

## Learning Environments

### Birth to Three Plus (18 months - 3 Years)



Our older birth to three children, have access to a spacious learning environment which flows on from the baby room with children moving through to this room from eighteen months plus. The room encourages children to explore playdough, threading, puzzles, mark making, musical instruments, small world, sharing stories, singing, home corner, art and craft, water, painting, and physical development, allowing them to develop their confidence and independence in becoming keen learners whilst learning the skills needed in readiness for Pre-School.

The children also have access to a purposefully designed courtyard space giving them access to the large physical play resources while having the outdoor environment around them. This area is used in all weathers.



The toilets and nappy changing area are next to the playroom enabling quick and easy access. We fully promote and encourage toilet training from when a child is showing an interest and work with parents and carers to support in each aspect of this next big milestone in a little one's development.

During Toilet Training, the Birth to Three Plus team will ask you provide **plenty** of the following: underwear, socks, joggers/leggings, 'croc' or jelly type shoes (they can be wiped and cleaned easily as plastic) and a plastic carrier bag or spare bag for wet belongings to be returned to you. Unfortunately, we can only keep toilet training with your child while we have the supplies to support toileting accidents. If you would like more advice, please speak to Esther or Donna, or have a read of our 'Toilet Training' information board.



We do believe children should be actively toilet training well before they transition into Pre-School where they can continue to consolidate this skill ready for school.

We offer all our children the opportunity to rest after lunch and within Birth to Three Plus for some of our younger children this can mean an afternoon nap, on our sleeping mats, we understand sometimes children will need comforters to further support settling at this time of day.

Please ensure you let your child's Key Person know if a comforter is required to support them, we will not actively encourage the use of dummies as comforters in Birth to Three Plus, due to the damage this can cause to your child's speech and oral health.

