

# Choosing a nursery or playgroup in Hackney

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Nurseries are for children under 5 years old to play, learn and have fun in groups, while their parents work or study or are busy elsewhere.

Nursery education is also good for children's development. Did you know that national research \*\* has shown that children who go to a good quality nursery or playgroup at aged 3 or 4 do well at school? Their social, intellectual and behavioural development is better by the age of 7, compared to children who stay at home before school. The research also shows that it's equally as good for your child to go part-time as full-time.

The government pays for all 3 and 4 year olds to have a FREE part-time place in a nursery or playgroup. Make sure your child gets their place. See our section on help with paying fees for more information.

\*\*( Effective Provision of Pre-School Education Project 1997 – 2003 go to [www.surestart.gov.uk/](http://www.surestart.gov.uk/) and put in EPPE in the search box )

## What will my child do?

Have fun and learn indoors and outdoors with sand and water, painting, books, construction, imaginative toys, and music and movement. The children are usually in small groups to help them make friends. They follow a routine of play, meals and rest to be as much like home as possible.

All childminders, nurseries, playgroups and all school nursery classes follow the Early Years Foundation Stage. It starts at age 0 and continues until the end of reception year at school, when the child is 5. It is divided into four themes:

- A unique Child
- Positive relationships
- Enabling Environments and
- Learning and Development.

The "positive relationships" theme focuses on the relationships formed between key staff and the children and parents. There are expectations of close and supportive working relationships between early years providers and parents, which support both parties to best meet the needs of individual children.

Within the "Learning and development" theme, staff use play to help children develop their learning in six areas:

- personal, social and emotional development;
- communication, language and literacy;
- problem solving, reasoning and numeracy;
- knowledge and understanding of the world;
- physical development; and
- creative development.

Staff use observation of children and, together with their knowledge of individual needs, use this to plan provision in order to help children reach their potential.

# Monitoring and inspecting

Ofsted, the Office for Standards in Education, registers and inspects all nurseries and playgroups. Ofsted checks:

- Ratios of staff to children
  - 1 staff member to 3 children under 2 years
  - 1 staff member to 4 children aged 2 years
  - 1 staff member to 8 children aged 3–5 years
  - in nursery classes with a teacher and nursery worker, 1 staff member to 13 children aged 3-4
- The size and suitability of premises
- Activities and care
- Staff qualifications and police checks
- Employment practices
- Record keeping

To see a copy of the school or nursery's Ofsted report, go to:  
[www.ofsted.gov.uk/reports](http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/reports)

## Questions you could ask when choosing a nursery or playgroup

- Is the nursery open all year?
- What hours is it open?
- How long is the waiting list?
- Will I have to pay, and if so, how much?
- Are the staff welcoming and enthusiastic?
- Do the children look happy and busy?
- Do the staff have a genuinely caring and friendly relationship with the children; a calm atmosphere with no raised voices.
- Is the nursery well equipped, with toys in good condition?
- Is there a comfortable area where children can relax.
- What are the nursery's policies on discipline, mealtimes, equal opportunities and complaints?
- What range of activities does the nursery have?
- Will my child be able to play outside each day?
- How does the day fit round playtime, meals and rest periods?
- What qualifications do the staff have?
- Does the nursery encourage parental involvement, and in what ways?
- Can I have a look at the nursery's Ofsted inspection report? (or go to [www.ofsted.gov.uk/reports](http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/reports))
- Will my child be offered fresh fruit and vegetables?
- Does the nursery cater for special needs?
- Can I make a second visit?
- Does the nursery allow a settling in period when a parent can stay?

## My child has special needs

The Learning Trust welcomes children who have Special Educational Needs (SEN) or disabilities, and aims to make reasonable adjustments to ensure children have access to all activities on offer.

If you are concerned that your child may have special needs, do talk to your health visitor or GP. Children do develop at different rates, and it can be difficult to know what to expect.

Each nursery has a Special Education Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO) who will be able to work with you and your child. They are linked into a wider network of specialist support staff. Some of the playgroups have been funded to provide more staff with expertise to support children with more needs. These have an **SEN** beside them in the list.

If you are concerned about your child's speech, language or communication then do contact your nearest large Children's Centre as they have monthly "Talking Walk-In" sessions run by speech and language therapists.

If you are worried about your child's diet then once again your nearest large Children's Centre has monthly drop-ins with dieticians.

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## Paying for Childcare

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## Tax Credits

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There are two types of tax credits.

### **Child Tax Credit**

9 out of 10 families with at least one child are entitled to this. **Make sure you claim.**

### **Working Tax Credit**, including help with childcare costs

Many low and middle income families can claim working tax credit. You might also be entitled to help with childcare costs, depending on how much you earn, the number and age of your children and how much childcare you pay. This could be as much as 80% of the fees.

Do remember that if your circumstances change throughout the year, either because your income changes, you have another child or your childcare costs change, all you need to do is telephone the Tax Credit helpline.

**Find out more on the website [www.taxcredits.inlandrevenue.gov.uk](http://www.taxcredits.inlandrevenue.gov.uk)**

Or to claim

**Phone the Tax Credit helpline on 0845 300 3900**

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## Free Part-Time Education for all 3 – 4 year olds (NEF)

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All 3 and 4 year olds are entitled to free part-time nursery education place. It doesn't matter how much you earn. Make sure your child gets their free place.

