



Amberley Nursery & Forest School

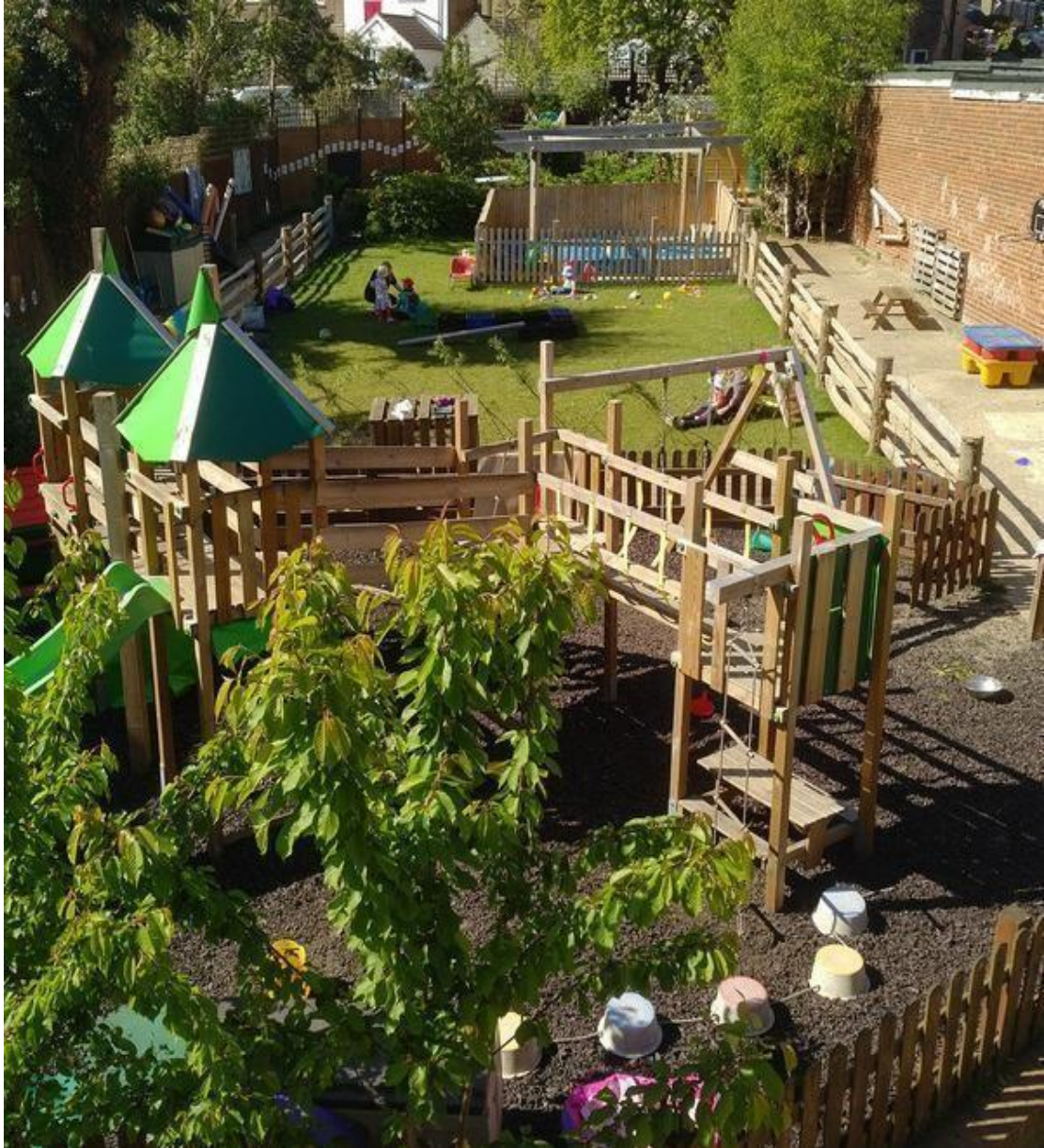
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Providing your child with a safe and stimulating environment for their early stages of learning and development

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Are you looking for quality Early Years care and Education in the heart of Bexhill? If so, we would like to warmly welcome you to Amberley Nursery & Forest School! Clare and Mark have offered care and education for children aged 7 weeks to 5 years since 2001. Our open hours are Monday to Friday, 52 weeks a year, except public holidays. Our opening hours are from 8.00am until 6.00pm, offering a variety of flexible sessions.

