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NURSERY SCHOOLS LIMITED



Quality Education in A Stimulating Environment





WE PROVIDE YOUR CHILD WITH QUALITY EDUCATION IN A SAFE AND STIMULATING ENVIRONMENT

Chestnut Nursery Schools is one of the UK's leading providers of high-quality, pre-school education. We are committed to giving your child the best start in life, by helping them develop their intellectual, emotional and personal skills through learning and play. We balance traditional teaching methods with learning through play in a warm, nurturing environment. Our schools are very much at the heart of the communities they are based in! Our staff are experienced and motivated childcare and teaching professionals. We recognise that every child is unique, and our team work hard to build a trusting relationship with each child, to help them get the most out of their time with us.



Selecting a nursery for your child is one of the most important decisions a parent can make. At Chestnut Nursery Schools we provide high quality childcare and pre-school education to meet the most exacting standards. We pride ourselves on the level of care and attention your child will receive under our supervision.

All activities are carefully planned from the Early Years Foundation Stage to meet every child's individual needs. Activities are stimulating, challenging and progressive. At Chestnut Nursery Schools, your child's development, both mentally and physically, is incredibly important to us. Your child will be carefully observed, and their progress recorded so that the next stage of activities can be planned for. Parents' evenings are held three times a year for parents to look through work and discuss their child's progress. With our very own curriculum, your child will receive the very best Early Years teaching, and you can be confident that they will obtain a fantastic start in life.

Why should you choose

US?



Chestnut Nursery Schools Ltd. was set up in August 2002 by Steven Davies and David Saunders. David was a Deputy Head Teacher for many years and Steven was a College Lecturer. They opened their first nursery in a large Victorian house in Newham, on Chestnut Avenue, and that is where Chestnut Nursery Schools Ltd. began.

David and Steven's vision was to always provide the highest quality childcare and education in an environment that inspires young minds, as well as being a safe and secure place that promotes the welfare of all children in their care. They now have many Chestnut Nursery Schools across East London, Cambridgeshire and Norfolk, with more to come in the future. All nurseries are delivering the vision that started in 2002.

Our Story

A Fantastic Start

At Chestnut Nursery Schools, we really do believe that with your child in our care, they will gain a fantastic start in life. These early years of childhood will give them strong foundations of learning and curiosity, which can provide so many opportunities to excel in later life. In a Chestnut Nursery School environment, your child will be encouraged to grow and thrive. They will experience our Core Curriculum, our Forest School ethos, cooking classes, and so much more.

We strive to offer your child as much as possible, in the hope that when they go on to higher levels of education, they are fully prepared for the experiences and challenges that lie ahead. They will enjoy a wealth of memorable activities within a safe and secure environment. You will also become part of the Chestnut Nursery School community.



A Typical Day

What can **your child** expect from a **Chestnut Nursery School?**

During the nursery day, your child will engage in purposeful play and exploratory activity. Each day is planned to provide a range of activities and experiences from which children can develop and learn. At Chestnut Nursery Schools all the children learn within the Early Years Foundation Stage framework. The EYFS is a framework that provides the guidance for and legal requirements of all Early Years practitioners. Our staff are always supportive, and guide the learning and development of children in their care.

The moment your child enters one of our nurseries, they will receive the very best care from all our staff. Whether it is learning and play, nutrition, sleeping or health and safety, every detail of their day is carefully structured and observed, offering them with a safe, fun, and nurturing environment. Your child will be excited to visit our nursery each day, enjoying countless indoor and outdoor activities. Our food is locally sourced and freshly provided to each nursery, ensuring your child receives a well-rounded physical development. Chestnut Nursery Schools are proud to be ranked either “Outstanding” or “Good” by OFSTED, and work tirelessly to further better our standards.



Our Amazing Staff

Staff at Chestnut Nursery Schools are a mixture of ages, sexes and cultures, but all pride themselves in creating a welcoming, secure and loving environment for the children. All staff undergo a rigorous selection process to ensure the highest calibre of care. Together, our managers and class leaders combine over 80 years of professional experience. Alongside this, we regularly review performance and offer opportunities for ongoing training and development. These frequent reviews keep the overall level of care at our nurseries extremely high.

