

## Welcome to...



# Caldecote Day Nursery

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A place to learn, a place to play, a place to grow...



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**About Us:** Caldecote Day Nursery was founded in 1995 by proprietor Mariana Dixon whose aim was to provide high quality, affordable childcare for all. Mariana is a qualified Nursery Nurse with over 30 years' experience in childcare and early education.

In 1995, the nursery opened as an 18 place setting, offering childcare for two to five year olds. In 2003 the baby unit was officially opened and the nursery was able to accommodate 49 children aged six weeks to five years. Since 1995, Caldecote Day Nursery has given over 3000 children a great start to their education by offering a safe and nurturing environment to learn, grow and develop.

In 2018, the nursery expanded further creating spaces for a total of 68 children aged up to five years and opening 'Club Caldecote' holiday care for children up to eleven years of age in their own, dedicated space on the first floor of the building.

Situated close to Rugby town centre and directly next door to Caldecott Park, the staff members at nursery take full advantage of local amenities to enhance and enrich the Early Years curriculum.

#### **Our Vision:**

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#### To achieve our vision, we aim for our children to:

Learn through play, whilst becoming **independent**, **adept**, life-long learners who are **expressive** and able to communicate their needs, thoughts and feelings in a variety of ways.

Explore and engage in fun and inspirational play-based activities, encouraged to be **confident** in themselves and with others while being **curious** in approaches to challenges.

Be **broad-minded** individuals who foster positive social, emotional and cultural values, celebrate successes, grow to their maximum potential and be **unique** personalities.

The aims are reached through a strong partnership between children, parents and nursery practitioners in our safe and nurturing, child-centered environment.

#### **Our Rooms:**



Baby Room Birth – Two Years



Toddler Room Two – Three Years



**Pre-School Room Three – Five Years** 



Club Caldecote Reception – Year Six

**Learning at Caldecote:** We follow the interests of the children when planning learning opportunities. Practitioners carefully observe and assess children, noting their interests and looking for their 'next steps' to progress their development. Alongside this we take a thematic approach and will include seasonal learning activities as well as celebrating and marking significant festivals throughout the calendar. As a culturally diverse setting, with many children and staff from multicultural backgrounds and with a range of languages, we pride ourselves on our commitment to promoting cultural diversity through music, the arts and food.

**The EYFS Curriculum:** Our rooms are resourced to support learning and development in accordance with the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). We aim to develop and broaden the range of children's learning experiences through the 7 areas of the curriculum:

**Prime Areas:** Personal, Social and Emotional Development; Communication and Language; Physical Development.

**Specific Areas:** Literacy; Mathematics; Understanding the World; Expressive Arts and Design

**The Characteristics of Effective Learning:** These underpin all seven areas of learning and development, representing processes rather than outcomes. They are: Playing and Exploring; Active Learning; Creating and Thinking Critically.

The Curiosity Approach: This is a modern-day approach to learning in Early Childhood. Taking parts from Reggio, Steiner, Te Whāriki with a sprinkle of Montessori. It's a beautiful recipe book of wonderful ingredients, carefully mixed with experience, passion and a love of Early Childhood. This approach is specifically for forward thinking settings like ours, who want to create beautiful environments for our incredible children. Inspiring them to be inquisitive and curious, creating the "thinkers and doers" of the future. We have already moved away from bright colours, bright flooring and walls, using natural tones to create a calmer more tranquil environment. We have also been replacing our traditional manufactured plastic toys with natural resources, loose-parts, and real-life objects that stimulate the senses, inspire curiosity, awe and wonder. By using this approach and the range of resources we provide, we meet the needs of the children, reach age-related milestones and develop skills in line with the requirements of the EYFS.

**Our Staff:** All our staff hold a full and relevant childcare qualification or are working towards one. They have a wide range of experience in childcare and regularly undertake continued professional development. As well as three Designated Safeguarding Leaders, we also have a SENDCO who supports children with special needs; two Time to Talk Champions who support children with language development, two Makaton Champions who support with communication and a Mental Health Champion who is trained to support the well-being of the staff and the children. All staff are paediatric first aid trained and hold food hygiene and safeguarding qualifications amongst others.

