

Dear Teddies Nursery Crawley,

As you are aware we are soon leaving for a new life in Jersey and I just wanted to write to thank you for all your care and support over the last eight years or so.

We first came to you in 1998. With your first child it is always hard to let someone else become involved but you made it easy, with the settling days and the diaries of the daily activities. I only bought a guilt present the first time he came, after that I didn't feel guilty as he was having a better time than me!

Our second child then joined you in 2000. With her elder brother there, she settled in really quickly. Our third child has also been with you since the beginning of 2004 and loves every minute.

I asked them all for some of their memories of Teddies. My eldest remembered meeting his best friend, the two are still very good friends and enjoy going on walks to the park. My little girl remembered the toilets (!), each cubicle is distinguished by a triangle, circle and square. She apparently enjoyed choosing which one to go in, in a kind a playschool kind of way, my son also related to this memory, as he remembered visiting a different symbol each day! Each child thought fondly of their trips to Tully's Farm, with my youngest's best moment so far being the trip to see Fireman Sam. All of them remember staff members, Jenny and Claire, who have seen them all through Teddies. That is one of the points I mention when I recommend you to people, the fact that Jenny has been the Key Worker to all my children.

A general discussion took place at this point and photos were found of fun days with hula skirts, clown costumes and smiles on the sports days. Lots and lots of fond memories. They have all really enjoyed the variety of activities, trips, walks and visitors (animals included). We really couldn't have asked for a better start to their learning journey.

One of the things that stands out for me is that there is a lot of competition for Child Care in Crawley, new state of the art nurseries. The recent makeover to Teddies is lovely, the nursery seems so much brighter. You may not have a big garden but the facilities in it are used to their maximum and the children love going on their walks and to the swings. The loyalty of your staff is a credit to you, as I've already said, Jenny and Claire, but also Lindsey and Hayley. I would also like to include Emma who has left for a totally different career but who comes back on a temporary basis from time to time. The new staff that have recently come in, for example Karis, are also brilliant with the children. You may not have the best premises in Crawley but the care and dedication you provide for the children is by far the best.

Thank you again for all your support and your friendship, the children have had a fantastic start in life. Keep on doing what you're doing.

Many thanks from Mum and Dad