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5.0 Quality of care and staff

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St Mary's Pre-School

St Mary's pre school

St Mary's is a fantastic pre school and I would recommend them to anyone!

Every single member of staff is friendly and helpful you can tell they actually enjoy their job's and aren't just going through the motions! Each lady really cares and it shows in the way the children interact so comfortably with all of them not just their own key worker.

My son is very shy and usually clings to me taking quite a while to interact with others, his key worker Jackie has been so brilliant with him he talks about her at home as if playing with a friend! Jackie has been patient and kind and has helped him to make friends and because there is always something fun going on Bertie doesn't spend anytime missing me he just has fun!

He learns new songs and loves hearing stories and woodland walks are a favourite! And they do so much cooking and making things Bertie really is in his element he loves it and his confidence has grown so much its great!

I feel totally confident leaving Bertie in their care.

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Reviewed by Angela Jones on Jun 13 2018

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St Marys - the best there is

My daughter started at St Marys as she just turned 2, she is a nervous child and takes a long time to settle. The staff at St Marys have

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been absolutely fabulous with her, not just her key worker but all of them. They all know who she is, what she like, my daughter will go to any of them which is not usual for her. The imaginative learning events they put on are amazing in the limited resources available to them. My daughter has grown in confidence, knowledge social skills beyond anything I could have hoped for. It is very evident that the staff really care about what they do and it isn't just a job to them. I am going to be very sad to have to say goodbye to them all.

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Reviewed by Clare Fullick on Jun 13 2018

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Absolutely fantastic nursery

My son started at St Marys just after he turned 2yo and absolutely loves it. He leaves for School this year (which is heartbreaking) but at least my youngest will still be going to st Marys. The staff are incredible with all the children in their care, identifying individual requirements and helping them prepare for their future in a fun, relaxed and happy environment. They are constantly baking, creating and going on woodland walks, which is a particular favourite. I would highly recommend St Marys Nursery and the staff, Jacob has been so happy there and I believe st Marys nursery has been a real factor in his development and confidence.

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Reviewed by Charlotte Gregory on Jun 13 2018

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Amazing Preschool and Staff

My son started preschool just after he turned two and leaves this July for school. I can not recommend the staff at st marys more. We have been faced with lots of challenges and difficulties along the way and they have handled my sons care amazing and the difference in his ability and confidence is phenomenal. This is all down to the staff and consistent approach and structure they've adopted with him. It will be a very sad day at the end of term to see his journey with them coming to an end. The dedication and love that all the staff is truly remarkable and any children thinking of going to st marys it really is amazing place.

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Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

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Reviewed by Rachel Copus on Jun 13 2018

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Lovely friendly nursery

Very friendly staff that made myself as a parent and my daughter feel very welcome and relaxed from day one. Very well run with lots of different activities every day, including arts and crafts, cooking and even trips out.

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Reviewed by Anneka Ewing on Sep 08 2017

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Amazing! Best around by far.

Absolutely love st Mary's preschool. We had trouble settling my daughter into another preschool but she took to here instantly. Staff are outstanding,...

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Reviewed by Tiffany Harden on Sep 07 2017

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Above & Beyond ??

St Mary's Preschool is outstanding and the staff go above and beyond expectation. The individual care given to your children is exceptional with not only given keyworkers helping and guiding them but all of the staff they really work as a team. My son has just left St Mary's and my daughter has not long started. Archie struggled to interact with other children at first and was shy and reserved, he also suffered a bit with anxiety which meant he needed extra guidance and support, he left however with a ton of friends, confident and independent. Every day he came home with something he had made either edible or creative. I couldn't recommend them enough, a hard working team that provides the perfect experience and experimental learning platform to get them ready for school.

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Reviewed by Abigail Bruford on Sep 05 2017

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Outstanding

All the staff are very welcoming, kind, patient and caring.

They are on the ball and no child goes without.

Their safekeeping skills and protocols are top notch.

Potty training wasn't so daunting with their assistance either. ;)

My lil' boy always comes home smiling and eager to tell me about his day at 'school', as well as being excited to get up and go too. - That I love!

And if the staff see and read this - Thank you!

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Reviewed by Anonymous on Sep 05 2017

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A fantastic start!

I couldn't have asked for a better pre school for my son who thoroughly enjoyed his time at St Mary's. My daughter has just started her journey there and it's testament to the fantastic staff that she has settled so quickly!

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Reviewed by Wendy Mumford on Oct 26 2014

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Fantastic pre-school

St. Mary's has given both my sons the best possible start leading up to school. The staff have always been approachable, caring and supportive with both my child's needs. They hold an annual pre-school trip as well as loads of other events throughout the year. I would not hesitate to recommend St. Mary's and have already in the past to a number of friends, which have been extremely happy with St. Mary's.

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Reviewed by Anonymous on Oct 22 2014

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A great start...

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Gave my daughter a great start to her education and were very friendly and supportive. She has moved on now but my youngest has just started and is having a great time too

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Reviewed by Anonymous on Oct 19 2014

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An excellent pre-school with caring and...

I spent a lot of time looking for a nursery or pre-school that could be flexible to my needs around childcare. As a single parent with my own...

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Reviewed by colleen moore on Oct 17 2014

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Excellent level of care and amazing learning...

I was so lucky to have my twins attend St Mary's for two years. The staff there are all so kind, considerate and caring that I was always confident my children were well cared for. The activities, games and crafts they did there were all so carefully thought out and beautifully presented, my children loved going in.

