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Outstanding nursery takes next big step



■ Success story - Bridge Farm Nursery owner Dan Powick and his wife Tina with their family.



■ Staff and youngsters at Bridge Farm Nursery at Martlesham. The nursery is run by a caring and highly qualified team.

Due to outstanding levels of success and high demand, a nursery in Martlesham is expanding this year. Bridge Farm Day Nursery's purpose-built pre-school will provide an additional 24 spaces for children from birth to five years, increasing options for local parents.

Owner Dan Powick, who operates the nursery with his wife Tina, says: "It is a relief to finally be extending as our popularity means we have to turn parents away quite often. This should ensure that we can give all the parents the places they want by the end of the year."

The new building will still be part of Bridge Farm Nursery, but will have its own kitchen, garden and office, and although the building is for children aged three to five, it will mean spaces become available for all children under five.

Suffolk County Council, which realised demand was high for the nursery, has aided the expansion.

Dan and Tina began their careers in childcare 12 years ago, starting in Woodbridge as childminders before opening Rendlesham Day Nursery in 2005 and Bridge Farm Nursery in 2008.

In 2009, Dan became one of the first men in Suffolk to achieve level six Early Years Professional Status, which is the gold standard in the sector.

The couple are backed by a loyal, caring and highly qualified team and two nursery managers who both started with the company on its very first day nearly 10 years ago.

Nursery manager Lorraine Harrington says: "It is very rare for staff to leave us, which gives the nursery excellent continuity. Many of the parents are now bringing their second or third child to the

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nursery which gives it a warm, family feel.”

One parent who is a teacher at a local school gave the following testimonial: "Dear Dan, we just wanted to say a special thank-you to you for the fantastic care that Jemima has received over the past three years in both Rendlesham and

Bridge Farm Nurseries. Your staff are such a credit to you and the teaching is truly outstanding.

"The teams in both nurseries have all played a part in preparing Jemima for her next step - 'big school'.

We can not express strongly enough our gratitude to you all."

Both nurseries offer care all year round from 8am to 6pm and have separate baby, toddler and pre-school rooms in spacious and well equipped purpose-built premises.

All the rooms are fitted with safe and secure web cams so parents are able to log on to watch their children while they play.

Parents feel reassured that management and staff have 100pc confidence in their ability to give the children the best possible start.

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