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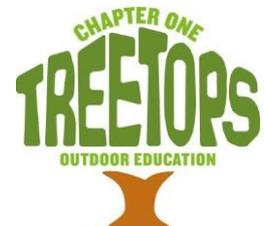
Kirk Brae



Where a child's story
begins...



CELEBRATING
10
Years



Kirk Brae



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

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!

“A magical place with a secret nature garden”

Kirk Brae Nursery - Brief Overview

- Situated in the Liberton area of Edinburgh
- Comprises of six self-contained rooms
- All weather garments provided for outdoor activities.
- Large garden with a sand pit, construction area, loose parts, trees to climb and even a nature garden. This is complete with, mud slide, mud kitchen, fire pit and Gruffalo caravan.
- Works closely with local community
- Pre-school funding available through Edinburgh Council. □ All childcare vouchers accepted. Breakfast, Morning snack, lunch and afternoon tea provided.
- A unique nursery registered for 36 places
- A good transition plan for the pre-school years and onto school.



 Visit us on Facebook

We pride ourselves on our outdoors ethos!

The Mud Kitchen



“Gruffalo Caravan”



Our Fire Pit

The Mud Slide



Snail Races!





About us

**“Sunshine is delicious, rain
is refreshing, wind braces us up,
snow is exhilarating; there is really no such thing as bad
weather,
only different kinds of good weather.”**

As parents, we want you to feel happy with in the knowledge that, whilst you are sat in your office, your child is running around outside pretending to be a pirate on a ship made of logs, or building dens to play mummies and daddies whilst cooking in the mud kitchen.

**Sailing to
faraway lands**



**Cooking a five
course meal**



**Building
a den**



Our Ethos

We believe that learning should be fun and fun should be learning, learning happens everywhere especially in an ever-changing outdoor environment. We work hard to provide exciting and stimulating open-ended play opportunities, with the child at the centre of all that we do.

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 every day. As adults, we are the support structure which helps to provide meaningful play opportunities and therefore giving the children the tools to become successful learners, 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 that they are the leaders in taking their individual learning forward.

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.

Extracurricular weekly Activities

Sparkle Arts is a drama class for one and half to three year olds that is 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.

Sparkle Arts classes are quite unique, incorporating music, dance and drama. Our classes have themes based on traditional fairy tales and stories, festival and celebrations using all music and illustrations.

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

The Drama Mill is an exciting Theatre Arts Company who deliver fantastic workshops, classes, parties and holiday activity weeks in East Lothian and Edinburgh.

Inspiring creativity...

The Drama Mill believe that all children have extraordinary capacity for creativity. Our ethos is to inspire and develop that creativity by delivering workshops which embrace and celebrate each child's brilliance to make them feel 10 ft tall.

We have the Drama Mill at the setting once a week for the pre-school children to help them become confident and successful with all that they learn and do.

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

We have an outside contracted music teacher, Margo who works within the Chapter One Group and visits all the nurseries weekly. She visits our nursery on a Thursday afternoon and is adored by all the children!

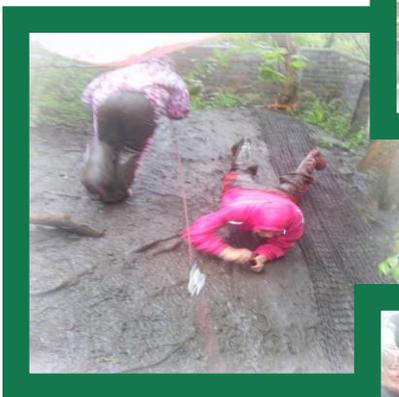
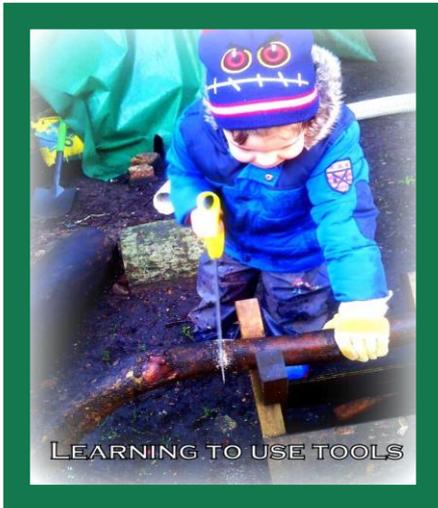


Teaching to manage Risk

Taking learning outdoors gives children the opportunity to learn in an ever-changing environment. Colours, temperature, textures and sounds within the outdoor classroom change daily, creating a more sensory and stimulating learning experience, offering greater challenge.