They usually start from the beginning of the term after their 3rd birthday. These are term-time only (38 weeks a year), up to 5 sessions of 2½ hours per week, with a maximum of 2 sessions per day; for example Monday to Friday 9am to 11.30am during term. (There must be at least a 1 hour break between the two sessions). This is called Nursery Education Funding (NEF).

Date of 3 <sup>rd</sup> birthday	Term funding starts
1 January – 31 March	Summer term
1 April – 31 August	Winter term
1 September – 31 December	Spring term

This funding is given to all services that are registered by OFSTED and follow activities which work towards set Early Learning Goals.

Many full-time nurseries insist that you pay for extra hours to create a longer session. If you only want the free 2 ½ hours, then the playgroups and school nursery classes are the best ones to try. But you can still try asking the full-time nurseries, as they may have spaces to fill.

**You do not have to do anything to claim this funding.** The nursery will ask you as the parent to sign an official headcount form, and then claim the funding from the Learning Trust. Ask your nursery/playgroup how they pass the money on to you, as they may all have different arrangements.

This is a national scheme, and if your child goes to childcare outside of Hackney, they would still be able to receive this funding.

## Helping with paying for childcare – (CAP)

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Childcare Affordability Programme (CAP) has a range of London schemes to help parents get or keep a job, by providing help with childcare costs. They are pilot projects, and **will close during 2008. They do not have the money to help everyone.**

### CAP – Transition to Employment

This fund can pay for childcare whilst you go on a training course, or work experience to help you get a job if you are not working, or to increase your hours if you work part-time. Please note they do not have the money to help everyone.

- You need to live in Hackney, Greenwich, Newham, Tower Hamlets or Waltham Forest.
- And
- Have a child aged 14 or under.
- And
- Be entitled to public funds.
- And
- Be unemployed or working part-time wishing to increase your hours

Contact the Children's Information Service on 020 8820 7590 for an application form. You will need to bring your form into the Learning Trust with your passport and other documents. It can take up to 6 weeks for a decision.

### CAP - Flexible childcare

- If you are looking for childcare for children under 5 years old for short days
- And
- You get tax credit at higher than the basic rate of £545 (ie more than £50 a month);

then you may be able to get childcare at an affordable hourly rate eg if you only want a place from 11am to 2pm, the project will subsidise the nursery so that you can get a low cost place.

Check if your nursery is on the scheme, by seeing if it has **CAP** beside its name on the list of childcare at the end of this leaflet. Contact the nursery to apply.

### **CAP - Specialist childminding project, for help with children with disabilities, additional or special education needs**

If you want to return to work or extend your working hours and have a child aged 14 or under, has an identified physical disability, additional or special educational need then this project can help you. You will be able to choose a specialist childminder from a selection that have the appropriate experience and training and vacant place. The childminder will be able to give your child more individual attention, so that you can start a job or increase your hours.

You will need to pay the childminder the usual rate. The project will pay the childminder a "top up" to cover any extra costs.

To apply contact the Childminding Development Co-ordinator – Pippa Williams 020 8820 7632 or 020 8820 7008

### **CAP - Emergency childcare scheme**

Are you a parent at study or work? Has an emergency arisen which puts your job or study at risk? Do you need short term emergency childcare for a child or children up to 14 years old? Then this scheme can help to find a emergency childminding place for a short period of time. The scheme will pay for the cost of the child care place for up to 4 weeks.

To apply contact the Childminding Development Co-ordinator – Pippa Williams 020 8820 7632 or 020 8820 7008

### **CAP - Targeted Childcare Places Project – preventing a family crisis**

If your family are having a difficult time, and providing free childcare for a child under 5 would prevent a major crisis, then this project may be able to help. You need to ask your health worker or family support worker to make the application for you.

To apply your worker needs to contact the Children's Information Service on 020 8820 7590.

# Day Nurseries

Nurseries provide full-time daycare for children up to 5 years old. Many will take children from 6 months, others start at age 2 years old. They are usually open from 8am to 6pm all year round, and most accept parents looking for part-time places. They may be run by the Learning Trust (maintained), the voluntary sector, or as a private business. This list includes Children's Centre nurseries. ( See page 1 for more information about these family centres).

**Always use an up-to-date list of nurseries. If this directory is more than 3 months old, contact the Children's Information Service on [www.learningtrust.co.uk](http://www.learningtrust.co.uk) or phone us on 020 8820 7590.**

The cost of places varies. A full-time place for a 2 year old costs an average of £140 - £180 and for a baby an average of £160 – 220. Some nurseries charge more or less than these averages. Remember that these fees usually come down when your child turns 3, see "Paying for Childcare" on page 5.

**CAP**: means that the nursery may provide cheaper places for parents who need short days – do ask the nursery for more information. (The funding comes from the Childcare Affordability Programme.)

