



How much space do we need?

The DoodlyRoo Guide to Ofsted Space Requirements

This handy guide can help you to work out how much usable space you need for the children in your nursery.

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Premises

3.57. The premises and equipment must be organised in a way that meets the needs of children. Providers must meet the following indoor space requirements⁵¹:

- Children under two years: 3.5 m² per child
- Two year olds: 2.5 m² per child
- Children aged three to five years: 2.3 m² per child

Number of under 2's = x 3.5 =

Number of 2 year olds = x 2.5 =

Number of 3-5 year olds = x 2.3 =

Total square metres =

Now add these three numbers together



The green number MUST be smaller than the Pink number!



This number will be different when you have different numbers of children and different ages in the rooms and the building.

What is your usable space in your nursery building?

(Do not include kitchens, offices, staff areas and bathrooms)



Of course, if you don't want to keep working this out with your pen, paper and calculator, there is an App for that! Have a look on Doodlyroo.co.uk and check out our Space App :)