**Quality, Affordable Childcare:** In order to keep our session costs low, we ask that parents provide any nappies, wipes or formula that your child may require. This ensures children are using the preferred brand of the family. We ask parents to provide a large quantity when their child starts and issue a reminder to 'top-up' when requested. We do not take a deposit or charge an administration fee for new children starting. We also do not make charges for consumables such as paper, paint or pencils. These are all included in the fees.

**Food & Nutrition:** Our lunch menu from Warwickshire County Caterers provides children with freshly cooked meals. These are charged at an additional £2.30 per day and the menu is available to view on our website. Alternatively, you may wish to provide a healthy packed lunch for your child which we store in the fridge. Breakfast, tea and snacks throughout the day are included in the fees and the menu is available to view on our website. We are strictly a 'no nut' nursery and will return any nut-based products to you. We hold the Early Years, Soil Association, Food For Life Award, which shows that we are providing tasty, nutritious meals in an environment that encourages good social skills and healthy choices. We are also supporting the development of good food habits for life through practical cooking and growing activities and food-based learning - for our children and their families.

**Curriculum Enrichment:** As part of their learning, children will have a variety of experiences at Caldecote Day Nursery. Local outings and visits to the park, to town and to the library are included at no additional cost. Children have a weekly drama session with 'Drama Tots' and Pre-School children also enjoy French sessions once per week as part of the standard fees.

**Learning Journeys:** At Caldecote Day Nursery we use 'iconnect', a digital learning journal, where staff can photograph and complete observations of children learning, while closely monitoring their progress and planning for their next steps. Alongside this sits the 'ParentZone' app which allows parents to view these observations and contribute some of their own at the touch of a button. The system is totally secure, and parents are provided with a password when their child has started at the setting.

**Funded Places:** We offer universal Nursery Education Funding (NEF) places to 2, 3 and 4 year olds. These usually begin the term after your child turns 2 or 3. If you are receiving funding, it is vital that you attend all your sessions for the full duration of time. As we are regularly audited by Warwickshire County Council, extended periods of unexplained absence or early collection when claiming funding, may result in the county reclaiming their funding from you directly.

We also offer 30 Hour funded places in a variety of ways and details can be found in the fees section. If you are in receipt of a 30 hour code, please contact the office for details of how to apply for a place. If you are receiving 30 Funded Hours, it is your responsibility to update your code every three months or you may lose your funding.

To check your eligibility for a funded place, please visit **www.childcarechoices.gov.uk.** Please note that we have a limited number of funded places.

**Bookings:** If you would like to take a place, please contact us to complete the relevant registration paperwork. You will need to provide either a birth certificate or passport for your child as proof of identification and have the names and telephone numbers of your GP, Health Visitor (where applicable) and two emergency contacts.

**Settling-In:** Before your child starts, they are entitled to two settling-in sessions which are two hours in length each. We kindly ask that parents do not stay for these as it can make the transition more difficult and is often confusing for the child. These are arranged at a mutually convenient time when the registration paperwork is completed.

**Fees:** Fees are payable one month in advance and payments are made via BACS. The Nursery also accepts childcare vouchers and is part of the Tax-Free Childcare Government initiative. Further details can be found on **www.childcarechoices.gov.uk.** 

A discount of 5% is given to any siblings attending nursery on a full-time basis.

A 50% discount of fees is given during holiday periods where notice is provided one month in advance.

Charges for late collection of children apply and late payment of fees may result in your child not being accepted at the nursery until the invoice is settled.

Notice of withdrawal or cancellation must be given to the nursery manager in writing one month in advance.

**Opening Times:** Caldecote Day Nursery is open 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday for 51 weeks of the year, closing only on statutory bank holidays and for a week between Christmas and the New Year.

