

## **DONCASTER NURSERY FIRST IN UK TO OFFER OVERNIGHT CHILDCARE**

A recently built Doncaster nursery, 'Bright Beginnings Day Nursery' in Balby, has become the first in the UK to be registered by OFSTED to provide round-the-clock care, giving more local parents the freedom to take on shift work.

The registration for overnight care, seven days a week, comes shortly after the nursery's new premises in Balby were officially opened by local MP and Secretary of State for Health, Rosie Winterton.

The newly constructed nursery cost £625,000, attracting almost £439,000 of financial backing from Lloyds TSB Business and a grant from the Neighbourhood Nursery Initiative Scheme.

As well as giving children a safe, secure and stimulating environment, the new nursery will support the local community through offering overnight care for the children of shift workers, offering weekend care to support the changing employment place, as well as providing employment and training opportunities.

Angie Ash, director, Bright Beginnings Day Nurseries, says: "Being able to offer overnight care will really enhance the service we can provide to local parents. We live in a 24-hour society, with parents having to seize the work opportunities presented to them. It's only natural that childcare should follow that trend. The availability of extended childcare provides parents with more choices in the range of jobs they can apply for. It's great that our nursery is the first in the UK to make this ground breaking move."

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John Brittain, business manager, Lloyds TSB Business, says: “Bright Beginnings have worked so hard to get their second nursery up and running. They have shown remarkable dedication, commitment and passion right from the planning stages. This is a real success story both for the nursery and for the community who will benefit from their services. This ‘overnight’ registration is really the icing on the cake.”

The Balby nursery is purpose built to provide a safe and stimulating environment for quality childcare, with two large outside play areas. The children have lots of space to play and learn with traditional toys and activities alongside a modern IT suite with computers, a play station, TV and music equipment. There is also a separate baby unit equipped to meet the developmental needs of the very young and a ‘Sensory Bus’ to aid cognitive development for all children.

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