We are registered with Ofsted, the Information Commissioner, Rother Environmental Health dept, and are also members of the National Day Nursery Association and the Federation of Small Business. Our memberships ensure that we are constantly in touch with new thinking in the field of childcare and education. In addition, a variety of training is ongoing and available to both staff and parents.

Here at Amberley our aim is:-

- To put children first
- To work in partnership with families to enhance the development and education of children, in a safe and stimulating environment.
- To work in partnership with families to deliver the Early Years Foundation Stage and to ensure equality of opportunity for all.
- For every family to feel welcome and part of our setting.



We will offer your child:-

- ☐ An individual curriculum, working towards the Early Learning Goals.
- ☐ Individual care and attention, made possible by a high ratio of adults to children
- ☐ Fun and friendship with children and other adults
- ☐ The support of a key person

The Early Years Foundation Stage EYFS

The EYFS framework explains how and what your child will be learning to support their development. Your child will be learning skills, acquiring new knowledge and demonstrating their understanding through 7 areas of learning and development.

Children often develop the 3 prime areas first. These are;

- . Communication and language
- . Physical development
- . Personal, social and emotional development.

These prime areas are essential for your child's healthy development and future learning. As your child grows, the prime areas will help them to develop skills in 4 specific areas.

- . Literacy
- . Mathematics
- . Understanding the world
- . Expressive arts and design

These 7 areas are used to plan your child's development through activities suited to their needs. It is designed to be flexible so that your child's key-worker can follow your child's current interests, as well as adult-led learning, we focus on things which happen 'in the moment' and children are encouraged to express what they would like to learn next.



How your child will be learning

Within the group, all the children are supported to develop their interests and learning at their own pace. Our key worker system enables us to ensure an individual curriculum, tailored to the needs of each child. Through developmentally appropriate play experiences and a high level of adult input, we offer experiences that enable children to progress through the EYFS, preparing them for the National curriculum, which begins at Year 1 in primary school.

Observations and record keeping

To maximise your child's development and progress, observations and individual learning journals will be kept for your child. Parents are actively encouraged to contribute to their child's journal, through completing family observations and WOW moments. You are welcome to view your child's records within our opening hours. Observations are highly important at Amberley; they form an understanding of your child's current stage of development, enabling us to plan your child's next steps for learning. We are registered with the Information Commission Office and General Data Protection Regulation compliant.

Special educational needs

We are passionate about providing equality of opportunity for all members of our group, and this includes children with special educational needs and disabilities. We will aim to make all reasonable adjustments to include children with SEND. This support will differ between children, depending upon their individual needs. For more information please see our Local Offer or come and have an informal chat with our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator.

Starting Nursery and Pre-school

A child who is tense or unhappy will not be able to learn to their full potential. It is very important for the parents and the staff to work together to help the child feel confident and secure within their new environment. We offer settling-in sessions before your child is due to start nursery; you will be asked to accompany your child for their first session of around an hour. One of our practitioners will discuss your child's likes and dislikes with you, then form a plan for you to gradually begin to leave them over their next few visits. It can take longer for some children to settle than others, please speak to your key-worker if you feel anxious or worried. All children are individuals, and they will settle at their own pace. So are Parents, it's not just the children need settling!

