



Barnwood Nursery

*“Care and education that parents
trust and children enjoy.”*

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Welcome to All My Friends Childcare!

Our early years setting is:

Barnwood Day Nursery
87, Barnwood Road
Gloucester
GL2 0SF
Tel: 01452 505515 (option 2)

Our administrative office is located at:

All My Friends Barnwood Nursery,
87, Barnwood Road
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Please call either of the numbers listed above to book a visit or request further information. We look forward to welcoming you to our nursery soon.

About us

All My Friends Childcare offers high quality care and education for children aged 3 months to 12 years at our settings in Gloucester. Our settings include:

- All My Friends Barnwood Nursery, a 70-place day nursery offering full day care 51 weeks of the year,
- All My Friends at Barnwood C of E Primary School, an out of school club offering breakfast and after school care, and holiday club for children from Reception age to Year 6 during the Gloucestershire school holiday periods,
- All My Friends at Brockworth Primary Academy, an out of school club offering after school care,
- All My Friends at Heron Primary School, an out of school club offering after school care.

We aim to make parents and carers' lives as easy as possible during the busy working week by providing everything that the children need during their time with us. We also appreciate how worrying it can be when you first leave your children at nursery - how will they settle? During your introductory sessions, we will agree with you how and when you want us to keep you in touch with your child's day, to make sure that you and your child feel settled and confident as soon as possible.

Our ongoing practice is to work closely in partnership with parents and carers to ensure continuity of care between each child's home and All My Friends environments. This approach ensures that the children feel safe, secure and comfortable when they are with us and helps us to better understand how we can meet the individual needs of each child and assist with his/her development.

Our highly qualified and experienced team is committed to providing a wide variety of play experiences for the children to enjoy with their friends that will help them to learn about the world around them. We encourage positive behaviour from the children by offering praise and encouragement and celebrating their individual and collective achievements.

We follow the Government's Early Years Foundation Stage framework, encouraging each child to develop a positive self-image and achieve a level of independence and social awareness that will enable them to cope well with the transition from nursery to school.

All My Friends Barnwood Nursery

Registered for 70 children between the ages of 3 months and 5 years, All My Friends Barnwood Nursery operates from a spacious, detached property set in large, secure grounds, conveniently located on one of the main routes leading into Gloucester city centre.

The nursery offers lots of indoor and outdoor space for the children's activities, including dedicated wet/messy play and eating areas, a large, enclosed garden with an outdoor classroom and designated base rooms for each age group. The base rooms are organised to enable the children to choose their activities and help themselves to the resources they need, allowing them to develop a level of independence under careful supervision. Babies have their own peaceful sleep room and bright, cheerful dining, play and changing areas.

Our programme of activities includes:

- regular rugby sessions given by a qualified external teacher.
- local trips and outings e.g. to the library, supermarket or park
- celebration of each child's birthday with a birthday cake and card

Our daily routines include:

- main meals enjoyed as social occasions, with the children seated in groups around small tables in the dining areas.
- morning and afternoon snacks and drinks: these are made available for the children to help themselves when they are ready.
- catering for special dietary needs, such as food allergies and intolerances, cultural preferences and vegetarianism, and celebrating festivals from a variety of cultures to introduce the children to new foods in a positive context.
- encouraging the children to clean their teeth after meals.
- establishing regular toileting routines that encourage early independence.
- regular nappy checks and changes in accordance with each child's individual needs, using disposable nappies and wipes.

The All My Friends Barnwood Nursery Team

We have a long-standing, highly qualified and experienced team of nursery staff, including a Qualified Teacher and Foundation Degree-qualified Early Years Practitioners leading the Early Years Foundation Stage framework in the nursery. Our staff are dedicated to providing high quality childcare and education in a stimulating, safe and nurturing environment. Our well-established in-house training programmes and support for staff studying relevant external qualifications help to keep them at the forefront of developments in Early Years and, as a result, to maintain and improve the children's nursery experiences.

