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Christopher Robin **DAY NURSERIES**



MONTESSORI DAY NURSERY FOR CHILDREN AGED 3 MONTHS TO 5 YEARS

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Welcome

As a childcare provider with over three decades of experience, we understand how difficult it can be to choose a childcare setting that is right for you and your child.

We hope you find the information in this prospectus helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions, we will make every effort to provide you with all the information you need to enable you to reach your decision.

Christopher Robin Day Nurseries have been offering full day care since 1986 and our knowledge and experience, along with our caring and well qualified staff teams, enables us to provide a uniquely beneficial environment for your child. We incorporate Montessori philosophy into our day to day practice because, like Maria Montessori, we believe that everything a child does from birth, forms not just part of their education and development, but also their personality. There is no limit to the potentiality of childhood.

We would be very pleased to show you around the nursery; meet you and your child and answer any questions you may have.

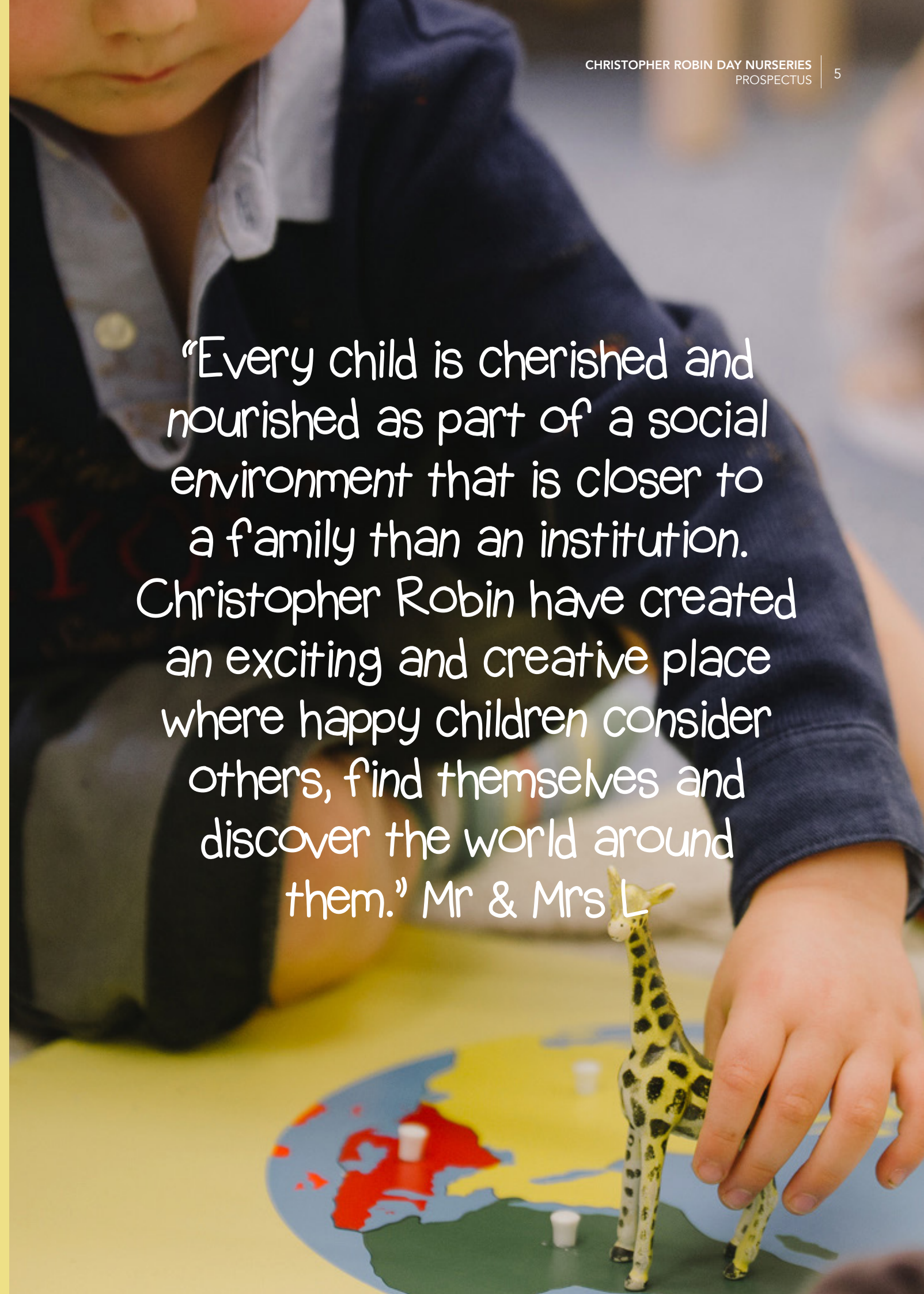
Please contact us to arrange a visit.