What's different about St Mary's? Well firstly you feel as if the staff are on 'your side', they were always happy to give advice or ideas on any aspect of toddler behaviour, and so understanding and kind with it. Secondly, I always knew that the staff there really got to know my children, good and bad they really had taken the time to understand them and used that knowledge to aid their progress and learning.

I only have good things to say about St Mary's and feel lucky my children spent time there.

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Reviewed by Liz Rice on Oct 16 2014

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Wonderful Pre School

My little boy, who is now at school, went to St Mary's for just over two years and my youngest



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has just started there. The staff are fantastic. They are approachable, caring, helpful, and the children adore them all. The outside space is great and there are so many activities for the children to take part in, something different every day. Both my boys settled really quickly and my eldest was very sad to leave, although thanks to the staff was well prepared for 'big school'. I would highly recommend St Mary's and have done so to friends on many occasions.

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Reviewed by Anonymous on Oct 16 2014

Share review:

Great friendly and professional pre-school

My son, who is now at school, attended St Mary's for a couple of years starting in November 2012, although only ever for a couple of afternoons a week, as he attended another setting as well. The staff at the pre-school are friendly, approachable and wholly committed to providing the very best experience for the children. There was always a wide variety of activities set up that the children could choose from, and the outdoor space provided a great opportunity for playing outside. The ethos of the pre-school seemed to be very much free play and education through play, although staff would often take small groups of the older children aside to focus on particular activities to enhance their learning. There was always a weekly theme and a letter and number of the week. The extra trips that the staff put on for the children, such as the Easter egg hunt, sports day, summer outing and leavers' party, were lovely. Overall a very positive experience.

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Reviewed by Anonymous on Oct 08 2014

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Amazing place full of fun and laughter

Both of my children really enjoyed their time at St Marys, there are so many things for kids to do they will never be bored. I was fundraiser for a few years and really enjoyed being part of so many fun events from cake sales and Easter egg hunts to half term foraging and the fantastic Christmas fair . The staff are all so wonderful and make this pre-school a wonderful happy caring environment.

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Reviewed by Tammy Barnes on Oct 08 2014

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Very professional and great for free flow play.

I have got 3 children and all of them have been to St Mary's.

It is a friendly, inclusive nursery and the staff are very professional and approachable. They make the children feel very comfortable and also the parents. The environment is open and they change the learning subjects weekly. All the staff work hard to maintain a fun, clean and enjoyable practise for the children.

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Reviewed by Anonymous on Jul 29 2014

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Excellent Pre-school

I sent my two children to St Mary's when they were young and will highly recommend this setting for any child. It is a quiet, picturesque setting near the woods and the school uses the outdoor facilities to their advantage. The staff provide a warm, comforting atmosphere and was amazed how quickly they soon get to know a child and support and facilitate their individual needs.

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Reviewed by Anonymous on May 22 2014

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Wonderful preschool

St Mary's pre school is a intimate pre-school with very inclusive and flexible values which appeal to many in the community. Nothing is too much trouble and the staff's commitment to the children is outstanding.

Both of my children have been to St Mary's and it gave them a great pre-school experience. The children are encouraged to be themselves and supported in their learning through a variety of activities. Highlights of the calendar have to be the Nativity, Sports Day and the Summer Trip. As well as this the pre-school has a great parent committee which offers social events through

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out the year including a christmas fair, and a trip to the fire station which is a firm favourite.

I wouldn't hesitate in recommending St Mary's pre-school.

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Reviewed by Anonymous on May 21 2014

Share review:

Fantastic, Friendly and Caring Pre-School

St Mary's is a fantastic pre-school. My daughter is really happy there. The teachers are the Pre-School's greatest asset. They are friendly, really approachable no matter how small your concern and they really care about the children. Plus there is a great staff:child ratio. The main room is big, light and bright. There is a large outdoor space which gives the kids plenty of space to hula hoop, practise balancing, ride trikes etc. There have been some great activities recently: making coleslaw, cooking their own lunch, planting sunflower seeds, baking cakes and making pasta necklaces. Throughout the year there are events such as cake sales, Christmas fair, nativity play, sports day, and Easter egg hunt. My daughter has gained a huge amount of confidence and independence since attending the Pre-School and she is now in a great position to start primary school. I have recently had a second daughter and I have no hesitation in sending her to St Mary's. I thoroughly recommend this Pre-School.

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Reviewed by Pippa Bennett on May 02 2014

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5.0 Excellent



5.0 Quality of care and staff

5.0 Facilities and cleanliness

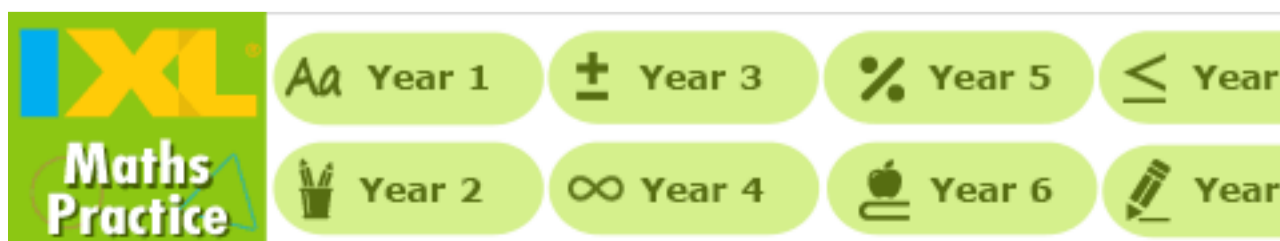
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