Food and Drink

We promote a healthy lifestyle at Amberley. Children who are staying for a morning or full day session can either have a Zebedees hot dinner or bring in a packed lunch. We ask that the packed lunches you provide are nutritious and healthy, packed in an insulated bag with an ice pack. We have received an outstanding award from the children's food trust and do not allow juice, crisps, sweets, fizzy drinks, cakes within our nursery, unless it is a special celebration. Due to allergies, peanut butter and other nuts are not allowed. Occasionally your key worker may request that fish or egg for example aren't included due to allergies, please ask if you are unsure. The nursery will provide a variety of nutritious snacks with water and milk at break times.

An allergy matrix is available for all snacks and meals we serve; please speak to a member of staff about any allergies, intolerances, or dietary preferences.



Forest School

We became a Forest School in 2012 when Mark passed his level 3 training with the Sussex Wildlife Trust. Forest Schools have demonstrated success with children of all ages who visit the same local woodlands on a regular basis. Through play, the children have the opportunity to learn

about the natural environment, light fires, cook on the fire, use real tools, go pond dipping and snake hunting, how to handle risks and most importantly to use their own initiative to solve problems and co-operate with others. Forest School is available to book on a termly basis, usually 6-8 weeks. Warning, your children may develop a love of mud, sticks and the great outdoors!



Policies

All of our policies are designed to offer the best possible experience for children and families. The Nursery policies are reviewed on a regular basis and comments and suggestions from parents are always welcome. They are available on our website www.amberleynursery.co.uk and there is a copy in the hallway for parent's perusal. We recommend you read and accept them before registering your child at Amberley.

Exclusions

We operate strict exclusion periods over and above the Public Health Agency and NHS 0-16 yrs guidance. Young children play and interact extremely closely together, so in this environment conjunctivitis or hand foot and mouth for example, spread like wildfire and can be nasty for staff and children alike. This could force us to close if we have too many staff off.

Should your child have sickness or diarrhoea they must remain at home for at least 48 hours since their last bout. If before your session, you have given your child Calpol, or its equivalents please keep your child at home as their symptoms will be masked whilst still remaining contagious. If your child has been prescribed antibiotics, they are to remain at home for 48 hours after commencing the medicine, in case of reaction and to give them a chance to get better.

The staff team at Amberley

Within our staff team, 95% have achieved or are working towards a level three qualification in Childcare and Education. Clare holds a FdA in and a BA (Hons) in Childcare and Education, Mark our Forest School Leader holds his level 3 in both early years and Forest School (is that level 6?), with an outdoor emergency first aid qualification. Both Lisa's hold a level 6, and Nyree is nearly level 6, as is Jake. All our staff undertake a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) and attend a minimum of four training courses per year. All of our staff hold a paediatric first aid qualification. Safeguarding and food hygiene training is provided as part of staff inductions, then renewed every 3 years.

Uniform

Our red and grey uniform is optional and can be ordered from www.myclothing.com for children.

What your child will need to bring to nursery:

- At least three full changes of named clothing, this includes underwear and socks.
- Warm named clothing for colder days, this includes hats, scarves, warm socks and gloves during the winter.
- Either a named rain coat and trousers, or a rain suit. Please note that splash proof clothing will very quickly become wet, however waterproofs will keep your child dry.
- Wellies.
- In summer your child will need a named sun hat, swim wear (as we will use the paddling pools on sunny days), Please apply a 12 hour protection sun cream before your session.
- Slippers, slipper socks or other indoor shoes.
- Each child who wears nappies needs to have their own supply of nappies and wipes, (please also provide wipes and multiple changes of clothes if your child regularly has toilet accidents).
- For children who have a packed lunch please put an icepack or frozen bottle of water inside their lunch box.

Unless you are full time please ensure that all items are taken home at the end of each session as we simply do not have the storage space to keep items here. This also ensures the pegs are empty ready for the children who attend the next session.

'Free' Only Places

At Amberley Nursery, we are committed to providing access to high-quality early years education.

