



Welcome to Conkers Day Nursery

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to Conkers Day Nursery. As professionals, parents and carers we all want the best for children in our care. Conker's is committed to providing quality childcare and education from 0-5 years. We are based in a safe, secure, high-quality building on a working farm. At Conkers we value the importance of outside play and make the most of being in a rural area by going on walks across the fields and within the farm.

We are rated 'GOOD' from Ofsted across all key areas.

We offer a secure, caring and stimulating environment. Our staff provide rich language and challenge the children to develop their knowledge and development. Each child and their family are treated as individuals, and we pride ourselves in having connections with you to support you and your child. We understand that your needs as parents and carers will differ from others, so we always aim to exceed your expectations and offer a unique and quality service.

Please call to arrange a tour of the setting. We look forward to meeting you and your child.

Yours Sincerely,
Felicity and Luke
Nursery Owners





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Conkers day nursery has been open since 2005. Since being open we have continued to provide quality childcare and have been Ofsted rated “Good” at every inspection. At Conkers children enjoy a daily variety of activities to nurture their social, intellectual, emotional and physical development indoors and out.

Within the setting we have highly qualified staff team including a Manager, two Deputy Manager’s and a number of nursery practitioners who care for the children. We also have an onsite cook who makes well-balanced and healthy meals for the children.

We are also a training nursery and provide opportunities for Apprentice Nursery Practitioners to develop their skills and gain the necessary expertise and experience to become fully qualified.

Safeguarding is embedded within the high-quality childcare we provide. Our whole team is DBS checked and approved to work with children, leaving you with the knowledge that your children will be cared and looked after during their early years.

Our Values

Children

We help each unique child to feel safe, engaged and challenged to ensure they get the best start in life.



Parents

We build strong parent/carer partnerships focused on inclusion, openness and good communication.



Staff

We hire highly qualified staff with a calm, loving nature and a passion for childcare.



Safety

We implement best practise safeguarding procedures to ensure all children, parents and staff feel safe and secure.



Sustainability

We aim to protect the environment for future generations and strive to be paper free by 2030.



Technology

We use the industry leading technology to improve the nursery experience for all.



Opening Hours

We are open all year round from 8am to 6pm for babies and children aged up to 5 years, excluding public holidays, weekends and the period between Christmas and New Year.



Our Classrooms

All children are cared for in separate rooms to cater for the children's developmental stage and their age.

We have three classrooms within the setting:

The Spring Room – which is for babies and toddlers up to the age of 2 years old

The Summer Room – which is for children aged between 2 and 3 years of age

The Autumn Room – which is for children aged 3 up to when they go to school

Each classroom is set out to enhance the children's development and ensure the children get the most out of their environment and resources, all of which are regularly checked and monitored by the manager, who risk assesses the setting regularly.



Spring Room

In our Spring classroom, we recognise how important these first, formative months and years of a child's life are. Our staff have trained to work specifically with babies and ensure the babies get emotional and physical nurturing alongside sensory stimulation. The Spring room have their own garden which they use multiple times throughout the day to ensure the babies are getting fresh air and they can develop their physical skills.



Summer Room

In our Summer room, our staff plan for more challenging activities which helps foster their language and literacy skills through social interaction. The children are encouraged to progress and become confident and independent in their play. The toddlers are prepared in readiness for the Autumn Room by learning numbers, days of the week, colours and some shapes in circle time. This also allows for quality time with their key person and helps form a secure attachment.



Autumn Room

In the Autumn Room, we provide a range of educational play opportunities to prepare your child for school, the children will become more independent as they take advantage of free-flow activities between indoors and outdoors. We begin to further the children's curiosity about how and why by using experiments such as sink and float activities. Staff will also encourage the children to engage in sustained shared thinking through problem-solving. We aim for our children to become independent and autonomous learners.



Our Environment

Our nursery is a wonderful place for children to play and learn. Emphasis is placed on learning through play and exploration both inside and outside in the fresh air. We are outside everyday either in the all-weather courtyard, the garden or using the network of private walks around the farm's fields. The nursery provides a welcoming and stimulating environment where children feel secure and able to access challenging and exploratory activities in a safe space.

We recognise the benefits of natural and everyday objects for the children to interact with and this is widely used throughout the setting through heuristic play and treasure baskets.



Starting Nursery

Once you have agreed a start date with the setting, we encourage for you to book in settling-in sessions before the start date, these can be arranged to suit each individual. These are beneficial to both your child and you. This enables your child and you to get to know your key person and for your key person to get to know you, and for your child to get use to the surroundings.

We work alongside health colleagues and require all parents to bring in their child's Healthy Record Book (red book).

We use a nursery software called 'Blossom' which enables you to get updates on your child throughout the day via an app on your phone.





Things to bring to Nursery

Conkers Day Nursery will provide protective clothing for when your child plays with messy activities, although we do not recommend children wear their best clothes to nursery.

Parents will need to provide the following items; they must be clearly labelled in a bag with their name on it:

- Changes of clothes in case of accidents
- Outdoor clothing, wellies, coat, sun hat (depending on weather conditions)
- Nappies, creams and wet wipes
- A comforter if needed.

