Béiríni (Little Bears)

From toddler age (approx. 1 year) to playschool age (min. 2yrs 9mths)

Following discussion with parents and childcare workers, when your child is ready for the toddler room, your child will move across from the baby room. Our aim is to try and create a home from home environment. Routines become a little more e structured, but still allow for rest periods, time to explore and experiment, time for cuddles and attention.

In the toddler room a structured weekly routine is in place which includes songs, (we sing about everything there's a clean up song and a hello song and a caring song and a family song, a

rhyme of the week – the list goes on!!!!) and stories, puppet time & action rhymes, helping to increase your childs' vocabulary and language development, morning exercises, stretch and grow, bubble time, painting, gluing and a huge variety of puzzles, kitchen corner, make believe dress up sand and water table. There is also a large jungle gym to meet the toddlers needs to develop their physical muscles by climbing up and down under and over this apparatus. Ample time is

allowed for outside play in a child friendly environment, free play, caring and sharing, rest periods and lots of fun.

- **Staff** – a key worker system is in place where one staff will liaise with the parent on a daily basis keeping them informed of their little ones well being, and seeing that the individual needs of the child are being catered for.

- **Parents** – an “about my day sheet” is given daily to parents, this will include information on your toddlers sleep time, special activities for that day, menus what your child ate that day, your childs' mood, nappy / toilet training, ect.....