Who are Christopher Robin Day Nurseries?

Christopher Robin Day Nurseries proudly opened its doors in the summer of 1986 with the launch of its first nursery in Woking, Surrey. The idea behind the first nursery was simple: as a working Mum our founder noted how challenging it was to find “fun and homely” care provision for her own young family. There was nothing available, so she set up her own in the ground floor of the family home; soon demand grew to the point where the family had to find another home because the care offered by Christopher Robin had gained such an excellent reputation.

Building on that reputation and run by the same family, Christopher Robin has continued to develop into one of the longest established, most experienced day nursery groups in Surrey. We have expanded at a slow pace in order to ensure that each new nursery has continued to deliver childcare to the exacting standards for which we are renowned. We have nursery settings in 5 easy to reach, convenient locations in and around the Guildford area – Burpham, Cranleigh, London Road, Woking and Wood Street Village.

“Every child is cherished and nourished as part of a social environment that is closer to a family than an institution. Christopher Robin have created an exciting and creative place where happy children consider others, find themselves and discover the world around them.” Mr & Mrs L



Every one of our nurseries meets and exceeds all the legislative requirements for space, staff qualifications and staff ratios. The nurseries have a wide range of resources that support and encourage children's development along with well-equipped gardens and play areas so that the children can explore outdoors within the safe confines of the nursery boundaries.

We have an enviable record of exceptional results in our Ofsted inspection outcomes. The full Ofsted reports can be obtained on the Internet, via the Ofsted website or via our own website www.daynurseriessurrey.co.uk

Our nurseries are proud to have had the opportunity to participate in, and benefit from, local authority initiatives such as the Surrey Quality Improvement Award, the Home Learning Project and the Baby Room Project.



Positive Relationships with Parents

We see the care of the children as a partnership between parents and the nursery team. Parents are always welcome in the nursery and we hope you will view us as part of your extended family. We offer parents sessions where you are invited to join your child for a morning or afternoon and experience a range of activities, perhaps you'll join the children for breakfast or tea and then discover the joy of "gloop" or the magic of marble painting; this allows our curriculum to come to life for you.





There are many informal nursery events during the year where we can get to know each other better, e.g. Sports Day, Summer Fun Days and Christmas Concert/Play. We have several different fundraising days; our children regularly toddle, get on their tricycles or get creative to raise money for many good causes!

We hold regular parents' evenings where time is set aside for each parent to discuss their child's progress on an individual basis. Naturally there is daily verbal feedback, and appointments can be made for longer discussions at any time.

Parents have exclusive password protected access to our digital observation and record keeping system "My Montessori Child". Parents access their child's individual child profile to read their most recent observations and gain an insight into everything we do in the nursery and how it aids and supports children's development.

In our experience, the more information we share the better the care we can offer. With parental consent this record is shared with any other settings the child may attend and, importantly, "big school" to help paint a picture of the vast amount of learning that has already taken place in the early foundation years.

No matter what exciting activities and opportunities are planned for the day, our staff will always be available to explain the developmental and learning benefits of "just playing".

Who will look after your child?

At Christopher Robin Day Nurseries, we know that the choice of the people who look after your children is of the utmost importance. Our staff are chosen not only for their qualifications and experience, but also for their affinity with children, their enthusiasm and their commitment to providing a high-quality professional service. We believe this contributes to the comfortable atmosphere in our

nurseries, which is relaxed, homely and full of fun. Our staff hold a range of qualifications from National Vocational Qualifications at levels 2, 3, 4 and 5, Montessori Teaching Certificates and Diplomas to Early Years and Primary Teaching degrees and post graduate qualifications.

All staff hold an enhanced DBS clearance check.

What makes Christopher Robin different?

We believe that one of the factors that sets us aside from many other nurseries and contributes to the excellence of care at Christopher Robin is our preference for smaller home room groups. All nurseries require a high staff/child ratio, but we believe the overall size of the group is equally important. In each home room, Infants, Toddler and Pre-school groups are kept intentionally small to enable positive relationships to develop.

Large groups can be overwhelming for a small child and the smaller groups help to create a sense of security and belonging. We are very proud to follow the care and learning principles of one of early education's pioneers. Although it is almost unheard of these days for a nursery not to have child sized furniture and resources it was Maria Montessori who first established the benefit of providing children with resources that they could confidently and independently manipulate successfully.



