

The University proudly boasts a purpose-built children's nursery at East Sands with 44 places which was opened in April 2017, welcoming children aged 0-5 years from both University and non-University parents and carers. The Nursery is managed by The University of St Andrews.

The Nursery ethos of caring and going the extra mile ensures the very best experience for the children in our care. We provide full and part-time spaces in a welcoming, nurturing and safe environment. Within the University of St Andrews Nursery, East Sands, we treat every child as an individual and use a holistic approach when developing plans and delivering care. The need for structure is important for children and although there is a daily routine within the nursery emphasis is also placed on free flow play. This allows each child to explore their surroundings and the activities that are available to them and enables children to engage in areas that are of particular interest to them. Our experienced staff will then work with the children, taking forward their thoughts, ideas and opinions and develop exciting and varied learning opportunities that will contribute to positive experiences for all.

Should you be interested in finding out more about our ethos and culture and/or wish to visit the facilities, please contact nursery@st-andrews.ac.uk or call the Nursery on 01334 460606.

University of St Andrews – Nursery Allocation procedure

The University of St Andrews nursery aims to provide childcare places to all staff and students following a fair process but will prioritise places to Parents who fall into the following criteria. Thereafter, all other applicants (including external applicants) will be offered places (when available) according to the date when they applied.

The priority groups are:

1. Parents or children with a disability
2. Lone parents (this only applies where one parent has sole legal responsibility for the child. It does not apply where parents live and/or work apart)
3. Student parents.

Exceptions

In the case of a genuine emergency requirement for childcare, an exception to the allocation procedure may be made. If this is the case, you should email the Director of Residential & Business Services.

The University of St Andrews nursery will never operate at full capacity, to allow for these emergency situations.