

Prospectus

Douglas Gardens



Where a child's story
begins...



A Place To Learn, Play and Grow

Chapter One Childcare provides you the parent and your child the best in quality childcare. Based in Edinburgh & North Yorkshire, we give your child the opportunity to experience and enjoy the world around them. You can feel at ease knowing your loved one is being cared for by experienced, friendly staff in a safe and homely environment.

We believe in learning through play and aim to teach our children through valuable and unforgettable experiences.

Although we're not their parents, we care for them each day,
We cuddle, sing and read to them, and watch them as they play.
We see each new accomplishment, help them grow and learn,
We understand their language, we listen with concern.
They come to us for comfort, we kiss away their tears,
They proudly show their work to us, we give the loudest cheers!
No, we're not their mothers, but our role is just as strong,
We nurture them and keep them safe,
though Chapters One is not long!
We know someday the time will come, when we will have to part,
But we know each child we cared
we will have given them a caring, loving start!

A new beginning – Chapter One – Where your child's learning story will begin!!



“A little place for little people with BIG opportunities” Douglas Gardens Nursery - Brief Overview

- Situated in the West End of Edinburgh within the residence of the owners.
- Comprises of three self-contained rooms, small front garden area and within walking distance to rivers, hills, secret pathways and lovely lawns.
- All weather garments provided for outdoor activities.
- Situated closely to water of Leith, Gallery of Modern Art.
- Works closely with local community Dean Galleries who provide art workshops.
- Pre-school funding available.
- All childcare vouchers accepted.
- Morning snack, lunch and afternoon tea provided.
- A unique nursery registered for 12 places
- A good transition plan for the pre-school years and onto school.

A peek inside our nursery...



About us

The owners of Chapter One Childcare, Jon and Diane Gillam have over 38 years' experience in the setting up and managing of crèches and children's day nurseries. Caring for children of all ages, Diane is committed to ensuring that excellence in care is delivered. Jon is the Financial Director.

Diane's duties and responsibilities are checking that standards are adhered to, supporting the management team and delivering staff training to support development and progress within the working teams. We have a strong management team which has been built through succession within the company over the past 10 years. Each of our managers have a strong belief in our ethos and support each other. We hold management meetings once a month to share good practise and discuss developments within the nurseries.



**We train the
right staff, to
do the right
job!**





Our Ethos

We believe that learning should be fun and fun should be learning. Learning happens everywhere especially in an ever-changing outdoor environment. Our focus is on the children they are the future and the most important people and they should be treated so. We expect our teams to see learning from the child's point of view by getting down to their level, only this way do we see what they are seeing everyday. As adults, we are here to enable play opportunities and therefore learning opportunities, we will not get in the way of natural learning experiences. We will simply match the curriculum with the children's interests and needs. We want children to learn without even realising they are doing so.

Our Aims

We aim to be different and provide children with a hands on approach to learning. By trying and doing, instead of hearing and seeing. For the children to lead their play and experiences and for us to provide a safe and naturally stimulating environment. For our children to become confident , responsible, effective and successful in all they set out to do.

To work in partnership and consult with other professionals, our parents and our young learners. To extend the hands on learning approach to our staff teams with encouragement for self development and training.

To acknowledge never-ending improvement through self evaluation and peer reflection.



The outdoors plays a big part in childhood with nature offering a wealth of learning opportunities. The location of Douglas Gardens with high ratios of staff give s us a great opportunity to go out and about within the beautiful local area to explore, investigate and play. We go on many walks with visits to the library and the beautiful areas down by the water of Leith and the lovely galleries.



Extra curricular weekly Activities



Boogie Beat preschool music and movement classes are energetic and fun, combining music and dance with carefully structured learning. Our music and dance classes help children to develop confidence, coordination and social skills whilst they learn to express themselves in a warm and relaxed environment.

Boogie Beat music and movement pre-school classes are quite unique, incorporating music, dance and singing. Our classes have dance themes based on traditional fairy tales and nursery rhymes using all our own music and illustrations.

We use a wide range of fun props, including puppets, scarves, bean bags, big ball, parachute and much more!

The children are encouraged to play percussion instruments to a varied range of Boogie Beat Music from classical to modern.



Jo Jingles provides the fun and educational Music, Singing and Movement experience for babies and young children. With the help of our Jo Jingles doll, trained and experienced presenters run the UK's most popular music and movement classes.

Our first Jo Jingles classes started in 1991 and were so successful they led to the launch of the franchise in 1995. We are now well established as the leading provider of structured and interactive music, singing and movement classes with an educational slant for children from 3 months to 5 years of age .



Music plays a big part in our nursery day and has a big impact on children and how they learn.

Kids who grow up hearing music, singing songs, and moving to the beat are enjoying what experts call "a rich sensory environment." That's just a fancy way of saying they're exposed to a wide variety of tastes, smells, textures, colours, and sounds. And researchers believe this forges more pathways between the cells in their brains.

Musical experiences are an important way to help create these pathways, also called neural connections. And while listening to music is certainly key to creating them, it's when kids actively participate in music that they make the strongest connections.

For the reasons above we have an outside contracted music teacher, Margo who works within the Chapter One Group and visits all the nurseries weekly.



Margo is extremely popular with the children and has proved throughout the years to be an absolute asset to our learning environments, with her special Daisy's music time!



Parent Partnership

The benefits of a small nursery setting is the extension of family feeling. Parents are our partners in learning and we will display excellent communication by not only daily face to face contact and making time for discussion, but we also share information via Facebook—Website updates, latest new publications and parent evening.

