

Noise Management Plan for The Burbage Nature Nursery

At Burbage Nature Nursery, the opening times will be 7:30 – 5:30 (until 6pm by arrangement) Monday to Friday. There will be no noise impact at weekends or evenings.

We propose to limit the use of the garden to after 9am until 5pm Monday to Friday.

Our nursery will comprise 4 main room – Babies, toddlers, lower preschool and upper preschool. Children will go outside in their groups in the following way:-

Babies (mainly non-mobile) will go outside and be pushed in buggies and go for walks in the neighbourhood. During the summer they may sit on picnic blankets for short periods only (maximum 30 minutes) – this will not impact on neighbours. There will be 12 babies, split into 2 groups of 6.

Toddlers – similar to babies but may have two outdoor times, upto 45 minutes morning and afternoon. There will be a maximum of 24 toddlers and will be in groups of 4 or 5. A maximum of 2 groups will be outside at any one time.

Lower preschool (children aged 2-3)– There will be a maximum of 24 children and these will tend to free flow to the garden in their key worker group (upto 5 children), maximum of 2 groups for a maximum of an hour in the morning, an hour in the afternoon.

Upper preschool (children aged 3-4) maximum 26 children – will need to free flow for longer periods of time. However, this room is located near the car park, furthest away from the neighbour. Exciting learning opportunities will be set out away from the neighbour, directly outside their room.

The EYFS (The Early Years Foundation Stage) clearly states, 'Providers must provide access to an outdoor play area', therefore the outdoor area is very important for children. We create a stimulating classroom outdoors enriched with learning opportunities. The children are not allowed to scream or make too much noise.

There are mature trees and hedges along the boundary and is located towards the bottom of the neighbours very large garden to absorb the noise.

We avoid too many groups being outside at any one time as there is a natural tendency for the grown ups to chat and this is best avoided but at the same time, the 2 downstairs preschool rooms (maximum 50 children) need to have the flexibility to enter the garden between 9 and 5pm to execute the nursery's curriculum and teach the children. These children know how to play nicely. If they do not they would be taken indoors.

We operate in this way at Green Acres closeby and for large parts of the day the garden is empty, much of the day is spent eating and sleeping indoors.

In conclusion, garden play will be well managed and will not impact the neighbour.