



Acorn Day Nursery - Hedgerows

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Nursery Manager
£27,440-£47,840 per Annum
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Start date: 13/07/2026

About our School:

Acorn at Hedgerows is a 43 place day nursery in Netherfield, Milton Keynes. Attached to the Hedgerows family centre, the nursery transferred to us from Milton Keynes Council and offers fully-funded places for eligible 2, 3 and 4 year olds.

The nursery offers full and part-time care for children aged four months to four years, and is open 7:30am until 6pm, Monday to Friday, all year round.

The Acorns and Squirrels room caters for 15 children, aged four months to two years old. It has a bright main play room, a sleep area and nappy changing/toilet facilities and children have access to a safe enclosed garden.

Our Oaks room has provision for 24 children, aged three and four, and is a bright room with access to a large garden space with a covered area for all year round play. A toilet area and quiet/sleep room is available for children to use.

We place a strong emphasis on outdoor learning and the children enjoy play outside in all weathers. Pre-school children develop their outdoor learning at regular Forest School sessions, and a variety of imaginative and creative play activities can be enjoyed alongside regular outings and trips.

About the Role:

Acorn Early Years is seeking an experienced and passionate Nursery Manager to lead Hedgerows Nursery. This role offers the opportunity to create a warm, inclusive, and nurturing environment where children, families, and staff can thrive. Working closely with the adjoining Family Centre and local services, you will support children's learning, wellbeing, and development while helping families access the support they need.

Key Responsibilities

Lead and inspire a positive, child-centred team culture.
Ensure high-quality care and education in line with the EYFS.
Oversee the safe, effective, and compliant day-to-day running of the nursery.
Create enabling environments that support all children, particularly those facing disadvantage.
Build strong partnerships with parents, carers, health professionals, and community services.
Promote safeguarding, inclusion, equality, and wellbeing in all aspects of nursery life.
Coach, mentor, and develop staff through supervision, appraisals, and training.
Manage occupancy, staffing, records, and operational systems to ensure sustainability and compliance.

What We're Looking For

Essential

Experience as a Nursery Manager or Deputy Manager.
Strong knowledge of the EYFS and child-centred practice.
Experience supporting families and communities facing disadvantage.
Understanding of how poverty and inequality can impact child development.
Excellent safeguarding knowledge.
Strong leadership, communication, and organisational skills.

Desirable

Experience working within highly deprived communities.
Knowledge of Early Help processes and local support services.
Experience supporting or leading an Ofsted inspection.

Our Values We are looking for a leader who demonstrates kindness, integrity, and professionalism, creating a culture where every child, family, and team member feels valued and respected. You will be committed to continuous improvement, strong partnerships, and delivering the very best outcomes for children.

Closing date for applications: 31/08/2026