Our Montessori trained staff do not class themselves as teachers, they are there to establish a favourable or enabling environment for the children and then to "direct" the children towards activities that match innate sensitivities and natural human tendencies.

We are extremely proud that so many of our staff team have used the opportunity offered at Christopher Robin Day Nurseries to gain internationally recognised Montessori qualifications in addition to nationally recognised childcare qualifications. Montessori was also one of the first to advocate following children's natural interests and curiosities through the use of observation and assessment; these are now key tools for the early years practitioner. It is this principle along with the depth and breadth of child development knowledge (that we hold) that is reflected in our Key Person system.

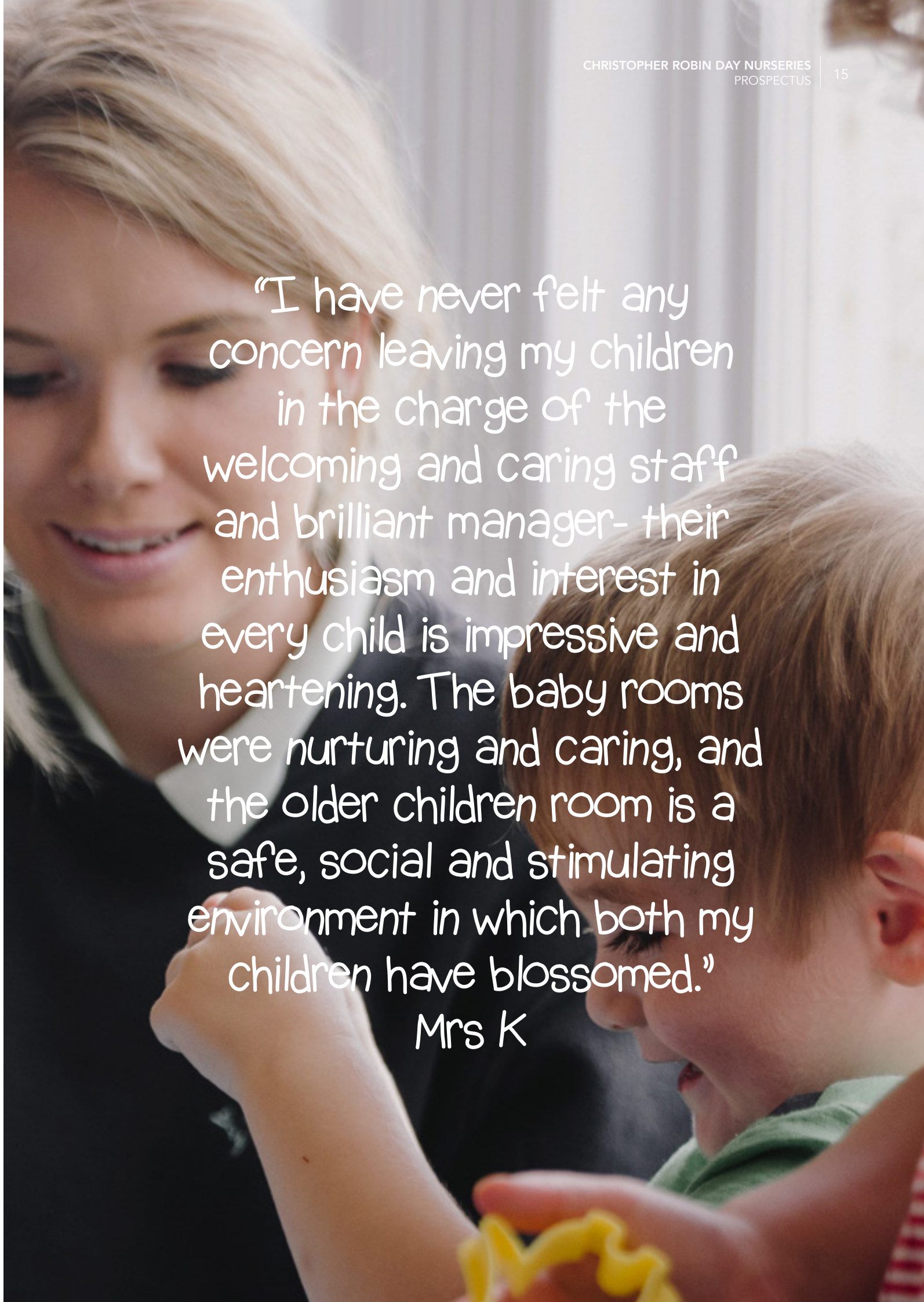
When your child joins one of our nurseries they will be paired up with a Key Person, a practitioner who will work with the child's parents to ensure that their physical, social and emotional needs are met. The Key Person will not be the only person caring for the child, but they will be the first point of call for parents and responsible for updating the child's developmental record. As children move through the nursery their Key Person will change but throughout their time

at nursery the current Key Person will support both the child and their parents through the variety of transitions that make up the foundation years.

