

To whom it may concern,

Regarding the planning application for Fitzalan Howard Day Centre, Pavilion Road, Worthing BN14 7EF, you have mentioned that the proposed development has the potential to give rise to noise and general disturbance to neighbouring residential occupiers, particularly due to outdoor play and associated activities. Please find below the details requested to assist the Local Planning Authority in its assessment of the application.

Nursery Capacity

The proposed nursery will hopefully have a capacity in the region of 20 to 40 children, but I am aware that I do not wish to cause excessive disturbance to my neighbours. Due to our limited outdoor space, I plan to limit the number of children outside to 8 to 10 children (in keeping with the legal staff-to-child ratios).

Use of Outdoor Space

A maximum of around 10 children will use the outdoor play area at any one time. The outdoor space will be rotated to avoid overcrowding. Children will not access the outdoor space all together; instead, use of the area will be organised on a rota basis in small, supervised groups, and we will abide by statutory staff-to-child ratios.

Hours of Outdoor Use

The outdoor play area will be used in intervals throughout the morning and afternoon, excluding our mealtimes and whole-group sessions (when all the children are engaged inside). The nursery will only be open Monday to Friday. This has been timetabled so that outdoor play is scheduled in limited intervals, and there will be no outdoor use on weekends or Bank Holidays.

Management and Supervision Arrangements

Outdoor play will be carefully managed to minimise any potential impact on the neighbours. The following measures will be implemented:

- Children will access the outdoor area in small, structured groups under direct staff supervision at all times, in accordance with statutory staff-to-child ratios.
- A rota system will be used to stagger outdoor sessions, preventing large groups from congregating outside simultaneously.
- Staff will actively manage children's behaviour to discourage excessive shouting or prolonged loud activities.

- No amplified music or electronically amplified sound equipment will be used outdoors.
- Outdoor activities will primarily consist of structured play, exploratory learning, and quiet play activities appropriate to a residential setting.
- The duration of individual outdoor sessions will be limited.
- Boundaries will be securely enclosed, and we have already asked for permission in this planning application to erect a fence to provide security and act as an acoustic barrier.
- A complaints procedure will be in place to ensure that any concerns raised by neighbouring residents are addressed promptly and appropriately.

The nursery will operate in accordance with relevant safeguarding and early years standards, and management is committed to being a responsible operator within the local community and serving the community.

It is considered that, with the above measures in place, the use of the outdoor area will be appropriately controlled and will not give rise to unacceptable harm to the neighbouring residential community. The proposed nursery will not generate noise levels exceeding those produced by existing facilities in the vicinity, including the football club located 170 yards away, and the additional 22 educational establishments, including nurseries, situated within a two-mile radius (as detailed in Appendix 1).

We trust that the above information will assist you in your assessment of the application. Should you require any further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

Kayleigh Botha

Appendix 1:

Below are the schools within about **2 miles** of the Fitzalan Howard Day centre (this includes nurseries, primary, secondary, special and independent schools):

10 Nurseries:

Bright Horizons Worthing – Day nursery and preschool for children (6 months – 5 years).
Woodstock Day Nursery – Full-day care nursery.
Dolphins Day Nursery – Preschool and nursery childcare.
Little Rascals Day Nursery – Day nursery for under-5s.
Little Elms Nursery – Early years childcare.
Reflections Nursery & Forest School – Nursery with outdoor learning (Forest School).
Hopscotch Children's Nurseries - Worthing – Ofsted-rated nursery in central Worthing.
The Nursery School Company – Bespoke small nursery in Worthing.
Home from Home Nursery School Worthing – Independent nursery setting
Abracadabra Day Nursery – Full-day care nursery.

9 Primary Schools:

Downsbrook Primary School
Broadwater C of E Primary School
Thomas A'Becket Infant School
Elm Grove Primary School
Homefield Primary School
Whytemead Primary School
St Mary's Catholic Primary School
Heene C of E Primary School
Our Lady of Sion Junior School (Independent)

3 Secondary Schools:

Worthing High School (Secondary)
St Andrew's C.E. High School (Secondary)
Bohunt School Worthing (Secondary)
Our Lady of Sion Senior School (Independent)

2 Special Education Provision:

Seadown School
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