The staff at Chestnut Nursery Schools truly love what they do, and each gain a great sense of satisfaction in knowing they are providing great memories and experiences for your child. They each focus closely on a set number of children, providing vital observations at a key stage in your child's life. All our staff are friendly, welcoming and highly qualified, and they are always happy to help with any questions or concerns you may have. You can leave one of our nurseries at ease, and trust that your child is experiencing a safe, happy, and nurturing time, growing and developing into a fantastic individual.

Our staff provide your child with the best care!





Our Core Curriculum

Your Child's Development

Your child's development is at the heart of everything we do. Their experiences and learning, while at Chestnut Nursery Schools, are key to both their physical and mental growth. We provide a fun, well-rounded curriculum, offering your child fundamental life skills, and encouraging a desire to learn more.

Little Explorers

Experiencing the natural world through outdoor hands-on activities.

Mini Artists

Exploring objects and materials through play.

Little Book Lovers

Sharing the love for stories through our imagination.

Little Communicators

Encouraging our children to be expressive and confident.

Give them a FANTASTIC

START!

Forest Schools

Hands-on **learning** and **experiences** with **natural environments**

The concept of Forest Schools is to encourage and inspire individuals of any age through positive, outdoor experiences. By participating in engaging, motivating and achievable tasks and activities in a woodland environment, each participant has an opportunity to develop intrinsic motivation, sound, emotional and social skills. Chestnut Nursery Schools embodies the Forest School philosophy, and encourages the development of your child through outdoor activities and play. This can range from gardening to exploring woodland areas. All practices are carried out in a safe environment, allowing your child to thrive in the natural world around them. It is important that our children gain an understanding and appreciation for the importance of caring for our environments.

Forest Schools has demonstrated success with children of all ages who visit the same local woodlands on a regular basis. The children have the opportunity to learn about the natural environment, how to handle risks and most importantly, how to use their own initiative to solve problems and co-operate with others. With large outdoor areas at our nurseries, your child can make the most of these experiences.



Parent Zone App

“iConnect” is the award-winning software for practitioners. It enables staff to save hours each week and spend more time on their key children. Observations can be done instantly on tablets in the rooms, and all the information is stored safely, ready to access again when needed for assessments and checks. “iConnect” allows us to log observations and assessments against multiple frameworks, such as the EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum).

Chestnut Nursery Schools also use “ParentZone” as a system of communication so parents and carers can keep up to date with observations. Daily diaries are completed and uploaded for the parent or carers to view with regards to their child’s sleep times, meal times, nappy changes and accident information. In addition, parents and carers can take a lead with their child’s learning by offering strategies they may use within their home, uploading pictures or videos of activities, occasional outings, and commenting on observations and assessments. “ParentZone” and “iConnect” allow us to provide parents with as much information on their child’s development as possible, so we recommend downloading this when your child is at nursery.

A great way to ensure that your child is safe and happy!