Name & address of scheme	Telephone	Opening Hours	Numbers and age range	Category
<b>Academics Day Nursery</b> Weslyan School 41-47 Leswin Road N16 7NX	020 7254 9200	Mon-Fri 8.00am- 6.00pm	50 Children	Private
<b>Apple Blossoms Nursery</b> 59A Osbaldeston Road N16 7DL	020 8806 3535	Mon-Fri 8.30am- 5.30pm	14 Children Aged 1 yr– 5yrs	Private
<b>Ann Tayler Children's Centre</b> 1—13 Triangle Road E8 3RP	020 7275 6020	Mon-Fri 8.00am-5.45pm	90 Children	Organisation (Maintained)
<b>The Ark Daycare Nursery</b> The Methodist Church Ravensdale Road N16 6HP	020 8809 7586	Contact provider for details	New Provider – information not yet available	To be confirmed
<b>The Bath House Children's Community Centre</b> 76 Shacklewell Lane E8 2EY	020 7923 7754	Mon- Fri 8.30am-6.15pm	46 Children Aged 1½ —5yrs	Voluntary
<b>Beatty Nursery Centre</b> 162 Albion Road N16 9JS	020 7254 7309	Mon- Fri 8.30am - 5.30pm	20 Children Aged 2—5yrs	Voluntary Commissioned
<b>B.C.L. Nursery</b> Woodberry Down Centre, Woodberry Down N4 2SH <b>CAP</b>	020 8809 7737 020 8802 4591	Contact Provider	80 Children Aged 2-5yrs	Private
<b>Beis Rochel Yetev Lev (Satmar) Nursery</b> 79-83 Cazenove Road N16 6BB	020 8806 4909	Mon - Fri 9.00am - 4.00pm	30 Children Aged 2—5yrs	Voluntary Commissioned (Jewish)
<b>Belz Nursery School</b> 96-98 Clapton Common E5 9AL	020 8800 6599	Mon - Fri 9.00am - 4.00pm	64 Children Aged 3—5 yrs	Voluntary Commissioned (Jewish)
<b>Bloomers Day Nursery</b> Nisbet House Community Hall Crozier's Terrace Homerton High St E9 6AJ <b>CAP</b>	020 8533 5656 07951 483 922	Mon-Fri 8.00am-6.00pm	26 Children Aged 2-5 yrs	Private
<b>Broadgate Nursery</b> 21 Curtain Road EC2A 3LW	020 7247 3491	Mon - Fri 8.00am - 6.00pm	50 Children Aged 3 Mths- 5yrs <b>ONLY FOR STAFF AT DEUTSCH BANK</b>	Private

<b>Bobov Community Centre/ Egerton Nursery</b> 87 Egerton Road, N16 6UE	020 8802 9876	Mon-Fri 9.00am – 3.30pm	Contact Provider	Independent (Registration Exempt)
<b>Clapton Park Children's Centre</b> 161 Daubeney Road E5 0EP	020 8986 7437	Mon—Fri 7.45am—5.45pm	46 Children Aged 6mths—5yrs	Organisation (Maintained)
<b>CMA Nursery</b> 26 Lampard Grove, N16 6XB	020 8806 0017	Contact Provider	55 Children Aged 3—5yrs	Private
<b>Coconut Nursery</b> 133 Stoke Newington Church Street, N16 0UH	020 7923 0720	Mon—Fri 8.00am—6.00pm	28 Children Aged 2—5yrs	Private
<b>Comberton Children's Centre</b> 10 Comberton Road E5 9PU	020 8806 0680	Mon-Fri 7.45am-5-45pm	53 Children Age 3mths-5yrs	Organisation (Maintained)
<b>Fernbank Children's Centre</b> 1A Fountayne Road N16 7EA	020 8806 6622	Mon—Fri 7.45am—5.45pm	30 Children Aged 6mths— 5yrs	Organisation (Maintained)
<b>Fire Station Community Nursery</b> 61 Leswin Road N16 7NX <b>CAP</b>	020 7249 3234	Mon—Fri 8.00am—5.30pm	31 Children Aged 3mths—5yrs	Voluntary Commissioned
<b>Graceland Day Nursery</b> Bannister Hse Community Hall Homerton High St E9 6BP	020 8986 1117	Mon-Fri 7.30-6.00pm	30 children Aged 3months- 5years	Private
<b>Glory Early Years Centre LTD, Day Nursery</b> Wigan Community Centre Warwick Grove E5 9JB	020 8806 9255	Mon—Fri 8.00am- 6.00pm	41 Children Aged 0- 5yrs	Private
<b>Grasshoppers in The Park</b> Sir Thomas Church 37 Clapton Common E5 9AA	020 8806 8440	Mon—Fri 8:30am-6.00pm	14 Children Aged 2 - 5yrs	Voluntary Parent Run
<b>Hackney Care for Kids</b> 61 Evering Road N16 7PR	020 7923 3471	Mon—Fri 7.30am—5.30pm	38 Children Aged 1—5yrs	Voluntary Commissioned
<b>Hillside Children's Centre</b> 1 Leatherhead Close Holmleigh Road N16 5QR	020 8800 7325	Mon—Fri 7.45am—5.45pm	41 Children Aged 15mths—5yrs	Organisation (Maintained)
<b>Hill Top Daycare Nurseries Ltd</b> (Roof Top Nursery) 6 Ottaway Street, E5 8PX	07930 380 443 020 8986 2006	Mon—Fri 8.00am-6.00pm	42 children	Private
<b>Homerton Roundabout Nursery</b> 14 Kenworthy Road E9 5TD <b>NHS WORKPLACE NURSERY</b>	020 8986 2135	7.00am—6.30pm	48 Children Aged 14 Wks—5yrs	Private (NHS Workplace Nursery)
<b>Independent Place</b> 26-27 Independent Place E8 2HE <b>CAP</b>	020 7275 7755	Mon—Fri 8.00am—6.00pm	43 Children Aged 6 Mths—4yrs	Private
<b>Kingsland Nursery</b> (formally Icon Nursery) 3 Birkbeck Mews, Dalston E8 2LE	020 7241 2411	8.00am-6.00pm	37 Children Aged 2-5yrs	Voluntary
<b>Leapfrog Day Nursery</b> 49 Clifton Street EC2A 4EX	020 7422 0088	Mon—Fri 7.00am—7.00pm	90 Children Aged 3 Mths—5yrs	Private
<b>Lea View Community Nursery</b> Lea View Estate Springfield Road E5 9EJ	020 8806 9012	Mon—Fri 8.00am—6.00pm	26 Children Aged 6mths—5yrs	Voluntary Commissioned

