

Bizzie Lizzies Nursery and Pre School.

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Staff Ratios, Qualifications and Floor Space

Statement of Intent

At Bizzie Lizzies Nursery, the safety, wellbeing, and learning of every child is our highest priority. We comply fully with the statutory requirements of the **Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)** in relation to:

- Staff-to-child ratios
- Staff qualifications
- Adequate indoor and outdoor floor space

This ensures that children are cared for in a safe, secure, and stimulating environment, with the right level of adult support at all times.

Staff-to-Child Ratios

We strictly follow the **EYFS statutory ratios**, including during outings, mealtimes, and rest periods. Ratios are never compromised.

- **Under 2 years:** 1 adult to 3 children

- **2 year olds:** 1 adult to 5 children
- **3–5 year olds:** 1 adult to 8 children (where at least one member of staff holds a relevant Level 3 qualification or higher).

Staff deployment is carefully planned daily to ensure ratios are always maintained, with contingency cover in place for staff breaks, sickness, or emergencies.

Staff Qualifications and Training

We are proud that all staff at Bizzie Lizzies Nursery are either **qualified to a minimum of Level 3** in childcare and education or are **actively working towards this qualification**.

In addition:

- **All staff hold a current Paediatric First Aid certificate** (renewed every three years).
- **All staff are trained in Safeguarding Children** and regularly refresh their knowledge.
- All staff have enhanced DBS clearance before working directly with children.
- Apprentices and staff in training are fully supported and supervised to maintain the highest quality of care.

This commitment ensures that children are always cared for by skilled, knowledgeable, and confident practitioners.

Floor Space Requirements

We comply with the **EYFS minimum space standards** to provide children with safe, comfortable, and stimulating learning environments:

- **Children under 2 years:** 3.5 m² per child
- **2 year olds:** 2.5 m² per child
- **3–5 year olds:** 2.3 m² per child

Additional measures include:

- Only usable play and care areas are included in space calculations (excluding storage, staff areas, kitchens, and thoroughfares).
- Rooms are arranged to allow safe movement and accessibility for all children.

- Outdoor play areas are available every day to provide further opportunities for active learning and physical development.
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Monitoring and Compliance

- Ratios, staff qualifications, and floor space are monitored daily through registers and regular audits.
 - Staffing, room use, and attendance levels are risk assessed to ensure ongoing compliance.
 - The Nursery Manager oversees compliance and ensures policies meet EYFS and Ofsted requirements.
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Legal Framework

- **Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)**
- **Ofsted Early Years Compliance Guidance**
- **Health and Safety at Work Act 1974**