



**STEPPING STONES NURSERY**

Quality childcare & education



# Why Choose **YMCA** **Stepping Stones** Pre-School?

At YMCA Stepping Stones Nursery, we provide a warm, nurturing pre-school experience where children feel safe, valued and inspired to learn through play. We have a genuine love for what we do.



Here for young people  
Here for communities  
Here for you



**Our approach combines strong relationships, meaningful play-based learning and individual care and education, to give every child the best possible start.**



### **Nurturing & inspiring learning environments**

Children thrive in environments where they feel confident, curious and supported to explore.

- Free-flow learning experiences with access to our forest garden
- Opportunities to investigate and be imaginative
- Skilled, dedicated practitioners who extend learning naturally through high quality interactions

### **Personalised learning & care**

Every child is unique. We are inclusive and celebrate each individual journey.

- Learning tailored to children's interest and stage of development
- Supporting children's strengths and next steps in learning
- Working closely with families to ensure consistency and support

### **Learning through play**

Children learn best through a meaningful play-based curriculum.

- Hands-on experiences that develop communication and social skills
- Focusing on stories, vocabulary, physical development and emotional wellbeing
- Trying new things and celebrating successes

### **Strong relationships**

Strong relationships help children feel safe, secure and ready to thrive.

- Warm, trusting relationships with families
- Professional relationships with other agencies
- Helping children to build friendships



**“Staff are knowledgeable and skilled. They have support to complete professional qualifications and also have training that is relevant to the needs of the children.”**

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### **Preparing children for school**

We help children become confident, capable and school-ready learners.

- Developing early maths and literacy skills
- Encouraging resilience and independence
- Supporting positive attitudes towards learning

### **Low staff-to-child ratios**

- 1 adult to 8 children in our pre-school room
- Every child receives the time, attention and support they need to flourish

### **Flexible, year-round childcare that supports family life**

- Open all year round (except Christmas)
- 38, 48 and 51 week options available
- Flexible sessions available
- Fresh meals and snacks prepared onsite



### **Why families choose us**

- Play-based learning
- Low staff-to-child ratios
- Personalised support
- Outdoor experiences
- Year-round childcare
- Strong relationships with children and families



**“The staff provide engaging activities for all children and they are really caring and friendly. My daughter used to be so shy and not talk to anyone. We chose to stay here for pre-school because the staff have supported her to grow in confidence so much.”**

Parent of a 3 year old

### **Come and talk to us!**

**We would love to talk to you about how we can support your child's journey.**

### **Contact us**

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Providing the critical foundations for a fresh, strong start

