



Acorn Nursery - Hedgerows

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Nursery Manager
,£37,440 - £48,256
Permanent
Start date: 09/12/2026

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:

Nursery Manager - Hedgerows Nursery

£1,000 Recruitment Bonus payable on successful completion of a 3-month probationary period.

At Acorn Early Years, we believe every child deserves the best possible start in life. We are

seeking a passionate, values-driven Nursery Manager to lead Hedgerows Nursery, creating a safe, nurturing, and inspiring environment where children, families, and staff can thrive.

You will lead the day-to-day management of the nursery, ensuring high-quality care and education in line with the EYFS while building strong partnerships with families, the adjoining Family Centre, and local services. This role is particularly focused on supporting children and families who may be experiencing social or economic disadvantage and ensuring every child has the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Key Responsibilities

- Lead and inspire a committed staff team, promoting a positive and inclusive culture.
- Ensure delivery of high-quality, child-centred early years education and care.
- Safeguard children and promote their wellbeing at all times.
- Build strong relationships with parents, carers, and community partners.
- Support staff development through coaching, supervision, and reflective practice.
- Oversee nursery operations, including occupancy, staffing, compliance, and parent communication.
- Maintain accurate records and ensure all statutory requirements are met.
- Promote inclusive practice that celebrates diversity and removes barriers to learning.

About You

- Experienced Nursery Manager or Deputy Manager ready for the next step.
- Strong knowledge of the EYFS and child development.
- Proven leadership, communication, and organisational skills.
- Experience supporting children and families facing disadvantage.
- Excellent understanding of safeguarding and child protection.
- Committed to inclusion, partnership working, and continuous improvement.

Desirable

- Experience working within highly deprived communities.

Closing date for applications: 30/11/2026

Alternatively, you can apply here: <https://acornearlyyears.eyrecruit.co.uk/nursery-manager/417?source=careers>