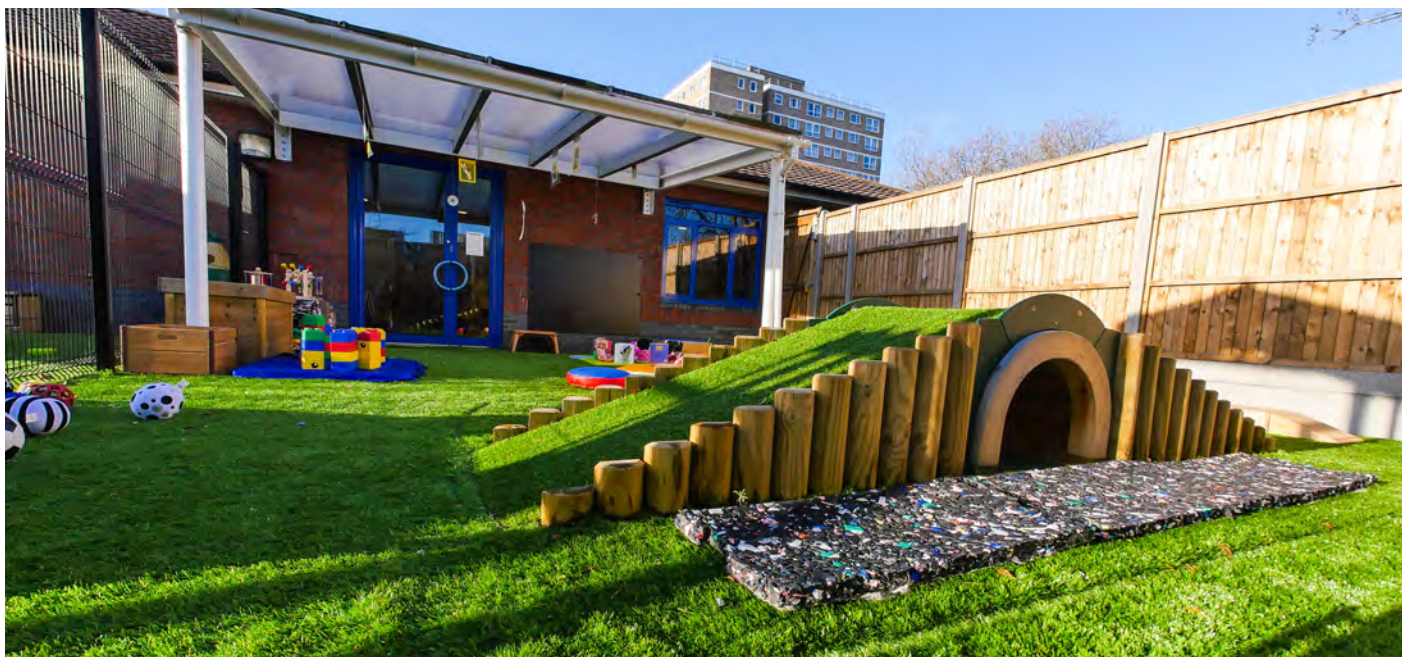


Our Facilities

State-of-the-art, purpose built, clean and safe environments

At Chestnut Nursery Schools we pride ourselves on the quality of care we can offer your child. We provide them with high standard facilities and a wealth of enjoyable and educational activities. Many of our schools have been purpose-built for this form of education, and we are excited to show you what is available. With some completely new nursery schools, we are able to include the latest in childcare equipment. As outdoor activities and exercise are so important for young, developing children, all our nurseries have large, outdoor areas. With garden spaces and plenty of room to play, your child will feel comfortable throughout their time at Chestnut Nursery Schools. Food and nutrition, as well as health and safety, are primary concerns for us at Chestnut, and we take every step to ensuring a well-balanced, safe, healthy and happy lifestyle.

In many of our nursery schools we also have sensory rooms, which offer a high amount of learning and development for your child, in a fun and exciting way. It can include lights, colours, sounds, soft play objects and more, allowing your child to explore and interact without risk. By activating the child's senses at such an early age, they gain confidence in the world around them.







Chestnut Nursery Schools offers competitive fees, structured according to the age of your child and whether you choose full or part time care. We provide value for money, offering affordable childcare at an outstanding level. You can be confident that the investment in your child is a foundation for their great future.

You can choose to send your child for as many sessions with us per week as you would like. If your child is aged between 2 and 5 years, you may be entitled to Government funding. This funding covers a number of childcare hours at Chestnut Nursery Schools, per week. If you would like to learn more about the options available, and to find out if you or your child is eligible, you can visit our website chestnut-nursery.co.uk or speak to one of our Nursery Managers.

Fees & Funding

Settling In

When your child starts at a Chestnut Nursery School, they will have a settling in period. Some children settle in more easily than others, and our staff are patient and caring to ensure a smooth transition. Parents are welcome to attend the nursery during the settling in period, and the staff will accommodate your child's needs. Your child will soon get comfortable in the new environment, and we use a range of techniques to make progress here.