We offer fully funded-only places, which are allocated first to children who have been in receipt of disadvantaged 2 year old funding and those in receipt of Early Years Pupil Premium. All other available sessions will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis in each of our rooms:

As parents don't need to contribute towards these places, there's an operational and financial impact on our nursery - so to ensure the care we provide isn't affected, and that we can run sustainably, regrettably we have to limit the number of places available. Your sessions may change termly depending on availability and appropriate staffing ratios. A waiting list is in place, please speak to our management team to be added onto it.

Waiting List and Alternative Options

If all free only places are full at the time of application, parents have the following options:

1. Join the waiting list – Parents who wish to access a free-only place but do not receive an immediate space can remain on our waiting list. As soon as a funded-only place becomes available, we will offer it to the next eligible child in line.
2. Flexible attendance – Families who wish to start attending nursery immediately can choose to access their funded hours as part of a blended model, which includes additional

paid hours. This allows children to begin attending without waiting for a fully funded-only place to open.

Parents who opt for the flexible attendance model may remain on the waiting list and transfer to a fully funded-only place as soon as one becomes available, however there is no guarantee that one will become available.

No Compulsory Additional Hours

Purchasing additional hours is not a requirement to access free hours at Amberley Nursery. Parents have the freedom to either:

- Wait for a fully funded-only place to become available, or
- Choose to purchase additional hours if they wish to start attending sooner.

Funded Only Spaces - Attendance Patterns 15 Hours Funded Only Places (All Year)

- 3.30pm – 5.30/6.00pm
- 3 sessions 3.30 – 5.30 and 2 sessions 3.30 – 6.00
- No additional hours can be purchased
- You will have to supply your child's snacks and consumables in line with our menu, healthy eating policy and dietary matrix system
- Should you wish not to provide your child's snacks and consumables then you may have the option to pay £2.00 per snack and/or £2.00 for laundered bedding

30 Hours Funded-Only Places (All Year)

- 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM (5-hour sessions)
- 4 sessions per week (20 hours total)
- No additional hours can be purchased
- You will have to supply your child's snacks and consumables in line with our menu, healthy eating policy and dietary matrix system
- Should you wish not to provide your child's snacks and consumables then you may have the option to pay £2.00 per snack and/or £2.00 for laundered bedding

Alternative Funding Use: Attending More Hours A Week (Blended Model)

Amberley Nursery allows for funding to be used flexibly over the week for parents who purchase additional hours. This allows parents to access a place sooner than waiting on our funded-only place waiting list and still utilise their full funding entitlement.

Parents may remain on the waiting list for a funded-only place while attending under this model. If a fully funded-only place becomes available, parents will be given the option to transfer to this schedule. This ensures that families have access to early education without delay

while still having the opportunity to move into a funded-only place in the future if one becomes available.

Minimum Attendance Places

15 Hours Funding with Additional Hours

- **Minimum attendance:** 15 hours
- Additional hours for part sessions charged at £16 per hour

30 Hours Funding with Additional Hours

- **Minimum attendance:** 30 hours per week
- Additional hours for part sessions charged at £16 per hour

Nursery Standards and Expectations

- The all-inclusive service is available to both funded and unfunded children.
- Opt-out families will receive their funded hours. No partial opt-outs are permitted and there is no option to buy additional sessions.
- Children must arrive fully prepared for their session. Parents who have opted out must ensure all necessary items are provided.

Required Items & Standards for Opt-Out

Food /Consumable Requirements

Parents who opt out and attend a funded only space must supply all food and consumables for their child for the entire session they attend, as government funding does not cover consumables. This must be handed to the staff member on arrival for each session you attend. There is no option for bulk storage as government funding does not cover this.

For families opting out who do not wish to bring food they may pay for our snack and consumable service, this will be £2 per snack and £2 for any items needing to be laundered (i.e. bedding).

Opting out and providing your own consumables are binding for the full billing period. Any families wishing to opt back into the nursery providing these services the change will take effect from the next invoicing period.