<b>Linden Children's Centre</b> 86-92 Rectory Road N16 7SH	020 7254 9939	Mon—Fri 7.45am - 5.45pm	56 Children Aged 3mths—5yrs	Organisation (Maintained)
<b>Little Angels Schoolhouse (formally Gemini Nursery School)</b> Bletchley Street N1 7QG	020 7336 8833	Mon—Fri 7.30am—6.30pm	44 Children Aged 3mths—5yrs	Private
<b>Little Buds Day Nursery</b> Huddleston Centre - 30 Powell Road E5 8D J	020 8986 8307	Mon-Fri 8am - 6pm	17 Children Age 1-5 years	Private
<b>Little Saints Pre-School</b> The Wally Foster Centre, Homerton Road, E9 5QB	020 8533 6600	Mon—Fri 8.00am- 6.00pm	56 Children Aged 6mths— 5yrs	Private
<b>Lubavitch Nursery</b> Unit 1 107-115 Stamford Hill N16 5RP	020 8800 0022	Mon—Fri 8.30am—4.30pm	100 Children Aged 1—5trs	Voluntary Commissioned (Jewish)
<b>Mapledene Children's Centre</b> 54 Mapledene Road E8 3LE	020 7249 8139	Mon—Fri 8.15am—5.15pm	48 Children Aged 6mths—5yrs	Organisation (Maintained)
<b>Market Day Nursery</b> Wilde Close Off Pownall Road E8 4JS <b>CAP</b>	020 7241 0978	Mon—Fri 8.00am—6.00pm	30 Children Aged 2—5yrs	Voluntary Commissioned
<b>Millfields Children's Centre</b> Elmcroft St E5 0SQ	020 8985 7898	Mon-Fri 8.00am – 6.00pm	60 Children Aged 0-5yrs	Organisation (Maintained)
<b>Minihome Ltd</b> 14 Allen Road N16 8SD	020 7249 0725	Mon—Fri 8.00am—6.00pm	70 Children Aged 3mths—5yrs	Private
<b>Minik Kardes Day Nursery</b> 53-55 Balls Pond Road N1 4BW <b>CAP</b>	020 7923 7226	Mon—Fri 8.00am—6.00pm	27 Children Aged 2-5yrs	Voluntary Commissioned
<b>Mutlu Yuva Happy Nest Nursery</b> Fellows Court Family Centre Weymouth Terrace E2 8LR <b>CAP</b>	020 7739 3193	Mon—Fri 8.30am—4.30pm	16 Children Aged 2 - 5yrs	Voluntary Commissioned
<b>New Generation Nursery</b> 179 Haggerston Road E8 4JA <b>CAP</b>	020 7249 9826	Mon-Fri 8.00am –6.00pm	24 Children Aged 6mths—5 yrs	Private
<b>Ohel Blima Rochel Nursery</b> 99 Clapton Common E5 9AB	020 8211 1945	Mon – Fri 8.45am – 3.45pm	48 Children Aged 2yrs – 5yrs	Private
<b>One World Nursery</b> Hackney Community College Shoreditch Campus N1 6HQ	020 7613 9181 020 7613 9070	Mon—Fri 8.15am —5.45pm and 5.30pm—9.00pm	30 Children Aged 6mths—5yrs for working parents on NDLP scheme	Voluntary
<b>Pembury Community Nursery</b> 15 Pembury Road E5 8LU	020 8985 2304	Mon – Fri 8.00am-6.00pm	55 Children Aged 0-5yrs	Voluntary
<b>Phoenix Montessori Nursery</b> 27 Stamford Hill N16 5TU	020 8880 2550	Mon—Fri 8.00am—6.00pm	36 Children Aged 6 mths —5yrs	Private (Montessori)
<b>Places For Children</b> 106-108 Morning Lane E9 6LH <b>CAP</b>	020 8986 0051	Mon—Fri 8.00am—6.00pm	50 Children Aged 0—5yrs	Voluntary
<b>Rainbow Nursery</b> Yorkshire Grove Estate Nevill Road N16 8SP	020 7254 7930	Mon—Fri 8.00am—6.00pm	40 Children Aged 2—5yrs	Voluntary

