



Impact report 2015

Introduction

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Big Life Nurseries currently runs **7** nurseries across Manchester: Burnage; Cheetham Hill; Gorton; Moss Side; Rusholme; and two in Longsight.

1,024

children used our nurseries. **426** free nursery education funded places were provided for two year-olds from the most disadvantaged families.

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children with special educational needs were supported which included support with speech and language therapy, behaviour and sensory support.

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This year, **three** nurseries were inspected by Ofsted, and all of them were rated good.





Development



Across the nurseries **29** different languages are spoken.

215 sessions were delivered by a qualified teacher, encouraging development and helping children prepare for school.

In total after the first full year of operation for most of the nurseries, 234 children left to go to school. Of these, **77%** either met or exceeded the expected level of development

Crèche

Parents brought their children to our Big Life Crèche, which provides services in children's centres across Manchester, on more than **3,500** occasions, enabling them to access a range of training, courses and services.





Our staff

More than **60%** of our childcare staff live within three miles of where they work. **30** staff are multilingual, speaking languages, including Punjabi, Spanish, Arabic, Polish and Mandarin.

82 childcare staff are qualified to a Level 2 or more, **68%** of whom have a Level 3 childcare qualification.

20 staff successfully gained qualifications while working for Big Life Nurseries. We have supported **41** volunteers and training placements.

Hola!

Hi!

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Salam!

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Nǐ Hǎo

Cześć!



When my second child was born, it was becoming harder to get to playgroups and without it Charlie was missing out on socialising with other children. I went to Longsight Children's Centre and quickly got a place for her at Big Life Nurseries.

When Charlie started the staff in her room introduced her to the other children and explained why she was different as Charlie was born without one of her lower arms. I think this really helped get her off to a great start with the other children.

At first I was nervous about leaving her; she used to be easily embarrassed and quite quiet. Very quickly I noticed my solitary, shy little girl developing confidence and gaining new friends, some of whom she now has play dates with outside of nursery. Because of this she is always happy to meet new children and feels part of the group.

The staff are amazing, they are really patient with her and keep me up to date with her progress and what they've been doing at nursery each day when I pick Charlie up. She's a real character now and even the staff in different rooms know Charlie and are keen to talk to her.

I've been applying for a school place for Charlie for September and the manager has helped me by reading through my application and going through the process with me online. They also helped me change her hours so that she is in nursery for full days now to help her get ready for school.

I've seen so much progress in Charlie, she wants to go to nursery every day! I don't have enough good things to say about Big Life Nurseries.

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The logo for BigLife Nurseries, featuring the text "BigLife Nurseries" in white and orange, with the tagline "where every moment matters" in orange below it, all set against a dark blue circular background with a white splatter effect.

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