Either of these options are parental choice, you do however have to pick one of them.

We hope that your child's time at Nursery is a very happy and productive one. If you have any queries, please contact us.

Nursery Fees from April 2025

	0-3 years	3-5 years
Morning session - 8.30am-1.00pm	£42	£42
Afternoon session - 1.15pm - 5.30pm	£42	£42
School Day session- 8.30am-3.30pm	N/A	£63.50
Full day session- 8.30am-5.30pm	£85	£77
Registration fee	£50	£50
Hot lunch and pudding	£3.50	Special dietary- £3.90
Early risers - 8.00am-8.30am	£5	
Tea club- 5.30pm - 6.00pm	£5	
Forest School	£12 per session, includes water proof hire of 50p per session	

There are strictly limited, completely 'free', 15 hour funded sessions available, please ask the team to be added to the waiting list.

There is a 10% reduction of fees for any sibling attending.

Children attending on a full time basis receive breakfast club and tea club free of charge.

Late Collection - each 1-10 minutes' £ 12.50

Fees are due by the 5th of the month. Payments after the 6th will have a £25 late payment fee added, plus £10 per week until payment is received. Please talk to us if you are having difficulty with your fees

You can apply for the funded hours [here](#). The funded hours are 15 or 30 hours per week, for 38 weeks per year, and the codes will need periodic re- checking by you. Reminders will be sent out by HMRC

Financial support and advice can be obtained from www.childcarechoices.gov.uk Universal credit may contribute up to 80% of your fees, or with Tax Free Childcare for every 80p you pay in, the government tops it up to a shiny £1

All spaces require a deposit.

For 3 to 6 sessions £200, 7 sessions or over £300. *A session is classed as a half day.*

This deposit will be deducted from your final invoice.

Fees must be paid monthly in advance. You will receive an invoice one week before the end of the month, with payment due by the 5th of the following month. Fees continue to be payable all year, even if your child is absent, or ill. Failure to pay by the 6th will incur late payment charge of £25 and late fees of £10 per week. There is no remission of fees for Bank holidays.

Each child will receive holiday entitlement of 2 weeks per year at 50% reduced fees. If you wish to book holiday, reduce or cancel your sessions at the nursery we require a minimum one month written notice (letter or email only please).

How to Pay

Please pay us via bank transfer or Tax Free Childcare account. With TFC for every £8 you pay in the government top up £2, check your eligibility at the childcare choices website. Our bank details are Amberley Nursery Ltd, Account 0305 3997, 09-01-50. Please put your child's name as a reference.

Ill child policy

At Amberley we promote healthy choices. We aim to protect children from harm or neglect and help them to stay safe. We recognise that it is in the child's best interest to be in a home environment when they are unwell, rather than at nursery with their peers.



In order to minimise cross-infection children must stay at home if they have a contagious illness. We ask parents/carers to promptly inform the nursery as to the nature of the illness. This will allow us to alert other parents/carers, as necessary, and to make careful observations of any child who seems unwell.

We ask parents not to bring their child into the setting if they have been vomiting or had diarrhoea until at least 48 hours has elapsed since their last attack.

Children who have been prescribed an anti-biotic must not attend nursery for the first 48 hours of taking their medication. Unless this is part of an ongoing care plan to treat chronic medical conditions and it has been agreed by the child's doctor that they do not need to absent for 48 hours.

Children who have been given Calpol (or any other brand of paracetamol medicine) must not attend nursery, if they have been deemed unwell enough to require this medication they are very unlikely to be well enough to attend nursery. Their symptoms will also be masked and they may spread the infection to everyone.

If a child has a temperature of over 38.5°C it will be deemed as too high and parents/carers will be contacted to collect their child. The children will be able to return to nursery on their next session if they are fit and well to do so. Children with temperatures below 38.5°C, but with other symptoms, may still be too unwell to attend nursery and parents/carers may be contacted to collect their child.

