged at the standard fee rate.

## Day nursery

- 3 months to 4 years (preschool-aged)
- 7:00am - 6:00pm
- 51 weeks per year

We can drop off and pick up from the following local schools: Steam Mills, St. Whites Forest View, Drybrook, Ruardean C of E, Ruardean Woodside, Littledean.

## Breakfast club and after school club

- Primary school age
- From 7:00am until drop off at school and then from pick up from school until 6:00pm
- During Gloucestershire school term time

## Holiday club

- Primary school age
- 7:00am - 6:00pm
- During Gloucestershire school holidays



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