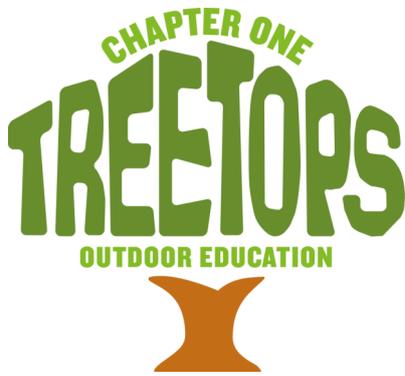
We have a settling in procedure to welcome families into nursery and work with parents setting out individual care plans.

Working in partnership with parents is central to the way in which we work. Early years practitioners need to find out about children's early experiences from parents so that we can best plan for their learning.

All contributions from parents are welcomed. Helping out during sessions, sharing their interests or cultures with children and taking part in discussions about the provision all provide the opportunity for parents to learn about the life of the setting and about young children's learning, in the setting and how this can be supported at home.

This all forms a great partnership to ensure your child get the support to meet their individual needs.





Split placement opportunities
Between
The Country Park Nursery and
Treetops Outdoor Nursery.

Chapter One has the huge benefit of other nursery settings, in this case we have our fully outdoor nursery set within the country park too. This is our treetops nursery and the children attending this call themselves "Treetoppers". The "Treetoppers" also have an indoor base for drop of and pick up which is situated at the back of their nursery next to preschool. They have their own exit and amenities etc. but work very closely with the nursery and of course being a part of the same group everyone works as one team.



"Imagine a place where the carpet changes every day, the ceiling is a wealth of different colours, light, shadow and movement. The feelings and movement completely surround you, sometimes breezy, sometimes cold, others warm. Unexpected wonders fly by, sometimes full of colour and sometimes full of noise and movement. If we really want children to thrive, we need to let their connection to nature nurture them."

A split placement between these two nurseries offers the best of all worlds ! To allow children the opportunity to build great childhood memories, a gently challenging outdoor investigation zone which, supports young children to develop emotional confidence and skills, then the woodlands where they can feel the freedom of a fully natural environment.

Children from the age of three years can choose to join Treetops for a day or two **(depending on availability and transport)** and spend the majority of the day outdoors in all weathers within the beautiful grounds of Dalkeith Country Park. The nursery has a designated base camp (only a 10 min walk from nursery) for den building, tree climbing, woodwork and fire pit.. This camp provides the children with a beautiful location to explore the best nature has to offer.



General

It is of great importance when considering a place for your child, whether it be full or part-time, that you take time to visit and talk to our staff, who will work with you to meet the needs and requirements of your child.

Chapter One Childcare has been designed to provide first class facilities. An application placement form can be found towards the back of this prospectus, together with fee and registration details.

Times of Opening

Monday to Friday from 8 am. to 6.00 pm.

Closed between Christmas and New Year / Good Friday and Easter Monday.

We look forward to showing you the fun to be had at Chapter One Childcare and to see where the story begins.

For an appointment to visit and discuss your child's needs, please telephone

0845 177 1008 extension 5

or email

douglas.gardens@chapteronechildcare.com



Why choose us?

Because you want the best for your child!

High quality childcare, with excellent grades.

Strong belief in staff development & training.



We are privileged that every year hundreds of parents make the choice to let us share their family care for their children, in the knowledge that they are in caring, fun and safe environments.

We pride ourselves on having a pro-active management team who lead the teams of staff through continuous development to engage children in early learning experiences.

Quality controls are in place to ensure that the highest of standards of care are given within safe and stimulating environments.

Our HMle and Care Inspectorate reports illustrate our ongoing commitment to providing the highest possible levels of safety, care and education .

Our expertise in childcare means we are actively contributing within the council's development of education being part of two pilot scheme initiatives, 'Health and Wellbeing' and 'Numeracy and Mathematics in the Early Years'

With over 35 years expertise and an excellent 10 year reputation upon which we have built our success

Quality childcare is often something you would see when people describe their provision—the difference is, for us , it's not just a statement.....

It's a fact and something we practice in our every day work!

**We look forward to starting your
child's first chapter together!**

The Chapter One nursery group



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<p>Manager</p> <p>Graham Wylie</p>	<p>Manager</p> <p>Roxanne Sterling</p>	<p>Manager</p> <p>Rebecca Laird</p>
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<p>Manager</p> <p>Sarah Fozzard</p>	<p>Manager</p> <p>Michelle Nicholson</p>	<p>Manager</p> <p>Michelle Nicholson</p>

Testimonials

Our business comes from recommendation....

Don't just take our word for it!



'Chapter One deserves to be a centre for excellence, they really do approach every aspect of their nursery care with professionalism, thought and enthusiasm. Our child will leave at the end of the summer and we're so upset to be leaving such a first class nursery.'

'The manager and owner are very good at

'Chapter One benefits from strong leadership and a highly supported, motivated and well trained caring staff team. There is a homely and welcoming atmosphere where every child and their family are valued as individuals and feel part of a community. My child is extremely happy and well looked after.



'Staff are fun and my child loves them all!'

These are comments which the Care Inspectorate obtained from their questionnaires prior to the nursery inspection. These can be viewed within the full report





Throughout our lives, many chapters are opened and closed and we all know the first chapter in a child's early years has a very important influence on a child's life.

Let the story begin by giving your child the best start in life - Chapter One Childcare, where every child matters!

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