

# BEES NEES EARLY YEARS CENTRE

## Nurturing creative thinkers at a price that won't sting you

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Bees Nees Early Years Centre is unique in the local area as it's the only Centre of its kind to provide a year round, wide range of quality, low-cost, flexible childcare for children from 2 year 10 months to 12 years of age.

We offer our funded pre-school education programme, pre pre-school, with flexible wrap around care including breakfast club, lunch club, gap sessions and after school care along with super fun filled holiday schemes. We can do pick ups from all schools and pre-schools in Newtownards.

Bees Nees is full of busy children – learning, playing, working, interacting with other children, finding out about, and trying new things – all under the watchful eyes of highly qualified, professional, caring staff. We nurture creative thinkers and believe quality education is about three things: the child, the context in which learning takes place and the content (the knowledge and understanding the child develops and learns). We are passionate about developing a caring environment in which we promote concerned respect for the welfare of children, parents, and staff. We strive to make a positive impact on the lives of children in a happy, safe, and stimulating environment where children's self-esteem and confidence are actively promoted.

Our website aims to provide information about our Centre, whether your child is currently attending or if you are a prospective parent. We hope you find all information you are looking for there.

If you are interested in a place for your child at Bees Nees, have any queries or would like further information please feel free to contact us directly

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**Hours open 08.30-18.00**

Or why not organise to call in and visit us? We would be delighted to meet you!

This shows the costs per session for 2023. By pricing per session we can give maximum flexibility for parents to access the flexible, low cost, affordable childcare they require

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| Breakfast Club   | School term                                 | 8.30am-9am                                      | £2.00 per session                       |
| Lunch Club   | School term                                 | 12pm-1m   | £3.50 per session                       |
| Gap Sessions   | School term                                 | 1pm-2pm   | £4.00 per session                       |
| Gap Sessions   | School term                                 | 2pm-3pm<br>+ pick up                            | £4.50 per session                       |
| After Schools  | School term                                 | 2/3pm-6pm<br>+ pick up                          | £15.00 per session                      |
| Pre Pre-School Session   | School term                                 | 9am-12pm<br>12.15am-2.15pm                      | £12.50 per session<br>£8.50 per session |
| Pre School Funded 2.5 hours EA   | School term                                 | 9am-11.30am<br>11.30am-12pm                     | Funded<br>£20 per month                 |
| Holiday Schemes  | *Easter/Summer/Half term<br>Half day option | *8.30am-1 pm<br>or 1pm-6pm<br>Subject to demand | £15 per session                         |
| Holiday Schemes  | *Easter/Summer/Half term<br>Half day option | *8.30am-6pm<br>Subject to demand                | £29 full day                            |
| Annual Registration fee paid in September or when child commences attending centre |   |   | £25 per child                           |



Alliance MLA Nick Mathison is pictured on his recent visit to Bees Nees playgroup with some of their children staff members, Joanne Caughey, Claire McDowell, Leeann Crooks, Daphne Nicholl, Fiona Lindsay, Leanne Ritchie and Alexis Leeman. J1-26-1-23



Jim Shannon MP with Councillor Naomi Armstrong-Cotter at the launch of Bees Nees Early Years Centre website. Also included are Emma Clegg, a parent who helped put together the website; staff and pupils. B1-26-1-23

## Launch Of Bees Nees Early Years Centre new website – premier early years provision in the heart of Newtownards

Jim Shannon MP and Alderman Naomi Armstrong-Cotter were delighted to attend the launch of the Bees Nees Early Years Centre new Website.

Jim Shannon MP has said “I am very familiar with Bees Nees and not simply as an elected representative interested in the provision in my constituency but as a father who sent my children there – although that wasn't yesterday. The same warmth I remember when Sandra and I decided to leave the boys to their care is there in abundance and I loved spending a little time with the children and leaders there. The facilities are wonderful and the wall art shows how active and involved the children are. I was so pleased to learn of the new website as a new way of letting people from all over Ards know of the wonderful facilities the school has to offer. Bees Nees Early Years Centre is unique in the local area as it's the only Centre of its kind to provide a year round, wide range of quality, low-cost, flexible childcare for children from 2 year 10 months to 12 years of age.

With funded pre-school education programme, pre pre-school, with flexible wrap around care including breakfast club, lunch club, gap sessions and after school care along with super fun filled holiday schemes, they offer free pick ups from all schools and pre-schools in Newtownards which I know is wonderful for the working parents in the town who feel they are paying only to provide childcare. This low cost but wonderful option is available and I would urge you to have a look on the new website and arrange a visit. Your child will love the messy play and the fun warmth.” Alderman Naomi Armstrong-Cotter has said “it was so lovely to go to Bees Nees for the launch of this terrific website. The website was designed and put together by a parent, Emma Clegg, who was so impressed by the centre that she took the time to build the website to show other parents

like her that there was a wonderful option for their children in the heart of Ards and she has done a wonderful job in putting it all together. As a mum of 2 children not long out of nursery school I was so impressed by the facility and the pricing – the fact that they don't charge for pick ups is so helpful. I was able to stay for a little bit of the storytime and the kids were all just enraptured with the tales and as I looked around the room and saw the messy play that had taken place before us getting there and was so impressed with what takes place.

Well done to the Janice and Daphne and all the staff in Bees Nees for the head start they are giving these children and I know that any parent with young children couldn't help but be impressed with all they offer and the price it is offered at.”

### Alliance MLA Nick Mathison visited Bees Nees Early Years Centre to see first hand the brilliant work of Daphne and her team, and to meet the children attending the pre-school.

Speaking after his visit Nick has said I am a big supporter of pre-schools and child care provision being located in community settings, and Bees Nees is a fantastic example of an excellent service providing not just funded pre-school places but a comprehensive wraparound childcare service for children of all ages. The team are dedicated to the well being of the kids in their care and every penny they take in,

is invested back into the provision for the children' 'Childcare providers across the board are facing big challenges in NI. Cost pressures, and the lack of government support for families to pay for services, is creating a really difficult context for both providers and families. It is so encouraging to see the dedication and enthusiasm in a service like Bees Nees despite these challenges - community based childcare is a vital service and I hope to see Bees Nees continue to grow and thrive in the years to come' 'This is, however an example of another issue in NI failing to get the attention and support it needs in the ongoing absence of an Executive at Stormont'

Nick Mathison MLA



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