

Croileagan

N U R S E R Y





Kirsty, age 4



Fraser, age 18 months

Caring for children is our vocation as well as our business and everything we do at Croileagan has been developed around your child's needs.

We always put the needs of the children in our care first; ensuring a balance between play and learning. Our philosophy of learning through play in a welcoming, secure and stimulating environment will help your child develop confidence, consideration for others and self-awareness.

Our environment supports the development of lively enquiring minds by encouraging questions and explanations. This will develop their knowledge, skills and practical abilities.

All children are welcome regardless of race, religion or ability.

our philosophy



Jack, age 3

Our team

Our professional, caring staff are the heart of Croileagan. We encourage every staff member to feel proud of the important role they play in the care of your child.

To ensure that your child receives the best quality care, our staff undertake regular training to keep them up to date with changes in their profession. Our senior nursery staff are fully qualified and have a minimum of three years experience. All other staff have either achieved their qualifications or are in the process of training. Our staff are led by an extensively qualified nursery manager who monitors performance and standards on a daily basis and ensures our staff to child ratios meet with government guidelines.

This means that from the moment your child arrives you can be sure they will be in safe hands.

Partnership with parents

We recognise that parents are the first and most important educators of their own children. We work with you to ensure extension of your child's learning through providing a stimulating learning environment for all children from birth to five years.

We encourage and welcome parents involvement in the nursery.

Assessment & record keeping

Our dedicated team will keep you informed of your child's progress. We keep a record on each child's progress and achievements, which are regularly updated – parents can view these at any time.

For your baby, we will provide a written daily report noting sleeping and feeding patterns and daily activities.

We are available by appointment to discuss your child's progress, and also hold parent information evenings throughout the year.



Cameron, age 3

Research by the University of London concluded that children who have good nursery or other pre-school education do better at primary school than those kept at home.

Babies and young children have a natural curiosity about their world, and everything that they do has the potential to be a learning experience. Our philosophy of learning through play ensures that education is specific to the needs of your child.

Our early years programme, encourages babies to explore and socialise with adults and other children through singing, stories and varied activities suitable to their development stage.

As your child grows, the nursery's tailored activities will encourage your child's personal, social and emotional development. They will begin to understand their world through language and communication, literacy and mathematical development. They will increase their physical skills and also learn to express themselves through creative and aesthetic play.

In addition to our well resourced play rooms your child will also have the opportunity to explore and develop their physical skills in our large outdoor play area, or in our indoor soft-play room.

Regular outings are arranged during your child's day, whether it is a walk down to the local park, a trip on the bus to feed the ducks or a more structured outing to a local attraction. We also offer a range of optional activities including dance, music, French/Spanish lessons and swimming tuition.

Your child will be ready to start school with the confidence that will enable them to continue their learning.

Learning with us



Emma, age 4

When we are open

The nursery offers full day care and is open Monday to Friday from 8.00am to 5.45pm.

Every year the nursery is closed over the festive season from Christmas Eve until early January and we observe designated public holidays throughout the year. For more details of the holidays for this year please ask a member of staff during your nursery visit.

Pricing

Fees are calculated over a period of 50 weeks of the year and are payable in 12 monthly payments on the first day of each month by standing order. There is no allowance for absence through sickness.

Current fees are as follows:

Full day



Full week



Full month



A non-refundable deposit will be required on confirmation of registration. Once your child starts at Croleagan this will be deducted from your first months fees.

Fees are reviewed during the year to facilitate the safe and effective running of the nursery.



Gemma, age 3

What do I need to provide for my child while at nursery?

Parents are asked to provide their child with a packed lunch each day. Accidents happen, so please ensure that your child has a change of clothes. We promote dental health in the nursery and children brush their teeth after lunch, so please bring a toothbrush!

What should I provide for my baby while at nursery?

Please provide all prepared bottles and foods for your baby each day. We would advise you to bring a weekly supply of nappies, wipes and ointments.

What happens if my child falls ill while at nursery?

If your child displays symptoms of illness you will be informed immediately. If you cannot be contacted your designated emergency contact will be called. Unfortunately we cannot provide care for ill children – the best place to recover is at home, with you.

If my child needs medication while at nursery, what are the procedures?

We can administer prescribed medicine only with written permission from you.

What if my child has special requirements?

All children are treated equally at Croileagan and we ensure that we provide for any specific cultural, dietary or physical requirements. We also work closely with other professionals to ensure the best care for your child.

How do you ensure my child is safe in your care?

Safety is always paramount, with risk assessments carried out regularly in the playrooms and before any outings.

How do I know my child will be safe in the nursery environment?

We have a secure door entry system installed to ensure any callers are identified before admittance. We also operate a password system for anyone picking up your child who is not known to our staff.

any questions?



Stephanie, age 4

Is there a settling-in period?

Yes, as each child is individual we will work with you to settle your child in to the nursery in an appropriate timescale.

Is there any funding available to help me pay for my childcare?

Yes! In most cases pre-school children will receive funding through The City of Edinburgh Council Education department. We can guide you through this process.

How can I be sure that my child is receiving the best possible childcare?

We are inspected annually by the Local Regulating Authority for early years care. All inspection reports are freely available through their website.

Will the same carer be looking after my child each day?

Yes, we have staff teams who are based in each room with your child on day to day basis.

Where will my child sleep while at nursery?

Babies sleep in prams or cots in the nursery or, in milder weather, in our specially built covered verandah. Older children have a room upstairs where they have their own little bed and personal bed linen.

How will I keep up to date with what is going on in the nursery?

We have a regular newsletter that will keep you informed of all the forthcoming events for your child's diary. Our parents information board will also ensure you are up to date with what's going on in the nursery.

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