



Welcome to Orchids Childcare Nursery Wraparound



My name is Danielle and I am the Nursery Manager here at Orchids Childcare. I have worked in childcare for 8 years and have a 2 year old son and I am expecting my second baby in December.



My name is Vicky and I am the Nursery Deputy Manager here at Orchids Childcare. I have worked in childcare for 17 years and have two sons aged 4 and 9.



What do we do?



As you know, Wheelers Lane Nursery offer their 15 hours on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, whilst we offer our 15 hours the opposite end of the week meaning our Nursery hours are 11:30am-3:15pm on Wednesday and 8:35am-3:15pm Thursday & Friday. During these hours we provide a seamless transition for the children as we provide exciting and stimulating activities across all areas of the EYFS. We observe and assess the children the same as school Nursery and add observations to their shared learning journeys.





Funding



How is it funded?

Many working parents of 3 and 4 year olds could be eligible to receive 30 hours government funded childcare. To find out if your child is entitled to 30 hours funded childcare, you will need to register online at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk and if you are eligible you will be issued with a code. Once you have received your code, you can apply for your place with us by emailing info@orchidschildcare.co.uk or calling us on 07972651405.

How can I use the funded hours?

You can use all or just some of the 15 hours available to you and we are flexible on how they are used. For example, you could just use one or two of the sessions like just the Wednesday afternoon or all day Thursday or all three sessions, it is entirely up to you. The funded hours can also be used towards our before and after school club so for example, your child could attend some of our Nursery sessions but also some Kids Club sessions that totals to 15 hours.



Fees



What are the fees if I am not eligible for the funding?

Session	Fee
Wednesday/Thursday/Friday 11:30am – 3:30pm	4 hours funding or £24.00
Wednesday/Thursday/Friday 11:30am – 4:30pm	5 hours funding or £30.00
Wednesday/Thursday/Friday 11:30am – 5:30pm	6 hours funding or £36.00
Thursday/Friday 7:30am – 11:30am	4 hours funding or £24.00
Thursday/Friday 8:30am – 11:30am	3 hours funding or £18.00
Thursday/Friday 7:30am-3:30pm	8 hours funding or £48.00
Thursday/Friday 7:30am-4:30pm	9 hours funding or £54.00
Thursday/Friday 7:30am-5:30pm	10 hours funding or £60.00
Thursday/Friday 8:30am-3:30pm	7 hours funding or £42.00
Thursday/Friday 8:30am-4:30pm	8 hours funding or £48.00
Thursday/Friday 8:30am-5:30pm	9 hours funding or £54.00



What will my child need?



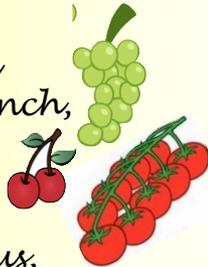
- Water bottle
- Packed lunch if staying beyond 11:30am
- Spare clothes (including season appropriate clothing, underwear and socks)
- Wellingtons
- Water proof coat
- Sun hat and suncream
- Medication to be left on site should your child have any medical conditions



Please ensure that all items brought into Orchids are clearly labelled with your child's name to avoid being misplaced.

At Orchids we promote healthy eating and ask that your child brings a healthy and balanced lunch along with a water bottle to drink throughout the day. Children are allowed to bring fruit juice in their lunchbox as part of their healthy balanced lunch, but we do not allow children to drink fizzy drinks.

As some of you may be aware from recent news, there has been growing concern around children choking when consuming foods such as grapes, cherry tomatoes, blueberries and cherries. A medium-sized grape is the exact size of a child's oesophagus, and if it is to become lodged in a child's throat, this will restrict breathing. We ask that if you wish to provide these products in your child's lunch box, that these are cut in half lengthways in order to keep your children safe at all times.



We also ask that children do not bring any type of nut foods including peanut butter and Nutella into the environment as we care for some children whom have severe nut allergies and do not want to pose a risk of an allergic reaction to any child in our care.