<b>Riverside Community Nursery</b> 1A Riverside Close E5 9SP	020 8806 7143	Mon—Fri 8.00am—6.00pm	42 Children Aged 0—5yrs	Private
<b>Rosemary Works EYC Ltd</b> Unit2A Branch Place N1 5PH	020 7613 5500	Mon—Fri 8.00am—6.00pm	68 Children Aged 3 mths—3yrs	Private
<b>Roundchapel Families Project Day Nursery,</b> Old School Rooms Powerscroft Road E5 0PU	020 8985 7535	Mon—Fri 8.30am—1.30pm	16 Children Aged 2 ½ —5yrs	Private
<b>Sebright Children's Centre</b> Haggerston Park Queensbridge Road E2 8NP	020 7749 1210	Mon-Fri	45 Children	Organisation (Maintained)
<b>Side by Side</b> 9 Big Hill E5 9HH	020 8880 8300	Mon-Fri	14 Children Aged 2—3yrs	
<b>Sunflower Children's Nursery LTD</b> 36 Colne Road, E5 0HR	020 8985 6686	Mon-Fri	10 Children	
<b>Sunrise Day Nursery</b> 1 Cazenove Road N16 6PA	020 8806 6279	Mon-Fri 8.30am-5.00pm	25 Children Aged 2-5yrs	Voluntary
<b>St Angela's Nursery</b> 34-36 Adolphus Road N4 2AY	020 8800 5228	Mon-Fri 8.00am-5.00pm	19 children Aged 0-5yrs	Voluntary
<b>St Michael's Day Nursery</b> 59 Thistlewaite Road E5 0QG	020 8986 9675	Mon—Fri 8.00am—6.00pm	72 Children Aged 6mths—5yrs	Private
<b>St Michael's Day Nursery</b> 76 Blurton Road Clapton E5 0NH	020 8985 2886	Mon—Fri 8.00am—6.00pm	60 Children Aged 6mths—5yrs	Private
<b>The Teddy Bear School House Nursery (Clapton)</b> 51 Mayola Road E5 0RE	020 8985 6486	Mon—Fri 8.00am—6.00pm	34 Children Aged 6 mths—5yrs	Private
<b>The Teddy Bear School House Nursery (Dalston)</b> The Trinity Centre Beechwood Rd E8 3DY	020 7249 4433	Mon—Fri 8.00am—6.00pm	24 Children Aged 2—5yrs	Private
<b>TYT Playgroup</b> 47 East Bank N16 5PZ	020 8800 8010	Mon—Fri 9.00am—3.30pm	50 Children Aged 3yrs—5yrs	Voluntary (Jewish)
<b>Toucan Day Nursery</b> 1 Teale St E2 8RA	020 7739 1710	Mon—Fri 8.00am-6.00pm	36 Children Aged 0—5yrs	Private
<b>The Children's Centre at Tyssen</b> Oldhill St, N16 6QA	0208 806 4130	Mon - Fri	52 Children	Organisation (Maintained)
<b>Twinkle Tots</b> 132 Green Lanes N16 9EG	020 7254 8877	Mon—Fri 8.00am—6.00pm	41 Children 6 Mths-5yrs	Private
<b>Twinkle Stars Day Nursery</b> 416 Seven Sisters Road N4 2LX	020 8802 0550	Mon - Fri 8.30am - 6.00pm	16 Children Aged 2-5yrs	Voluntary
<b>Wetherell Nursery</b> 17 Iveagh Close E9 7BW	020 8533 1072	Mon—Fri 8am – 6pm	70Children Aged 6mths—5yrs	Voluntary
<b>William Patten Day Care</b> William Patten School Church Street N16 0NX	020 7923 7803 OR 020 7254 4014	Mon—Fri 9.00am—5.30pm	24 Children Aged 2—5yrs	Private

<b>Woodberry Down Children's Centre</b> Springpark Drive Off Green Lanes N4 2NP <b>SEN</b>	020 8800 1444	Mon—Fri 7.45am—5.45pm	38 Children Aged 3Mths—5yrs	Organisation (Maintained)
<b>Yesodey Hatorah Community Nursery</b> 2-4 Amhurst Park N16 5AE	020 8800 9221	Mon—Fri 8.15am—4.15pm	50 Children Aged 2—3yrs	Voluntary Commissioned (Jewish)
<b>Yetev Lev Satmar Boys Nursery</b> 2-4 Chardmore Road, N16 6HX	020 8806 3834	Mon—Fri 9.00am—3.30pm	20 Children Aged 3—5yrs	Voluntary Commissioned (Jewish)

## Finding Childcare in Neighbouring boroughs

Contact the Children's Information Services in the neighbouring boroughs, to get their lists of childcare.

Name & address of scheme	Telephone
Haringey Children's Information Service	020 8489 1546
Islington Children's Information Service	020 7527 5959
Tower Hamlets Children's Information Service	020 7364 6495
Waltham Forest Children's Information Service	020 8496 3565
City Children's Information Service	020 7332 1002

## Playgroups

Playgroups are for children aged 2 to 5 years to learn and play in small groups, usually for 2 ½ or 3 hours in the morning or afternoon during term-time. Costs are low, and parents may be asked to help in some way. They are popular with parents who are at home during the day.

