



CANOPY

children's
nursery

Guildford

**Nurturing
Better Beginnings**



Welcome to Canopy

At Canopy we are on a mission to disrupt the landscape of childcare provision, giving children the power to change the world in their own unique ways.

Nothing about your child is average, they are unique, special and individual and we will support and encourage them to be the best version of themselves.

Every moment is an opportunity for your child to experience or encounter something magical which we encourage by creating environments and opportunities that will inspire their awe and wonder.

We are passionate about giving your child the best possible beginnings and helping to bring more harmony into your busy lives by offering a supportive, nurturing day care service that's tailored to your needs.

Canopy Guildford will be opening our doors late Winter 2026



Our Habitat

Welcome to Canopy Nursery Guildford- where little minds grow big dreams.

Ideally located on Epsom Road, (0.4 miles from London Road Station and 1.1 miles from Guildford main station) Canopy Nursery Guildford provides children with a warm, inspiring early years environment where curiosity is nurtured and every day is filled with opportunities to learn and grow. Our nursery combines a love for nature with high-quality early education, creating a calm yet stimulating space where children can explore, discover and thrive.

We are proud to offer a safe, nurturing setting where every child is recognised as a unique individual. Our experienced and caring team carefully plans engaging, play-based learning experiences that build confidence, support development and inspire a lifelong love of learning.

With thoughtfully designed indoor and outdoor spaces, children at Canopy Nursery Guildford benefit from rich, hands-on experiences that spark imagination, encourage exploration and foster meaningful connections with the world around them.

We look forward to welcoming you and your family into our Canopy community.



Artist's Illustration



Canopy Children's Nursery

Canopy Guildford is a purpose-built, contemporary nursery that provides a nurturing environment for children from infancy through to school age. Every room has been intentionally designed to reflect the needs of each developmental stage, featuring new, carefully selected furniture and resources. These inviting, well-equipped spaces encourage curiosity, creativity, and confidence, ensuring children feel secure and supported as they learn, explore, and grow.

- **The Nest** Babies from birth - 1 years old
- **The Saplings** Babies from 1- 2 years old
- **The Glade** Toddlers 2-3 years old
- **The Forest** Pre-School 3-4 years

Curriculum

At Canopy we look at the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage through the eyes of children to develop a truly engaging curriculum called **The Canopy Code**. It is a blended approach based on aspects of the Reggio Emilia ethos which views young children as individuals who are curious about their world and have the powerful potential to learn from all that surrounds them. Curious Explorers, Confident Communicators, Independent Learners and Inquisitive Thinkers are the life skills, attitudes and behaviours we nurture in our children. Your child's specific interests and needs will influence how our curriculum is delivered, enabling them to follow their passions and discover their powers.

Partnership

We will involve you, listen to you and communicate openly and honestly with you so that we become your trusted partners in ensuring your child reaches their full potential.

Healthy Routines

During their day at Canopy, your child will sit down with other children for locally sourced nutritious meals and snacks, relax in a quiet, comfortable environment to rest/sleep and will learn new ways to challenge their physical development.

Fees

Fees are fully inclusive of meals, drinks and snacks. We ask parents to supply nappies and formula/breast milk only.

Early Education Funding

We are able to offer funded places for children from 9 months to 4 years subject to eligibility criteria. There is a service fee for our premium offering of extended opening hours, high quality meals and snacks together with extra curricular activities.

Security

The safety and security of your child is always our number one priority and is rigorously enforced via state-of-the art security systems.

Inclusivity

At Canopy we pride ourselves on being fully inclusive and actively celebrate diversity. We are experienced at providing personalised routines for children with specialist needs. We always start with the child, get to know them and help them feel settled and comfortable and then we work with parents/carers and external advisors to create an individual plan to help your child thrive.

'Play is the highest expression of human development in childhood for it alone is the free expression of what is in a child's soul'



Why Canopy Guildford?

Our Community:

At Canopy Guildford, we believe we are more than just a nursery — we are a nurturing community where children and families grow together. We're proud to offer **an environment** that supports emotional wellbeing, communication, and creativity. Dining space and Home Economics space, invites children to explore food and nutrition in the **Canopy Seed to Spoon**, sessions and independence through hands-on experiences that build confidence and essential life skills.

Our **Gardening Club** encourages children to plant, nurture, and harvest their own fruits and vegetables —fostering a lifelong love and respect for the natural world.

Fresh, Organic Meals & Snacks:

Canopy Guildford will offer locally sourced food, with menus thoughtfully designed to suit your children, helping them enjoy a range of nutritious, diverse flavours.

Flexibility:

We understand the many challenges facing today's parents as they juggle demands on their time. We offer flexible sessions to suit each families' individual needs.

Health & Wellbeing:

Time spent in nature is so beneficial for young children and we promote outdoor learning and encourage children to be active and engaged with their friends outside. At the same time, quiet, comfortable areas are available so children can take time out if they wish.

Natural Environment:

The natural environment extends seamlessly throughout the nursery, with plants and natural resources creating the fresh, calm atmosphere of a wooded glade. At Canopy Guildford, our thoughtfully designed outdoor space provides dedicated areas for gross motor development, imaginative exploration through mud kitchens and sand play, and sheltered spaces that inspire creativity and curiosity in all weather conditions. Research consistently shows that regular access to outdoor learning supports children's concentration, confidence, social skills, resilience, and overall wellbeing. With over 210 square metres of exceptional outdoor space, Canopy Guildford offers children a unique opportunity within the local community to enjoy active, nature-inspired learning and meaningful exploration every day.

Communication & Technology:

Whether you wish to know what your child has eaten, see what they have achieved, ask us a question or find out about the next nursery event, our nursery app enables us to communicate easily and effectively with each other.



Our People:

At Canopy Guildford, children and families are supported not only by a passionate local leadership team, but also by the strength and expertise of the wider Canopy Children's Nurseries network. Through its franchise partnership model, Canopy combines the warmth and care of a community-focused nursery with the support, innovation, and proven experience of an established national brand.

Founded by Sarah Charles, Canopy was created with a vision to redefine early years education through exceptional environments, meaningful relationships, and a child-centred approach that helps every child flourish. Alongside Emma Price and the wider head office team, the brand brings extensive experience in childcare, operational excellence, and franchise support, working closely with nursery partners to maintain the high standards and values that define every Canopy setting.

As part of this partnership, Canopy Guildford benefits from ongoing guidance, training, and strategic support, while still retaining its own unique identity and strong connection to the local community. This collaborative approach creates an environment where children feel safe, inspired, and excited to learn every day.

At its heart, Canopy Guildford is part of a growing community of educators, leaders, and families who share a belief in giving every child the very best start in life



"Every child deserves a place where they feel safe, valued, and inspired to explore the world around them. As a father of two children who has personally experienced the nursery journey, I understand how important it is for families to find a setting that feels warm, supportive, and trustworthy."

At Canopy Guildford, our vision is to create a nurturing environment where curiosity is encouraged, individuality is celebrated, and every child is supported to grow with confidence, joy, and a lifelong love of learning."





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