

The Arc Nursery.

The Arc is an Ofsted registered day nursery run by Charterhouse in Southwark, a registered charity. The Arc is currently registered for 47 children, from the age three months to five years. This is split as follows:
the 0-3 unit accommodates up to 23 children, within two age-based rooms.
the pre-school accommodates up to 24 children.

We open the nursery 8am until 6pm all year round with the exception of bank holidays, and three staff training days each year.

The Nursery Philosophy

We believe that children, regardless of culture, gender, religion, ability or economic group have the right to access the rich resources of a modern society, and are entitled to high quality, inclusive services, and that nursery practitioners should be highly valued for their work.

We work according to the principle that central to all children's healthy development and learning in day-care is emotional well being, achieved through intimate and supportive relationships with adults and peers. We hold the view that children have an intrinsic urge to discover, explore and develop mastery over the world around them. They are little logisticians, scientists, linguists and expressionists. As we understand it, intelligence also includes intrapersonal and interpersonal skills.

Within this context the role of the adult is to tune into each child's communicative expressions through observation and sensitive playful exchanges and then plan a series of discovery play and learning opportunities based on his/her individual interests.

We believe that the care and education of young children requires a professional knowledge of both child development and learning theory and also the parent's knowledge is key to our providing the best service for their child.

The Nursery Environment

We believe that the day-care environment should be safe and enabling, progressive in style and beauty, offering freedom of choice, movement, and the development of independence.

The Nursery is a two storey newly renovated building with full disabled access, a security system and is also located five minutes walk from London Bridge Station.

The first floor comprises of two large playrooms, a sleep area, a body care room and a milk preparation room. The activities on the upper floor are focused on Heuristic play, the stimulation of the senses, tactile exploration and role-play.

Downstairs, there are three pre-school rooms and a garden. The pre-school rooms are divided into a play room designed to support children's imaginative play that opens out to a garden, a construction room in which children explore 3-dimension construction as well as role and imaginative play, and a project room in which a range of Montessori skills based projects are offered for children to choose from.

Other important information

The Arc currently employs twelve staff, nine of which are full time. We also have our own nursery cook.

The Arc has a very healthy waiting list, currently 75 children approximately, we do not advertise the nursery, most of our parents are recommended via friends and family, due to the warm caring environment that the Arc provides.

The current fee band is as follows:

Babies: 3 months to 2 years

15 places for babies aged 3 months – 2 years, Fees	5 days full fee	£1,238.68	daily	£57.17
	4 days full fee	£990.95	daily	£57.17
	3 days full fee	£811.46	daily	£62.42
	2 days full fee	£540.97	daily	£62.42
	1 day full fee	£270.49	daily	£62.42

Toddlers: 2 – 3 years

16 places for children aged 2 - 3 years, Fees	5 days full fee	£1,072.93	daily	£49.52
	4 days full fee	£858.35	daily	£49.52
	3 days full fee	£710.19	daily	£54.63
	2 days full fee	£473.46	daily	£54.63
	1 day full fee	£236.73	daily	£54.63

Pre-School: 3 – 5 years

16 places for children aged 3 - 5 years, Fees	5 days full fee	£1010.10	daily	£46.62
	4 days full fee	£808.08	daily	£46.62
	3 days full fee	£676.91	daily	£52.07
	2 days full fee	£451.27	daily	£52.07
	1 day full fee	£225.64	daily	£52.07