

Welcome

The new nursery is going to be an amazing place for the children, and will offer many more opportunities for outdoor play and exploration than we could ever have offered at Nursteed. With our woodland area, secure garden, wonderful new classrooms and snack kitchen, I hope that our new nursery will become a very special place for your child.



Our contractors are working their socks off to meet the deadline of 23rd December, but a bit of snow might knock them off course. Fingers crossed for a mild December...

We can't wait to welcome your child to the new Sixpenny Devizes, and hope you are looking forward to the new nursery as much as we are.

Kate Kate Easter
Proprietor



Architect's impression of new Sixpenny Nursery

Parents' show-rounds

We're planning parent show-rounds between **9 – 11am on Saturday 17th December**. We were hoping to schedule some in before this, but our builders are working extremely hard, with a lot of contractors on site, and we don't want to halt works or get in the way of progress. We're working closely with the builders, so if there is a chance for parents to view the new nursery before December 17th, we'll let you know.

We're nearly there

The builders are progressing well and are on schedule to hand over the new Sixpenny Devizes to us on Friday 23rd December.

As long as we don't have severe weather, we should be able to welcome children into the new premises from **Tuesday 3rd January 2012**.

During the festive period, Sixpenny will remain fully operational at Nursteed, right up to the Christmas break. Nursteed will then open from Wednesday 28th December to Friday 30th December inclusive, at the usual opening times of 8am – 6pm.

We're anticipating lower numbers over these days, so will use this time to move some of the equipment and furniture. If your child usually attends



Shown here visiting the new Devizes site are Chris Combe (Landlord), Kate Easter (Proprietor) and Charlotte Chirgwin (Nursery Manager) with children: Amelie Klomp, Joseph Paget, Chloe Bluff, and Harry Taylor.

day care sessions on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, please let us know if s/he won't be with us for December 28th/29th/30th. This will help us to ensure appropriate staffing levels, and organise some staff to begin setting up in the new building.

New Opening Times

Our opening times will be 7.45am – 6pm, Monday to Friday.

We want to make sure that our Term Time hours are in line with drop off times at the local primary schools, and the new school being built in Quakers Walk. We'll use the Spring Term to review our proposed changes so we can consider the traffic flow implications to the new nursery.

We're proposing to change the Term Time hours as below, to try and make sure that all parents are able to fully access nursery education funding.

Extra hours, charged at £5 per hour, can be added morning or afternoon for any Term Time children needing to extend their day.

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| Day Care | Morning | 7.45am – 1pm | To be implemented from January No impact on fees |
| | Afternoon | 1pm – 6pm | To be implemented from January |
| | Full Day | 7.45am – 6pm | To be implemented from January No impact on fees |
| Term Time | Morning | 9.00am – 12pm | Proposal |
| | Afternoon | 12.45pm – 3.15pm | Proposal |
| | Full School Day | 9am – 3.15pm | Proposal |

Staff Changes

We're pleased to welcome **Kim Kelly** to the Devizes team as Deputy Manager. Kim has worked in our other nurseries for a number of years and is an extremely experienced and well qualified staff member. She will replace Laura in the Baby room, and Laura will relocate to our Aldbourne nursery which is nearer her home.



Kim Kelly

Kitchens

We're delighted to welcome our new Chef, **Coralie Nash**, who will be joining us from Devizes.

From January, Coralie will be freshly preparing all the children's meals at the new premises. She'll be liaising closely with the staff and children on all their favourite, healthy meals, and the weekly menu will be displayed in our foyer.



Coralie Nash

Hygiene

We're very conscious of hygiene, especially with our younger children, so you'll be asked to take off your shoes when entering the individual classrooms. All the rooms will have a combination of vinyl and carpet areas to facilitate messy play and lunchtime: with the children spending so much time on the carpet for circle time and reading, and with the babies learning to crawl, it's imperative we keep these areas clean.

All children must have slippers, daps or indoor shoes to wear inside. Outdoor shoes and coats will be stored in the corridor areas outside your child's classroom, and there'll be boxes for wellies in each of the classrooms

for the children to use during wet weather.



Settling in the children

Four of our nursery children were taken to see their new nursery and watch the diggers and builders. They had a great time and loved wearing the hard hats and fluorescent jackets. Unfortunately, we've not been able to arrange for all the children to visit because there are so many contractors on site, but the staff are talking to the children daily about the 'move to the new nursery.'

Some of the children might be unsettled to begin with, but we're confident that once they have explored the classroom, and discovered their lovely new toilets and exciting snack kitchens, they'll be as excited about the nursery as we are.

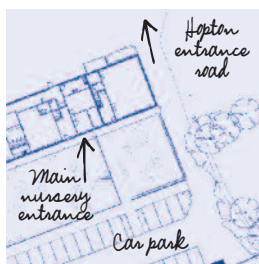


Joseph Paget lending a helping hand when he visited the site

If you are concerned about your child becoming unsettled, please let either the staff or Charlotte know so we can plan accordingly.

Security

The nursery will be approached via the pathway leading from the car park, and the gate will have access via a PIN code which we'll give to all parents on the first day. *Under no circumstances must this code be given to anyone else.* This system works very successfully in our other nurseries, and means that parents can come and go as they choose without disturbing staff or children.



Secure Nursery Entrance

The building can only be accessed by parents via the main entrance, where there'll be a further access system, possibly using finger print ID, which parents will also need to be 'linked' to. There'll be a traditional doorbell too, for when someone else might be dropping off or collecting your child.

Dropping off and collection

Parents must use the individual classroom doors when dropping off and picking up; children won't be accepted via the classroom's garden doors. This makes sure that all children are signed in and out correctly, and that the air circulation, ventilation and heating systems run effectively and maintain constant levels, especially during the winter.

Work which might be outstanding when we open



- 1 The access road from the Business Centre to the nursery car park will probably be finished in the New Year.
- 2 Tree surgeons will be focusing on our wonderful woodland area in the New Year. They'll start with the ground coverage and lower branches, so we'll be able to make our dens and hang our tyre swings in Spring.
- 3 The new turf is down, but it will depend on how much frost we get as to how quickly it takes. We'll need to take extra care so it remains intact and develops into a robust garden for the autumn. It means the children won't be able to go onto the grass at first, but don't worry – they'll still have plenty of space to play on the sports field and undercover area.
- 4 Cabling for the car park lights is being installed, and a single flood light will be operational as part of the building works. At this stage it's difficult to know if this will be enough for the winter months, and also to know if there'll be enough light when the fencing is finished. We might need to upgrade the lighting once the site is completed.