

Wivenhoe Park Day Nursery

of the University of Essex



Puppy room 0-14 months

Our baby room is specially designed to be a calm neutral environment where babies receive tailored care from their designated key person. Because attachment is the focus of this room the key person will dedicate their time to ensuring the emotional needs of the children are the focus of the care received.

We understand how daunting it can be leaving your baby at nursery so we work closely with you from your very first trial visit to make sure that we get to know you and your baby's regular routines.

It is important that we know all of the things that your baby likes so we will complete a **'getting to know you'** form during your first visit.

During the time your baby spends in Puppy room they will have lots of opportunities to develop their exploratory skills. Our staff have an in depth knowledge of baby development and plan experiences which will help your baby to learn early social skills as well as their fine and gross motor development.

We will support you with weaning when the time is right and together will plan the transition to the next room when appropriate.

Our free play sessions involve a variety of singing, messy play, and exploration inside and out. We access the garden twice a day so that children can get some fresh air and explore the natural world around them.

Example daily routine

8.00am: Breakfast

9.30am: Free play

10.30am: Key person activities

11.30am: Nappies

12.00pm: Lunch

12.30pm: Free play

2.00pm: Key person activities

2.30pm: Nappies

4.00pm: Tea

4.30pm: Free play

5.00pm: Home time

The children's individual routines will be supported throughout the session and Nursery Genie will inform you of sleep and nappy change times, and what your child has eaten that day.