Our Ethos

Our aim is to offer care that parents trust, and children enjoy and supporting this objective we have a comprehensive set of policies and procedures covering every aspect of our activities available for parents to view at each of our settings. The following extracts provide a brief introduction to our ethos and the way we operate.

Core Values

Our mission is to provide high quality care and education, that parents trust and children enjoy.

We do this by incorporating our three core values throughout our practice.

1. We are a learning culture.

Everyone is encouraged and supported to develop to their full potential and become the best they can be; children, staff and children's families.

2. We are all about friendship and community.

All My Friends settings are welcoming places of friendship. They are vibrant, collaborative, happy places for those who work and play there. Children, their families and staff will find empathy and support.

3. We have a culture of respect- for each other and our environment.

We always aim to be kind, open and respectful in our approach to children and adults in our settings and have high expectations of reciprocal treatment.

We have a pragmatic approach to making the best of the resources we have for the benefit of the children and their families and expect practitioners to model this respect and help the children to learn how to and the importance of caring for their environment.

Partnership with Parents

We take care to maintain effective communications with parents and promote a strong partnership approach. Parents and carers are the children's primary educators, and we recognise the role you have already played in the early education of your child. Your continued involvement is crucial to their development, and we will ensure that you are fully informed of your child's progress and achievements at nursery. We would ask that you also keep us in touch with anything from their home life that will assist us in caring for them/helping them to develop new skills.

We operate a key person system to ensure that each child has consistency of care while they are with us. The key person's focus is on building a close and nurturing relationship with your child to help them to feel that they have a 'special person' to turn to when their parents or carers are not there. The key persons record each child's developmental progress and share information with parents on a daily basis, as well as providing periodic written updates. The nursery managers and each child's key person are always available to discuss a child's development, progress, or other matters with parents. Opportunities for learning provided in the nursery can be continued in the home, for example reading and sharing books, and experiences initiated in the home are often used as stimuli for learning at the nursery.

Equal Opportunities

Each child is valued as an individual without reference to any stereotype and is respected for his/her differing racial origins, religion, culture, language, and abilities. We celebrate the differences, and the children are encouraged to value other people on equal terms.

We encourage both genders to participate in all nursery activities and we ensure that the nursery equipment reflects our multi-cultural society in a positive manner.

Special Needs

We follow the Special Educational Needs Code of Practice as set out by the Department for Education. Nursery staff work in partnership with parents and other professionals to meet each individual child's needs.

Each of our settings has a nominated Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator, who ensures that any specific learning programme or agreed treatment is correctly carried out and monitored. A written record of the child's achievements is kept to enable the co-ordinator to monitor and update progress. Staff caring for a child with a chronic illness or disability will work with parents and professionals to fully understand the condition and its implications and discover how we can help the child achieve his or her full potential.

Health

If your child becomes unwell while at nursery, we will telephone to advise you and request that you collect him/her. If you are unavailable, we will call other authorised contact numbers that you have supplied. In the event of an emergency, we will contact the emergency services and accompany the child to hospital, remaining with him/her until you arrive.

By law, we may only administer prescribed medication with written parental authorisation. Any prescribed medicines brought to the nursery must be clearly labelled with the child's name and dosage instructions. To cater for situations where a child's temperature becomes very high and the parent cannot immediately reach the nursery, we ask you to confirm your agreement to us giving a dose of Calpol, in accordance with the dosage instructions for the product. We will telephone parents before administering the Calpol.

Please notify the nursery of any allergies, suspected or otherwise that your child may suffer, including the symptoms displayed.

Nursery Information.

Opening Hours and Session Times

Nursery is open between 8am and 6pm, Monday to Friday, 51 weeks of the year and closes on Bank Holidays and between Christmas and New Year.

A full day session is 10 hours 8am until 6pm, morning sessions are 8am until 1pm and afternoon sessions are, from 1pm to 6pm. We also offer a short-day session, designed to fit in with school hours, from 8.30am to 3.30pm.