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They usually cost between £15 and £25 a week. However, if your child is 3 or 4, places are usually FREE from the term after they turn 3 years old, see "Paying for Childcare" on page 5.

**SEN**: means that the playgroup has an extra worker for children with special needs.

Name & address of scheme	Telephone	Opening Hours	Numbers & age range	Category
<b>Acorn Playgroup</b> 2 Narford Road E5 8RD	020 8806 3610	Mon—Fri 9.30am—12.00pm	16 Children Aged 2—5yrs	Voluntary Commissioned
<b>Beavers Playgroup</b> Rose Lipman Community Centre De Beauvoir Road N1 5SE <b>SEN</b>	020 7275 7086	Mon—Fri 9.30am—11.30am 12.45pm—2.45pm No PM Session Fri	20 Children per session Aged 2—5yrs	Parent Organised
<b>Burma Court Playgroup</b> Mable Thorton Estate Community Centre Burma Road N16 9BH	020 7249 6974	9.30am—12.00pm	14 Children Aged 2 1/2—5yrs	Voluntary Commissioned

<b>Chatterbox Pre-School</b> The Community Centre Samuel Lewis Trust Estate Dalston Lane E8 1PQ	07950 805 356	Mon—Fri 10.00am—4:00pm	20 Children Aged 2-5yrs	Voluntary
<b>Evering Road Playgroup</b> Landfield Community Hall Stellman Close, Landfield Estate E5 8QZ	020 8533 5961	Mon—Fri 9.15am—11.45am 12.45pm—3.15pm	18 Children per session Aged 2—5yrs	Voluntary Commissioned
<b>Finsbury Park Homeless Families Playgroup</b> St. John's Church Hall 2 Gloucester Drive N4 2LW	020 8802 7426	Mon 10am-12.30am Tues-Thurs 10.00am—12.30pm	20 Children Aged 2 1/2—8yrs	Voluntary
<b>Frampton Park Playgroup</b> Under 5'S Centre Frampton Park Estate 35 Frampton Park Road E9 7PQ	020 8986 0265	Mon—Fri 9.30am—12.00pm 1.00pm-3.30pm	16 Children Aged 2—5yrs	Voluntary Commissioned
<b>Get Along Gang Playgroup</b> St Mary's of Eton Eastway E9 5JA	020 8533 0926	Mon—Fri 10.00am—12.30pm	16 Children Aged 2—5yrs	Voluntary Commissioned
<b>Grasshoppers Playgroup</b> St Thomas Abney School Fairholt Road N16 5ED	020 8880 1141	Mon—Fri 9.00am—11.30am	20 Children Aged 2—5yrs	Voluntary Commissioned
<b>Happitime Playgroup</b> Millfields Children's Centre Elmcroft St E5 0SQ	020 8985 7898	Mon—Fri 9.30am—12.00pm Mon, Tues, Thurs 1.15pm—3.15pm	16 Children per session Aged 2—4yrs	Maintained
<b>Kingsgate Hall Playgroup</b> Kingsgate Estate Tottenham Road N1 4DB	020 7249 3731	Mon—Fri 9.30am—12.00pm	16 Children per session Aged 2—5Yrs	Voluntary Commissioned
<b>Lilliputs Playgroup</b> Spring Park Drive N4 2NP	020 8211 1653	Mon-Fri 9.30am-12.00pm 1.00pm-3.30pm	26 Children Aged 2-5 yrs	Voluntary
<b>Little Folks Playgroup</b> Wenlock Community Hall Cropley Street N1 7HT	020 7336 7917	Mon—Fri 10.00am-12.30pm	12 Children Aged 1—5yrs	Voluntary Commissioned
<b>Manor Road Under 5's</b> United Reformed Church 100-102 Manor Road N16 5NU	020 8802 7949	Mon—Fri 9.00am—12.00noon	16 Children Aged 2—5yrs	Parent Co- operative
<b>Maytime Playgroup</b> 101 Clapton Common E5 9AB	020 8809 0993	Mon—Fri 9.30am-12.30pm 1.30pm—4.30pm	20 children per session Aged 2 <sup>1/2</sup> —5yrs	Voluntary Commissioned
<b>Minnows Playgroup</b> 18 Olympus Square Nightingale Estate E5 8PL	020 8985 0183	Mon—Fri 9.30am—12.00pm	16 Children Aged 2 <sup>1/2</sup> —5yrs	Voluntary Commissioned
<b>Mole on The Hill Playgroup</b> Stamford Hill Estate Community Centre, 110 Stamford Hill N16	020 8806 0215	Mon-Fri 9.30am-12.00pm 12.00pm-2.30pm	16 Children Aged 2—5yrs	Voluntary Commissioned
<b>N16 Playgroup</b> Abney Public Hall, 73a Stoke Newington Church St N16 0AS	020 7354 2772	Mon - Fri 9.00am—1.00pm	20 Children Aged 2—5yrs	Private
<b>Pembury Playgroup</b> Pembury Community Hall Pembury Estate	020 8985 4484	Mon—Fri 9.30am—12.00pm and	20 Children Aged 2 —5yrs	Voluntary Commissioned

