

# Prospectus

## *The Country Park*

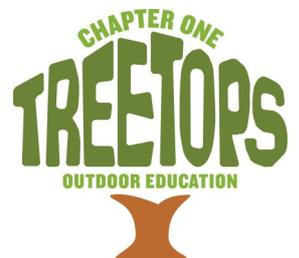
### *Nursery*



Where a child's story  
begins...



CELEBRATING  
**10**  
Years





## 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 and Muscat. 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 woodland setting with magical adventures” The Country Park Nursery - Brief Overview

- Situated within the beautiful grounds of Dalkeith Country Park—just across from the palace.
- We care for children from 3 months to 5 years.
- Comprises of 5 areas consisting of Bunnies, Hedgehogs, Badgers and Foxes. All rooms have been purposefully designed to meet the needs of the children within them.
- Weather garments provided for outdoor activities.
- Works closely with local community and Treetops outdoor nursery just across the river.
- All childcare vouchers accepted including tax free childcare.
- We are in partnership with Midlothian Council to provide ,”Good Time to be 2 Funded Places and Early learning and Childcare funded places
- Breakfast, morning snack, cooked lunch/pudding and afternoon snack all provided.
- A unique nursery nestled amongst the trees with fantastic links to nature both indoor and out.

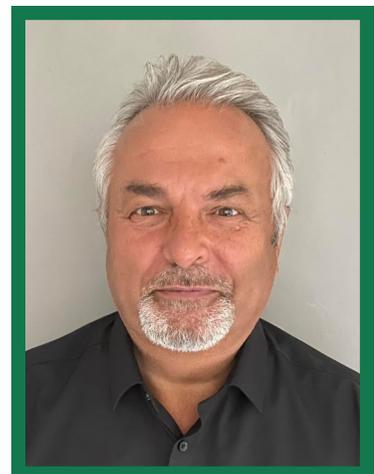


# About us

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 have a strong belief in our ethos and support each other. We hold management meetings once a month to share good practice and discuss developments within the nurseries.

**We train the  
right people,  
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 then we will see what they are seeing everyday.

As adults, we are here to facilitate play and 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. We want the children to lead their play and experiences and for us to provide a safe and naturally stimulating environment thus resulting in our children becoming confident, responsible, effective and successful in all they set out to do.

We will work in partnership and consult with other professionals, parents and young learners to extend our hands on learning approach to our staff teams to encourage staff development and training.

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

# How about a SNEAK PEEK?





**IT'S A BEAUTIFUL DAY**  
Ride a bike Fly a kite Walk the dog Freeze tag Play ball  
GOD MADE DIRT AND DIRT DON'T HURT  
**Go Play Outside**  
**WONDER**  
Build a fort Swing Climb a tree Catch frogs Run a race  
**THE SUN IS SHINING**  
**Hide and go seek**  
**GETTING BACK TO NATURE**  
Chasing fireflies and butterflies  
**PLAY PLAY**





The benefits of a nursery setting is the extension of family feeling and the being involved in development of the nursery from the beginning. 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 our Family app that connects our Parents and families with a close day to day look at their child's day at nursery.

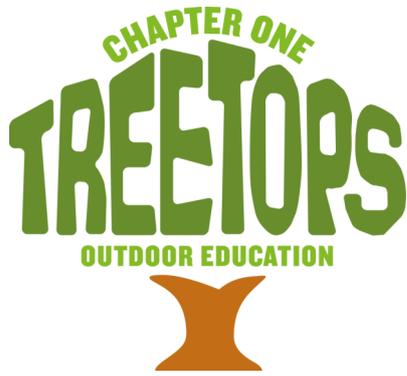
We have a settling in procedure to welcome families into nursery and work with parents setting out individual care plans.

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 front of the nursery. They 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 chose to join Treetops for a day or two 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 on our Website along with registration details and fee Structure.

## Times of Opening

Monday to Thursday from 7.30 to 6.00 pm.

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 more information or to discuss your child's needs, please telephone

**0330 202 1180 extension 1 The Country Park**

**or email**

**[dcp@chapteronechildcare.com](mailto:dcp@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 HMIE 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!**

# Social Media



We have a main Chapter One page and a Treetops page. These pages are open to the general public. We also have our Family app for our Families that once your placement has started you will be added on Family to communicate with staff and see your child's day at nursery as well as any information on our Parents newsfeed.

Follow us on Twitter to keep up to date with current news!!!

**@ChapterOneChild**



Follow us on Instagram to keep up to date with current news!!!

**"chapteronechildcare"**

# The Chapter One Nursery Group



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<p><b>Manager</b> <b>Nicola Crombie- Dawson</b></p>	<p><b>Manager</b> <b>Becky Laird</b></p>	<p><b>Manager</b> <b>Sarah Fozzard</b></p>
<p><b>The Country Park</b> 0330 202 1180 Ext 1</p>	<p><b>Treetops</b> Outdoor nursery 0330 202 1180 Ext 1</p>	<p><b>Muscat</b> <b>Kindergarten</b></p>
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<p><b>Senior Manager</b> <b>Michelle Nicholson</b></p>	<p><b>Manager</b> <b>Vicki Olsen</b></p>	<p><b>Please visit our website for details</b></p>



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!

[www.chapteronechildcare.com](http://www.chapteronechildcare.com)