We ask that all parents please keep these things in mind when preparing your child's lunchbox.





Learning development



During our Nursery Wraparound sessions, we incorporate the school Nursery's planning themes to achieve a seamless transition and continuity for all children. We also use the children's interests to plan our activities in order to gain the most from their development.

We like to promote equality and diversity and will contribute towards all different cultural and religious festivals and holidays.

We provide lots of fun activities across all areas of the EYFS. These include:

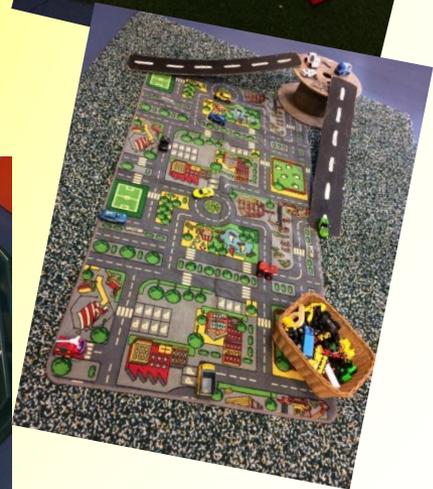
- Various arts and crafts including painting, drawing, cutting and sticking*
- Small world play including animals, cars, dolls house etc.*
- Construction including a variety of building materials both indoors and outdoors*
- Physical activity including bikes, scooters, climbing frame, obstacle courses, yoga etc.*
- Fine motor skills such as pencil control, finger gym, threading, cutting skills, playdough etc.*
- Role play*
- Water and sand play*
- Visits to the forest classroom and offsite outings (with prior parent permission)*

And lots more fun!

Please see the photos on the following page for some examples of the fun activities we do at Orchids!



Activity examples

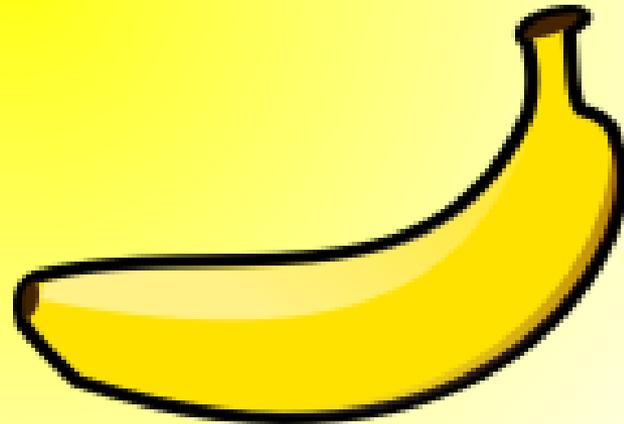




Key groups



During your child's time at Orchids, they will be part of a key group - either the strawberries or bananas. Vicky is the key person for the Banana group and Danielle is the key person for the Strawberry group. This ensures that each key person has excellent knowledge of their key group and can make appropriate observations to contribute to their learning development and assessment with the Nursery teacher.





Reward system



In order to use age-appropriate and effective behaviour management, we have a 'Rocket Rewards' system in place. This is a reward chart for all children in order to help them understand what behaviour is expected at Orchids. All children have a rocket with their name on and begin everyday on 'Earth'. When children display positive behaviour or achieve something positive, their rocket moves up to the 'Sun', the 'Moon' and then the 'Stars' in order to give them praise for their amazing achievements! However, if children display negative behaviour, they will receive a warning and if this behaviour continues then their rocket will move down to the 'red planet' and will be asked to think about their actions. If this behaviour continues further, children will be placed in 'time out' and will be asked to sit in 'time out' for an age-appropriate length of time. An adult will talk to the child about their actions and will be encouraged to redeem themselves by displaying positive behaviour in order to move back up the chart. From previous experience, we have found that this form of reward chart works extremely well, children respond to this and particularly thrive from the positive praise received when moving up the chart!