We believe children should get to know the world through real life experiences outdoors. We teach our children about risk and how to manage them as we believe this is highly important as many children live in a protective bubble, completely sheltered from any form of risk taking. Without taking risk, how can we expect children to make good judgements when needed. We teach this through various activities such as climbing trees, walking down slippery slopes, getting back up again.

Using junior saws and drills and using the fire pit for cooking, the children even take part in the ongoing risk assessment to support our benefit risk assessments and their input is valued. All of this with outdoor first aiders and fully trained and capable staff by their side.





Curriculum for Excellence through outdoor learning

Curriculum for Excellence offers opportunities for all children and young people to enjoy first-hand experiences outdoors.

Such experiences inspire passion, motivating our children and young people to become successful learners and to develop as healthy, confident, enterprising and responsible citizens.

The core values of Curriculum for Excellence echo the key concepts of outdoor learning: challenge, enjoyment, relevance, depth, development of the whole person and an adventurous approach to learning.

Below are a few examples of how we at Chapter One Childcare teach the Curriculum for Excellence through outdoors and natural indoor environments.



Learning letters



Risk & fine motor skills



Measuring



Team work and role play



Expressive arts and music



Patterns and sequencing



Pre-Birth to Three framework, within natural environments

Whilst babies and young children are eager to learn and make sense of the world, they require positive and consistent relationships to support them in this journey. Babies are 'programmed' to look to other people to help them make sense of their world and we are here to set the best role model and to ensure the children feel safe and secure to explore all of their surroundings inside and out!



The potential of a puddle.



Developing balancing skills



Taking time to rest and enjoy the fresh air.



Exploring different materials



Exploring textures of wood



Forming bonds with Keycarer



We train the right staff to do the right job!

The owners of Chapter One Childcare, Jon and Diane Gillam have over 35 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 has 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 to support outdoors. Managers and owners regularly attend training, especially outdoor training, so we can also lead from the top in the right direction!



Monthly Management meetings



Management out in the woods training



Training in woodworking skills



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

We are open Monday to Friday from 8.000 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. Open 51 weeks of the year – closed between Christmas and New Year.

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

Or email kirkbrae@chapteronechildcare.com



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

Why choose us?

Because you want the best for your child!

High quality childcare, with excellent grades.

Big developments in outdoor learning.

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.

Chapter One Childcare consistently achieve high grade judgements at statutory inspections. Gradings are for 'Excellence' and 'very good', Identifying the quality in care and learning to meet children's needs as individuals. 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'

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 everyday work!

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

The Chapter One nursery group



<p>Kirk Brae 0845 177 1008 Ext 3</p>	<p>Douglas Gardens 0845 177 1008 Ext 5</p>	<p>Shawfair House 0845 177 1008 Ext 1</p>
<p>50 Kirk Brae Edinburgh EH16 6HT</p>	<p>5 Douglas Gardens Edinburgh EH4 3DA</p>	<p>Campend Farm Old Dalkeith Rd Dalkeith</p>
<p>Manager Graham Wylie</p>	<p>Manager Roxanne Stirling</p>	<p>Manager Becky Laird</p>
<p>Farnley 0845 177 1008 Ext 6</p>	<p>Treetops Outdoor nursery 0845 177 1008 Ext 4</p>	<p>Dalkeith Country Park 0845 177 1008 Ext 1</p>
<p>Farnley Lane Farnley North Yorkshire</p>	<p>Dalkeith Country Park</p>	<p>Dalkeith Country Park</p>
<p>Manager Sarah Fozzard</p>	<p>Manager Michelle Nicholson</p>	<p>Manager Michelle Nicholson</p>

Testimonials

Most of our business comes from recommendation....

Don't just take our word for it!



"I cannot praise the quality service highly enough. In particular the leadership of management is excellent and they work hard to ensure the best outcomes for the children and staff"

"It's very difficult to find fault with Chapter One, and we are extremely satisfied with the service they provide. The hard work provided by the staff shines on the faces of the children"

"The management team provided strong and ambitious leadership to the committed staff team. We saw a clear shared vision and a determination to provide care that put children at the centre which ensured their needs, choices, and wishes were met. As a result we observed practice that was of a consistently high standard"

These is a direct quote from our most recent Care Inspectorate report.

"I have full confidence in the staff and the environment, I know my child is well cared for, even LOVED!"

"I wouldn't send my son anywhere else!!!"

These are comments which the Care Inspectorate obtained from their questionnaires prior to the nursery inspection.

These can be viewed within the full report on [line](#), or a copy can be obtained from the nursery.