When a child becomes unwell whilst in our care we will ensure that the child receives appropriate care and attention, make them comfortable and minimise the risk of cross-infection. We will contact the parent/carer using the information provided by the parent/carer on their registration form. If the parent/carer is not contactable, we will call the child's emergency contacts, as provided on their registration form. The uncollected children policy will be implemented if no authorised persons on

the registration form are contactable. If it is deemed the child needs hospital care, an ambulance will be called and a member of the nursery team will accompany the child to hospital and remain with them until their parent/carer arrives.

We shall follow advice given by the Local Authority and Public Health England regarding exclusion periods and notifiable diseases, following current guidance we shall report incidents to Ofsted and Public Health England where we are required to do so. There will always be at least one first aider onsite and on all outings.

Date as Postmark

Dear Parent or Guardian

Child Protection Regulations

This letter is for all parents using registered childcare in East Sussex. It is for information only.

As you may know, the valuable services offered by childcare providers for children under 8 years are subject to regulation by Ofsted. The purpose of regulation is to protect children, provide reassurance to parents and guardians and to ensure that the services meet specified standards. When a childcare provider meets the standards, they can register. Ofsted inspectors continue to carry out inspections following registration.


Your provider of childcare has given a commitment for the safety and protection of children, and they are expected to make their individual policies and procedures clear to you. This includes their policies and procedures for Child Protection and for dealing with concerns and complaints from parents.

A registered childcare provider has a legal duty to follow the Child Protection Procedures which have been drawn up by the East Sussex Safeguarding Children Partnership. A copy of these procedures can be found online at [Welcome to your Pan Sussex Child Protection and Safeguarding Procedures Manual | Sussex Child Protection and Safeguarding Procedures Manual](#). Under these procedures, childcare providers must report any suspicions they have that a child may have suffered, is suffering, or is at risk of suffering significant harm to the County Council's Children's Social Care department. It is then the responsibility of Children's Social Care staff to decide what action, if any, needs to be taken.

Such situations are always distressing but nevertheless the law is clear that the welfare of children is the paramount concern. The Sussex Procedures state that in the event of an inquiry, parents will be afforded the right to honesty, full information as appropriate and the opportunity to express their views and challenge actions.

If you require further guidance about any aspect of the responsibilities of registered providers, please contact the Early Years Team, Education Department on 01323 463026 and ask for the Early Years Support and Intervention Officer for your area.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donna Davis".

Donna Davis, LADO Safeguarding Unit

OFFICE USE

Birth certificate number:

Seen by:

On:

Check the details on the birth certificate match the registration form:

Parents names/ parental responsibility?	Child's name?	Child's DOB?
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Check there are a minimum of 2 emergency contacts, other than parents/carers:

Amberley Nursery- Registration Form**The child's details...**

Full name		
Date of birth	Age	Religion
Gender	Languages spoken at home	Ethnic Origin
Address		
Post Code		
People/pets who live at my house		
Medical details	NHS number (this can be obtained from your GP or health visitor)	
Known allergies		
Special dietary requirements		
Current medication/any other information		
Health visitor's name and contact number		
GP name, contact number and surgery name		
Contact details for any other services involved with the child/family		

Other People Authorised to Collect...Please give us details of three people, over the age of 16 who you authorise to collect your child. **Do not enter parents' details here please.**

In an emergency, or if a child is not collected, we will always aim to contact parents or carers, however in the event we are unable to, we will also contact the people you've listed below. Should your child not attend a booked session, and we are unable to make contact with you, we will also contact these individuals. *Please ensure you have gained permission to pass on these details, It is a requirement of the EYFS that we obtain a minimum of 2 emergency contacts, other than parents/carers.*

Name	Relationship to child
Telephone Numbers	
Name	Relationship to child
Telephone Numbers	
Name	Relationship to child
Telephone Numbers	

Requirements...

Which sessions do you require and when would you like them to start? We require a minimum of 3 sessions. A session classes as half a day.
Does your child require a hot dinner?