(Off Clarence Road) E5 8JR	<b>SEN</b>	12.30pm—3.00pm		
<b>Sandbrook Community Playgroup</b> 85 Sandbrook Road N16 0SL	020 7249 3649	Mon—Fri 9.30am—12.00pm 12.45pm—3.15pm	15 Children per session Aged 3—5yrs	Voluntary Commissioned
<b>Sebright Childrens Centre</b> Haggerston Park Queensbridge Road E2 8NP	020 7749 1210	Mon-Fri	25 Children	Maintained
<b>Triangle Pre-School</b> Vaine House Cassland Road E9 5BU	020 8986 8326	Mon—Fri 9.30am—12.00pm	16 Children Aged 2 ½ —5yrs	Voluntary Commissioned
<b>Walford Road Playgroup</b> Stoke Newington Baptist Church 117 Stoke Newington Road N16 8BU	07951 756 183	Mon-Thur 9.30am—12.00pm	14 Children Aged 2—5yrs	Co-operative
<b>Webb Estate Playgroup</b> Webb Estate Hall Clapton Common E5 9BD	020 8806 8284	Mon—Fri 9.30am—12.00pm	20 Children Aged 2—5yrs	Voluntary Commissioned

## Nursery Schools

Nursery schools are staffed by teachers and teaching assistants. They usually take children from 3 years old, usually for a half school day eg 9am to 11.30am, or 12.45pm to 3.15pm. You will often need to put your child's name down on the waiting list when your child is 2 years old. Usually this changes to a full school day eg 9 to 3.15pm when the child is 4, depending on space. These hours are FREE.

Both these nursery schools are having building works so that they will become Children's Centres. This means that they have both moved to temporary addresses.

Once they are Children's Centres they will start to take younger children, and be open for longer hours. You will have to pay for these services.

Nursery School	Address	Telephone	Full or part time
<b>Comet Nursery School &amp; Children's Centre</b>	Temp address until Oct 08 c/o Whitmore Primary School Bridport Place, N1 5JN	020 7739 7399	FT & PT
<b>Wentworth Nursery School &amp; Children's Centre</b>	Temp address until summer 08 Ground floor Granard House, Bradstock Rd E9 5BN	020 8985 3491	FT & PT

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# Nursery Classes in Schools

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Nursery classes are attached to schools and are staffed by a teacher and a classroom assistant. They usually take children from 3 ½ years old, usually for a half school day eg 9am to 11.30am, or 12.45pm to 3.15pm. You will often need to put your child's name down on the waiting list when your child is 2 years old. This may change to a full school day eg 9 to 3.15pm when the child is 4, depending on space.

Please note that attending a school nursery class does not mean that your child will get a place in the school when they are 5. You must apply separately to school admissions for a place in the school.

These are FREE.

They are popular with parents who are home during the day. Some working parents use them to help get their child familiar with school, and they arrange for a childminder/friend/or family member to look after their child for the rest of the day as well as the holidays.

School	Address	Telephone
<b>Baden Powell JM &amp; I</b>	Ferron Road, E5 8DN	020 8985 6176
<b>Benthal I</b>	Benthal Road, N16 7AU	020 8985 9310
<b>Berger JM &amp; I</b>	Anderson Road, E9 6HB	020 8985 6280
<b>Betty Layward JM &amp; I</b>	Clissold Road, N16 9EX	020 7249 7111
<b>Brook Community</b>	Sigdon Road, E8 1AS	020 7254 4090
<b>Burbae JM &amp; I</b>	Ivy Street, N1 5JD	020 7739 8591
<b>Colvestone JM &amp; I</b>	Colvestone Crescent , E8 2LG	020 7254 1143
<b>Daubeney JM &amp; I</b>	Daubeney Road, E5 0EG	020 8985 4380
<b>De Beauvoir JM &amp; I</b>	Tottenham Road, N1 4BZ	020 7254 2517
<b>Gainsborough JM &amp; I</b>	Berkshire Road, E9 5ND	020 8985 4622
<b>Gayhurst JM &amp; I</b>	Gayhurst Road, E8 3EN	020 7254 6138
<b>Grasmere JM &amp; I</b>	92 Albion Road, N16 9PD	020 7254 4564
<b>Grazebrook JM &amp; I</b>	Lordship Road, N16 0QP	020 8802 4051
<b>Harrington Hill JM &amp; I</b>	Harrington Hill, E5 9HL	020 8806 7275
<b>Holmleigh JM &amp; I</b>	Dunsmere Road, N16 5PU	020 8802 7420
<b>Holy Trinity CE, JM &amp; I</b>	Beechwood Road, E8 3DY	020 7254 1010
<b>Jubilee JM &amp; I</b>	Filey Avenue, N16 6NR	020 8806 5446
<b>Kingsmead JM &amp; I</b>	Kingsmead Way, E9 5PP	020 8985 5779
<b>Lauriston JM &amp; I</b>	Rutland Road, E9 7JS	020 8985 6331
<b>London Fields JM &amp; I</b>	Westgate Street, E8 3RL	020 7254 4330
<b>Mandeville JM &amp; I</b>	Oswald Street, E5 0BT	020 8986 5249
<b>Millfields Community JM&amp;I</b>	Hilsea Street, E5 0SG	020 8985 7898