Please note that there is a minimum attendance of two sessions per week to enable the children to settle into nursery life. This may be either two half-day sessions or a full day.

Admissions and Booking Procedure

Barnwood Nursery is open to children from the ages of 3 months to 5 years. To request a place for your child please fill out a registration form and return it with a registration fee of £50. Upon receipt, the Nursery Manager will check availability for your requested attendance pattern and start date and confirm to you in writing within 48 hours whether a space is available.

Where sessions are oversubscribed, we maintain a wait list, which operates on a first come, first served basis. When a space becomes available, the Nursery Manager will offer it to the first name on the list and in order of request date thereafter.

Nursery Tariff

Attendance	Full Calendar Year	Term-time Only (38 weeks)
Full Time Monthly 8 - 6	£1375.00	
Full Day Session 8 - 6	£72.00	£74.00
Morning Only 8 - 1	£39.00	£41.00
Afternoon only 1 - 6	£39.00	£41.00
Short Day Session 8.30-3.30	£59.00	£62.00

*10% sibling discount will be applied to the eldest child's fees (not in conjunction with any other discounts)

We accept payment by BACS, Tax Free Childcare, voucher and standing order.

Government Funded Care and Education

Government funded 9-month, 2-, 3- and 4-year-old places are available for any nursery session subject to eligibility and availability. We make an additional services charge to cover the cost of meals, snacks and other consumables and services provided during government-funded sessions which are not included in the funding rates we receive from Gloucestershire County Council to provide the government's funded childcare offer. The additional service charge is £20.00 per full day session, £14 per short day session and £10 per half day session.

We also offer a limited number of fully funded 15-hour places in each age group. Please contact a member of the nursery management team to check availability and book or join the waiting list for these spaces.

Settling In

After confirmation of your child's place, you will be invited to book settling in sessions, during which you and your child will join his/her group to familiarise themselves with the surroundings. A key person will be allocated to assist your child with settling in and introduce them to the surroundings, other children, and staff. The key person will be available to discuss your child's progress with you at any time.

To assist in the early stages of settling in, we ask parents to give the key person an indication of their child's home routine. Some children rely on a 'comforter' item, such as a teddy or small blanket and we encourage you to bring such items with them during their settling in period.

Food

Our menu is carefully designed to offer children a tasty, nutritionally balanced diet. It is reviewed seasonally and works on a 4-week rota to offer variety. An example menu is attached showing a typical selection of meals. All meals and snacks are prepared by our qualified chef daily in the Barnwood Nursery kitchen, using fresh ingredients. We cater for allergies, special diets

and any additional food preferences and our chef is happy to meet with parents to discuss individual needs.

Mealtimes are:

Breakfast	Morning Snack	Lunch	Afternoon Snack	Tea
8.00- 8.45am	10.00- 10.30am	11.30am- 12.45pm	2.00- 2.30pm	3.45- 4.15pm

Clothing

Clothing should be comfortable and practical: whilst we make every effort to protect the children's clothing during messy activities, they do get dirty, so it is better not to send your child in their 'Sunday best'! We also ask you to supply a change of clothes, 'just in case', particularly for babies. The children enjoy spending time outside in most weathers, so a coat and wellies are needed for cooler weather and sun cream and hats are required in summer. Please ensure that all clothing is marked with your child's full name.

Security

Access to the nursery entrance is controlled and monitored by the nursery management team, with additional security provided by a biometric door entry system which uses facial recognition to allow entry only to authorised nursery personnel and parents. CCTV cameras are also in place covering all approaches to the nursery building and grounds.

We will use your confidential password or security number supplied on the contract to identify anyone collecting your child who we have not previously met. In the interest of security, please notify the Nursery Managers in advance if someone else will be collecting your child. The Managers will always be available to meet and greet children on arrival and departure from the nursery.