Details of Parents/Carers...

Who has parental responsibility? Mother Father Both Other:	
Mother/Father/Guardian Full Name	Mother/Father/Guardian Full Name
Date of birth	Date of birth
Address:	Address:
Postcode	Postcode
Mobile Number	Mobile Number
Work telephone number	Work telephone number
Place of work	Place of work
Home telephone number	Home telephone number
Email	Email
NI Number	NI Number
Does either parent/carer have any medical conditions which it would be beneficial for us to be aware of, for example in how we respond to children's absences or emergencies?	

Privacy Notice:

We are required to collect and store personal details of children and their families, we do this in line with General Data Protection Regulations. We will normally ask for your permission before we share this information with anyone else, however there are some situations where we will share this permission without your knowledge or permission, such as to safeguard your child. Where we have asked for your consent to store/use your information you have the right to ask for this information to be deleted/edited at any time. Further information can be found in our Confidentiality Policy and data audit.

Reserving a space:

I have enclosed:

- ☐ A copy of my child's birth certificate

I understand I will be emailed an invoice for the following, and understand that sessions cannot be saved until payment is received:

- ☐ Registration fee of £50
☐ Deposit of £200 (for three to six half days)
or
☐ Deposit of £300 (seven or more half-days)

Required permissions:

I authorise Amberley Nursery to carry out any emergency medical treatment necessary.

Signed:

Date:

I have read and understood the nursery prospectus, policies and procedures and agree to abide by the terms and conditions, including those on the storage and use of CCTV images. If I do not abide to the terms and conditions I understand my contract will be terminated.

Signed:

Date:

I understand that my child's photograph will be taken and will form part of their observations and learning journals (please refer to our data audit for full details of how we process information).

Signed:

Date:

I understand that my deposit will be non-refundable should I not accept a place.

Signed:

Date:

Optional Consents (please delete as appropriate):

Do you give permission for us to take your child on outings?

Yes / No

Do you give permission for your child to be part of group photographs to be used within children's observations and learning journals?

Yes / No

Do you give permission for your child's photo to be used on displays within the nursery premises?

Yes / No

Do you give permission for your child's photograph to be used on our social media sites?

Yes / No

Do you give permission for your child's photograph to be used on our website?

Yes / No

Do you give permission for your child's photograph to be used in various media forms?

Yes / No

If my child attends another setting, or when they move to school, I give permission for Amberley to share information about them?

Yes/No

Print name:

Signature:

Relationship to the child:

Date:

Paracetamol (optional consent)

We have an emergency supply of liquid paracetamol or Calpol at nursery to administer under the following circumstances:

- If a child's temperature reaches 39 °C *The parent/carer will still need to collect their child, or arrange for a family member to do so.*
- If a child appears to be in pain due to teething. *If the child remains in discomfort after one dose, the parent/carer will be called to collect them.*

Where parents cannot be contacted (and you have given permission for paracetamol administration) then a member of the management team will take the decision as to whether your child is safe to have a dose of paracetamol based on the time your child has been in nursery, the circumstances surrounding the need for this medication and your child's medical history.

Consent for paracetamol is optional. If you would like us to administer paracetamol to your child in the circumstances described above, please complete the following form.

I give consent for a member of the Amberley team to administer paracetamol to my child if they have a temperature that reaches 39 °c **or** if my child is in pain due to teething. I understand staff will follow the instructions and dosage relating to my child's age on the paracetamol packaging. I understand that it will not be given for any other reason.

Please sign below if paracetamol has been used before with no adverse reaction and you are happy for us to use this medicine (*If your child has not had paracetamol before, please do not complete this form*)

Parent/Carer name.....signedDate.....

Children are not to attend nursery if you have given them paracetamol before their session and you will be expected to collect your child if we have deemed it necessary to give your child paracetamol while at nursery for a high temperature, or the paracetamol does not relieve teething symptoms.