<b>Morningside JM &amp; I</b>	Chatham Place, E9 6LL	020 8985 5382
<b>Nightingale JM &amp; I</b>	Rendelsham Road, E5 8PH	020 8985 4259
<b>Northwold JM &amp; I</b>	Northwold Road, E5 8RN	020 8806 6352
<b>Orchard JM &amp; I</b>	Holcroft Road, E9 7BB	020 8985 7785
<b>Our Lady &amp; St Josephs RC</b>	Tottenham Road, N1 4DR	020 7254 7353
<b>Parkwood JM &amp; I</b>	Queens Drive, N4 2HQ	020 8802 5366
<b>Princess May JM &amp; I</b>	Princess May Road, N16 8DJ	020 7254 1589
<b>Queensbridge Infants</b>	Queensbridge Road, E8 4ET	020 7254 1186
<b>Randal Cremer JM &amp; I</b>	Ormsby Street, E2 8JG	020 7739 8162
<b>Rushmore JM &amp; I</b>	Elderfield Road, E5 0LE	020 8985 3175
<b>Ruth Lunzer Lubavitch Jewish Girls</b>	Stamford Hill, N16 5RP	020 8800 0022
<b>Sebright JM &amp; I</b>	Audrey Street, E2 8QH	020 7739 6531
<b>Shacklewell JM &amp; I</b>	Shacklewell Row, E8 2EA	020 7254 1415
<b>Simon Marks Jewish JM &amp; I</b>	Cazenove Road, N16 9PD	020 8806 6048
<b>Springfield Community JM &amp; I</b>	Castlewood Road, N16 6DH	020 8800 9007
<b>St Dominic's RC JM &amp; I</b>	Balance Road, E9 5SR	020 8985 0995
<b>St John of Jerusalem CE</b>	Kinshold Road, E9 7JF	020 8985 0730
<b>St John &amp; St James CE JM &amp; I</b>	Isabella Road, E9 6DX	020 8985 2045
<b>ST John the Baptist CE,</b>	Cron dall Street, N1 6JG	020 7739 4902
<b>St Mary's CE JM &amp; I</b>	Lordship Road, N16 0PP	020 8800 2645
<b>St Matthias' CE JM &amp; I</b>	Wordsworth Road, N16 8DD	020 7254 1148
<b>St Monica's RC JM &amp; I</b>	Hoxton Square, N1 6NT	020 7739 5824
<b>St Paul's with St Michael's CE JM &amp; I</b>	57A Brougham Road, E8 4PB	020 7254 1927
<b>St Scholasticas RC JM&amp; I</b>	Kenninghall Road, E5 0BS	020 8985 3466
<b>Sir Thomas Abney JM &amp; I</b>	Fairholt Road, N16 5ED	020 8800 1411
<b>Southwold JM &amp; I</b>	Detmold Road, E5 9NJ	020 8806 5201
<b>Springfield Community JM &amp; I)</b>	Castlewood Road, N16 6DH	020 8800 9007
<b>Thomas Fairchild Community JM &amp; I</b>	Napier Grove, N1 7HX	020 7253 9469
<b>Tyssen JM &amp; I</b>	Oldhill Street, N16 6QA	020 8806 4130
<b>Whitmore JM &amp; I</b>	Bridport Place, N1 5JN	020 7739 7973
<b>William Patten JM &amp; I</b>	Stoke Newington Church St, N16 0NX	020 7254 4014/4915
<b>Woodberry Down Community JM &amp; I</b>	Woodberry Grove, N4 1SY	020 8800 5758

# Independent Providers

These nurseries are part of private schools. Private schools are not part of the state system, and parents usually pay for their children to go. Their Headteachers are members of one of the associations that make up the Independent Schools Council, and it is the Independent Schools Inspectorate that inspects them.

The Independent providers list below includes some provision that has been registered by Ofsted.

School	Telephone
<b>Side By Side Integrated Special Needs Nursery</b> 9 Big Hill E5 9HH	0208 880 8300
<b>Talmud Torah Education Ltd</b> Yetev Lev Boys School, 111-115 Cazenove Rd N166AX	0208806 3834
<b>Beis Malka Girls School</b> 93 Alkham Road N16 6XD	07876651123
<b>Bnois Jerusalem</b> 79-81 Amhurst Park, London N16 5DL	020 82117136
<b>Lyceum School</b> 6 Paul Street EC2A 4JH	0207247 1588
<b>Mustard School</b> Nuttall Street, London N1 5LR	020 77393499

## Crèches

Crèches may offer part-time or full day care but on a temporary basis—for example whilst parents attend a college or visit the gym.

Name & address of scheme	Telephone	Category and opening hours	Numbers & age range
<b>B.C.L. Girls Nursery</b> Woodberry Down Centre Woodberry Down N4 2SH	020 8806 4591	Contact Provider	36 Children Aged 0-5yrs
<b>One World Nursery</b> (Student crèche) Falkirk St N1 6HQ	020 76139242	Contact provider	60 children Contact provider for age range
<b>Sunstone House Leisure Centre</b> <b>Crèche</b> 16 Northwold Road, N16	020 7923 1991	Private Crèche Mon—Fri 9.30am—3.30pm	9 Children Aged 2mths—5yrs