Babies

Babies are cared for in a nurturing atmosphere that is furnished and equipped to provide them with home comforts coupled with a wide variety of stimulating, age appropriate resources and activities. When a baby joins the nursery, we try to make the transition as easy as possible for both parents and child. A series of pre-start visits are encouraged and discussions are held regarding baby's sleeping and feeding patterns. Our base rooms are furnished to be very homely and comfortable and our focus is on giving the babies plenty of love, security and attention. The rooms are light and bright and full of a wide variety of resources to interest and stimulate your child.

The day is flexible and relaxed; we follow a routine that echoes the children's own routine at home as much as possible. Babies have their own cots and follow their own individual sleep pattern. We try to spend time in the garden every day; our outdoor areas are equipped with materials that extend and challenge children's development in safe and secure boundaries.



"I have never felt any concern leaving my children in the charge of the welcoming and caring staff and brilliant manager- their enthusiasm and interest in every child is impressive and heartening. The baby rooms were nurturing and caring, and the older children room is a safe, social and stimulating environment in which both my children have blossomed."

Mrs K

Toddlers and Twos

The aim of the nursery is to help children develop into confident, happy, independent and co-operative individuals. This happens throughout the nursery, but it is especially important for the toddlers and twos as these years are formative and have a fundamental effect on future development.

At this time children are very inquisitive and learn new skills at a rapid rate. We provide an environment where they can have fun whilst having opportunities to discover, explore and learn in a safe, stimulating environment. We believe that good behaviour comes from having realistic expectations appropriate to the child's stage of development and from children having clear understanding of these expectations.

Growing Up and Getting Ready

The older children freely access resources that meet not only their developmental needs but their individual interests; a circle time discussion about one child's visit to the seaside can become a group project on sea animals or castles or pirates - there is no limit to the opportunities that imagination and curiosity can reveal. As the children

get older, they learn and practise life skills on a daily basis, so you may well find that your child will want to be independently involved in many of the routine household activities or the weekly supermarket shop.

Children develop the pre-skills needed to prepare them for more formal learning when they enter their Reception class: they develop the confidence to explore and ask questions; they develop critical and creative thinking strategies; and "Why?" becomes the most often heard question both in nursery and at home!





Food and Meal Times

Breakfast, mid-morning snack, lunch, early afternoon snack and afternoon tea are all included in the daily fees. The menus are nutritionally balanced and as additive-free as possible. Fresh fruit is served every day and most special dietary needs can be catered for. From stocks and soups to roast lunches, all food is freshly prepared and cooked from scratch in state-of-the-art kitchens run by our caterers **Care Catering**.

They use free-range supplies and the menus incorporate the recommended five daily portions of fresh fruit and vegetables. Care is taken to ensure that food provided for children with special dietary requirements is as similar in appearance as possible to the food provided for the other children so that each child feels part of the larger group.

Weekly menus are displayed on the nursery's notice board. We have several menus including: a babies menu (home-made freshly puréed food), a menu for babies that are ready for something with a little more texture and one for the older children. The chefs take great pride in the meals they prepare and providing high quality food is at the heart of their work. We are delighted that children love the taste and that parents appreciate the quality of our food.

At mealtimes our toddlers and older children help to lay the table, serve themselves and their friends. Sometimes some of the special treats on the healthy menu will have been prepared by the children in the nursery or grown by the children in the nursery garden. Members of staff always join the children at mealtimes to encourage them to try everything and the children tend to develop healthy appetites for a wide range of foods. Mealtimes are a very social occasion and an ideal time to encourage children to develop social skills and good manners.



Here to help you

Christopher Robin Day Nurseries are unique in that we will only charge you for your child's booking pattern. This means that you get the benefit of not having to pay for the 8 statutory and permanent bank and public holidays.

Where possible we will make swap days available to parents who need to adjust their child's attendance pattern within any two-week period. Swap days are a goodwill feature and can only be offered where the nursery is able to accommodate the request.



Extra days (in addition to your regular booking pattern) can be booked at nursery, subject to availability; extra days are charged at a higher rate than the standard daily rate.

Please note: Any changes made to extra, emergency or swap days once confirmed by the nursery will be subject to an administration fee.