We do ask that children do not wear jewellery in the nursery for their own safety and for the safety of others. The nursery cannot be responsible for the loss of such items

A well-balanced diet

Our nursery strives to provide the best start in life for your child and recognises the importance of a well-balanced diet. We provide healthy snacks and hot nutritious meals served straight from our kitchen.

Our Menus are carefully planned to ensure that your child is offered different types of fruit and vegetables each day and with a variety of food to ensure a well-balanced, healthy lifestyle, in line with National Healthy Eating Standards.

We provide the following:

Breakfast

Variety of cereals, toast, muffins, crumpets and porridge.

Morning snack

Fresh fruit, vegetables or healthy snack.

Lunch

A daily variety of protein, carbohydrates and vegetables with a healthy pudding.

Afternoon snack

Fresh fruit, vegetables or healthy snack.

Tea

A light meal served with vegetables or salad.

Milk is provided at breakfast, morning and afternoon snacks.





— Parent testimonies

“My son left the nursery last year, he has adjusted well at school and is in the top set for his phonics, this is all down to the tremendous work Conkers did.”

“The staff at Conkers do a wonderful job with the children and they have had a truly positive impact on both of my children’s lives - thank you!”

“We feel there is no better place for our daughter to attend having visited many nursery’s in the local area.”

“When visiting we observe a safe, happy and friendly environment for our daughter to thrive in. Her key worker goes above and beyond to make sure she is settled in.”

“We use the blossom app, which is great to follow our daughters day and see the progress she is making. We like the golden moment photos and hearing what she has been up to.”

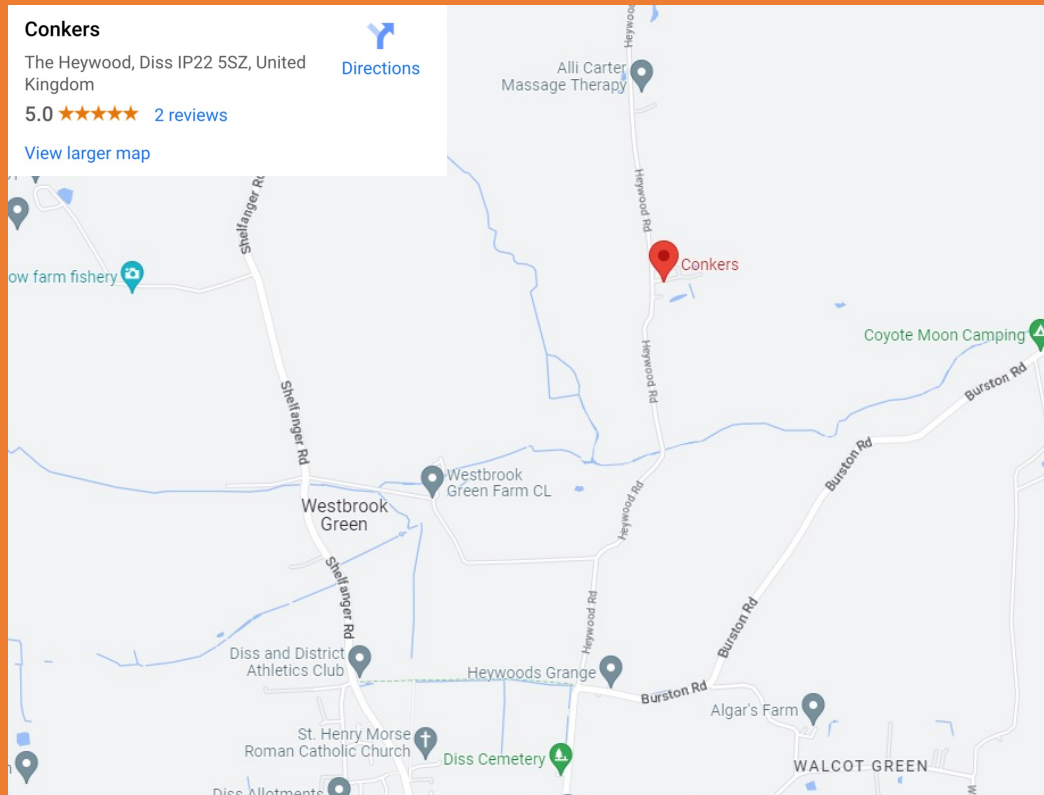
“We were nervous of putting our daughter into childcare being our first, but the staff were extremely welcoming and helped nurture her into a wonderful young girl, helping us along the way by supporting our decision around potty training and her development”

“The staff all very friendly, attentive and know our son well. He is happy to go along each day and always has a smile on his face when we collect him.”

“I love the setting of the nursery which was one of the main reasons we chose it and our daughter loves going outside and going for walks. I feel that the rural setting helps with environmental awareness and this is also embedded more when the children look at other topics like winter.”

“The staff have been amazing by helping, not just with her education, but with her personal growth as well. Her speech has improved massively which is due to the outstanding staff and the encouraging effort they have put in with her. The nursery itself it always very clean and tidy and the meals provided are varied and always healthy.”

Location



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