Staying with your child for this short period is not only important for them settling in, it can also be a great opportunity to see the nursery and its facilities. You can see first-hand of what is available to your child, and how our staff operate. This can provide an insight into the typical day your child will experience at a Chestnut Nursery School.



What Do Parents

*“Such a **fantastic nursery** and **great staff!**”*

“My 2-year-old son has been coming here since I started full time work in October. After having a very bad experience with another local nursery I was so worried about leaving him again - my trust levels were at their worst. My first impressions of Chestnut were - very clean, bright and cheerful, well-structured and professional. The staff at Chestnut Nursery have been wonderful. They are always friendly and genuinely love working with the children. Stacey the Nursery Manager is very hands on. She took on all my concerns, assured me my son would be well looked after and gave me the extra time I needed to feel confident during his settling in period. They even sent me pictures of him while I was at work to show me he was fine, which was lovely! Nothing was too much trouble; my son loves it here and they have lots for the kids to do! He always has so much to tell me on the way home and when he talks about nursery it's with a smile on his face. I have complete piece of mind knowing he is in the best hands possible. I would highly recommend!”

“Chestnut Nursery is a great nursery, staff members are friendly, polite, understanding and approachable. Before my daughter started at Chestnut Nursery she was very shy, but the nursery has helped boost my daughter's confidence; it's prepared her physically and mentally for reception. She's excited about school!”



Have To Say?

“Thank you so much to each and every staff member for all the care, love and support you have shown over the last 3 years. Anika has really enjoyed her time with you all and I’m sure she will miss you all very much. I have watched her develop during her time at the nursery and would like to thank you all for giving her such a great start in life.”

“As a single parent, letting go of my youngest child was very difficult for me. My son has never been left with anyone on his own (not even grandparents), so this was a very big deal for both of us. The staff helped reassure me and settled him in fantastically. They are always polite, friendly and approachable, and the setting itself is very welcoming and clean. I would also like to thank the staff for the support they have given both me and my son for toilet training, which I myself have struggled with him, but after a week, he is doing so well. I would strongly recommend this nursery to any parent.”

*“My son **really enjoys** the nursery and has made **significant progress** since he first started. **Thank you!**”*



Book A Visit

See One of Our Nurseries Yourself

Don't just take our word for it. Why not visit one of our Nurseries? You can find your nearest nursery on our website, and book a visit. All our staff are more than happy to answer any questions you may have. Take a look at the facilities we have on offer for your child, and gain that all important first-impression of our high standards of childcare. After visiting, you will be confident that your child is receiving the very best start in life at Chestnut Nursery Schools.

Visit Our Website

Check out our website for the latest news and information on all our nurseries. You can read about the different personalities behind each nursery, and visualise the spaces through a wide variety of photos.

You can learn a lot about Chestnut Nursery Schools on our website. There is a wealth of information for parents within our "Family Zone". Whether it's food and nutrition, health and safety, or our policies and safeguarding standards, you can learn all about the practices in each of our nurseries. It is a great place to gain advice, as well as keeping up-to-date on the exciting activities the Chestnut children are taking part in.

Looking for a career in childcare? We are always looking for friendly, hard-working individuals to join our team. Check the careers section of our website for more details.

Call Your Nearest Chestnut Nursery School

You can find a complete list of our nurseries across the country on our website. All the contact details for these nurseries can also be found there. You can book a visit online, or feel free to call your nearest nursery.

You can also see who the manager and deputy manager are at your nearest nursery, as well as their childcare backgrounds. They are happy to answer any questions you may have, and will gladly show you around the nursery.



"My daughters attend this nursery and **I'm very happy**, the **staff work fantastically together** and my **children enjoy coming here"**



Start Your Child's Future Today

Visit our website to contact your nearest Chestnut Nursery School. Book a visit and kick-start your child's nursery care.

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