We accept all major childcare vouchers and bank to bank payments. We regret we are unable to set up standing orders due to the fact that your bill will change each month to be truly reflective of your chosen booking pattern.

Early Years Free Entitlement - Children of qualifying age (3 and 4 years old) are eligible for the Early Years Free Entitlement; this funding is provided by the Government to help parents with the cost of early years education and childcare. The funding is applied to children's accounts as funded hours and will reduce the overall costs throughout the three terms of the academic year.

Tax-Free Childcare - All of our nurseries are registered to accept tax-free childcare payments from eligible, registered parents. Parents can check their eligibility and register for tax free childcare at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

For more information please see www.childcarechoices.gov.uk



Testimonials

We pride ourselves on building positive relationships with parents and love hearing their testimonials about our nurseries.

Parents are regularly invited to review our settings and the most up-to-date feedback we have received can be found on the independent review website www.daynurseries.co.uk

We've included a selection of our parents' comments over the next few pages and hope you enjoy reading them.



The daynurseries.co.uk Top 20 Nursery Awards highlight the most recommended Nurseries by parents in each region of the UK and the Top 20 Day Nursery Groups in the UK.

"A lovely supportive environment for little ones to blossom. I love the food provided by the nursery - our son tucks into all sorts he wouldn't eat at home. He polished off a beef curry for lunch today! I also like the activities provided for the children, from using musical instruments, exploring the garden, food tasting and story time. They offer a good balance of free play and structured activity. Our son has just started at the nursery this month and it's been lovely to see how receptive the other children are to him, finding toys for him to play with and including him in their activities. I feel the behaviour of the children in the room echoes the nursery's approach to inclusive play, good manners and kindness, attributes important to us as a family." **Mrs F**

"The staff, parents and other children are our extended family, that is how close and good we consider our relationship with Christopher Robin. Our daughter has responded extremely positively to the supportive environment offered by this nursery. It has prepared her for school and society in general to a very high standard." **Mr B**

"The nursery is fun, kind and very approachable. My toddler enjoys being there and comes home happy every time. The nursery manager and staff are very accommodating and manage to personalise their care, it is easy to pick up the phone and talk about issues and they are quick to provide possible solutions/suggestions." **Mrs A**

"We started using Christopher Robin Nursery in September this year. Coming from a childcare background I had high expectations and they have not failed to meet them. The settling in process was excellent, giving me confidence in the service and allowing my child to get used to the nursery before I left them. The feedback I get from the team every day is brilliant, you couldn't ask for more, it's so special to see (via photos) what they've been doing each day when they can't tell you! The team are friendly and professional, and I have no doubt that the children are at the centre of their planning throughout the day. They provide different fun and educational activities each day on top of the great toys and equipment they have in the room as standard. I couldn't go to work as readily as I do without this nursery and can't recommend them highly enough. I had heard good things about this nursery and have not been disappointed!" **Mrs B**

"Since the beginning, we have been hugely impressed with this nursery. The staff are warm, smiley and loving towards the children. Our daughter loves all the many different and varied activities that they do throughout the day. These have included baking, hand and foot painting, singing, reading and numerous crafts to name just a few. For us as parents, we feel assured that our daughter is given the input, attention and care that we want for her, which is all we could ask from a nursery. The recent Christmas fair was just one example of how the nursery reaches out to parents." **Ms G**

"My son has attended this nursery for more than two years and throughout the level of care, kindness and fun has been outstanding. I chose the nursery largely on reputation and for its wonderful garden but have learned that its greatest asset is its long serving staff who work diligently and enthusiastically every day to ensure the children are well looked after, engaged and educated. Going back to work full time feeling positive about childcare was a huge relief to me." **Mrs W**

"We came to Christopher Robin from another nursery and I just wish we had done it sooner! The staff are amazing, the atmosphere is calm, the personalised learning is perfect for my child and my daughter has been so happy here. I have recommended Christopher Robin to everyone who asks. Great value for money as well. It is actually cheaper than our old, non-Montessori nursery." **Mrs S**

"Wonderful nursery, lovely staff, cannot fault it in any way at all. My daughter has received the best level of care imaginable in her time here and she and I will miss everyone immensely when she starts school in September." **Mrs C**

"I cannot recommend Christopher Robin Day Nursery highly enough. The staff are incredible. They are extremely kind and caring and their dedication to the development of the children they look after is commendable. The manager and her team have worked hard to create and maintain a safe and nurturing environment, which has been consistent throughout the eight years I have used them. In a nutshell, I have always felt completely confident that our children have received the best care whilst they have been there." **Mr. G**



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