# Club Caldecote

#### **Holiday Care:**

- An option of half day or full day sessions.
- Breakfast, lunch, tea and snacks (depending on sessions booked).
- Use of dedicated rooms on the first floor with a range of resources.
- Offsite local visits to the library, museum, town, parks, lunches out (included in fees)
- Involvement in local activities festivals, cultural events.
- A range of offsite visits to the cinema, Adventure Zone, Sealife Centre, Think Tank, Transport Museum (charged separately).

#### **Our Facilities:**

- We offer a dedicated space on the first floor which is zoned in different areas.
- A relaxing space with books and magazines.
- A technology area with a television, selection of DVDs and a games console.
- Role play area with resources and dressing up.
- A construction space with Lego, K'Nex, or space to play board games.
- A kitchen / diner to access snacks, drinks, tea and take part in cookery activities.
- An art room with a wide selection of art and craft materials.
- A guiet space to complete homework activities if desired.
- Use of the outdoor space or accompanied access to Caldecott Park.
- We offer a range of seasonal activities for children to take part in and aim to link activities to learning at school where possible.
- We follow the children's interests and also encourage them to make suggestions about what they
  would like to do.





### Pricing Structure from April 2023 - Prices increase slightly each April.

Stand	ard Charges (non-	funded sessions)	
	Birth – 3 Years	3 Years +	
Full time (8am-6pm, Monday – Friday)	£265	£245	Including breakfast, snacks and tea.
Full day (8am-6pm)	£53	£49	Including breakfast, snacks and tea.
Half Day (8am – 1pm or 1pm – 6pm)	£26.50	£24.50	Including breakfast or tea and snacks.
15 Hours Nursery Education Standard Charg	n Funding — Up to es apply for the re		
	2 Year Olds	3 & 4 Year Olds	
Full time (8am-6pm, Monday – Friday) 50 hours per week - 15 funded hours & 35 hours additional care	£175	£157	Including breakfast, snacks and tea.
Full Day (8am-6pm) 10 hours per day - 6 funded hours & 4 hours additional care	£24	£22	Including breakfast, snacks and tea.
Full Day (8am-6pm) 10 hours per day - 3 funded hours & 7 hours additional care	£35	£33	Including breakfast, snacks and tea.
Half Day (8am-1pm or 1pm-6pm) 5 hours per session - 3 funded hours & 2 hours additional care	£13	£12	Including snacks and either breakfast or tea.
Shorter Day (9am-12pm or 1pm-4pm) 3 hours per session - fully funded	£0	£0	Including snacks. We have limited spaces for these sessions. Please see staff for details.
Lunch Club (for those accessing the Shorter Day who also wish to stay during the lunch hour. These places are limited.)	£6 per hour	£6 per hour	This lunch fee is charged outside the standard service model.
30 Hours Nursery Education Standard Charg	n Funding — Up to es apply for the re	30 hours per week maining 13 weeks	r; 38 weeks per year per year
	3 & 4 Year Olds		
Full 5 Days (8am-6pm, Monday – Friday) 50 hours per week - 30 funded hours & 20 hours additional care	£145	Including breakfast, snacks and tea.	
Any 4 Days (8am-6pm, Monday – Friday) 40 hours per week - 24 funded hours & 16 hours additional care	£116	Including breakfast, snacks and tea.	
Any 3 Days (8am-6pm, Monday – Friday) 30 hours per week - 18 funded hours & 12 hours additional care	£87	Including breakfast, snacks and tea.	
30 Hours (9am – 3pm; Monday – Friday) 6 hours per session - fully funded	£0	Including snacks. We have limited spaces for these sessions. Please se staff for details.	
Club Caldecote	Holiday Care	Reception –	· Year Six
Full Day (8am-6pm)	£34	Includes breakfast, snacks and tea.	
Half Day (8am-1pm or 1pm-6pm)	£17	Including snacks and either breakfast or tea.	
Lunch In all the models shown, this is charg cold food which we store in the fridge			dren may bring a lunch from home. This can be serving.