

LITTLE LEARNERS DAY NURSERY

NURTURING TINY HEARTS AND MINDS



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Welcome to Little Learners Day Nursery

We understand that choosing the right nursery for you and your child is very important and can be a difficult decision. With this in mind we aim to deliver the highest quality of care and education.

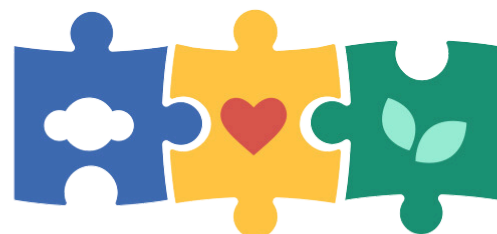
This prospectus aims to provide you with an introduction to Little Learners Day Nursery, our routines, our approach to supporting your child's learning and development and how we aim to work together with you to best meet your child's individual needs as we learn to look at what the children's interests are.

In our warm and welcoming environment, we understand that play is primarily an instinctive process through which every child begins to explore, investigate, and experiment in, through calm and inviting areas. Whilst ensuring that your child is safe and happy in an engaging and stimulating environment.

Our staff are dedicated and enthusiastic about the development of all children in our setting and we encourage them to be prepared for 'big school', when they reach pre-school. We are passionate towards partnership with parents as we work alongside our families to deliver high quality experiences for the children throughout their journey at Little Learners Day Nursery. We offer an extensive settling in process which helps to build a level of trust and mutual respect while at the same time enhancing their emotional security which is continued throughout their Little Learners journey.



We hope by reading our prospectus it will give you an insight at what we offer for the children and families as well as providing you with some useful information to help you make your choice of childcare.



About Us

Our nursery is set within a large, detached house in spacious grounds, with our outdoor environment to provide a safe and stimulating childcare for children. The nursery operates 9 spacious rooms over three floors, each room is specifically resourced to meet the needs of the children with age-appropriate resources. All resources are situated at children's level so that they can have full independence looking at the current interests. This encourages the children to be early creative thinkers.



The nursery is open for 51 weeks of the year except for Public Holidays and one week at Christmas.

Our opening hours are Monday to Friday 7:30am till 6:00pm.

We operate 3 training days per year which will be held during the week. Families are given sufficient notice of these days for future planning.

The nursery is registered for 94 children from the age of six months through to five years and deliver childcare on a full time and part time basis.

Little Learners Day Nursery is a well-established Day Nursery with the surrounding areas of Stretford and Chorlton and has been open for over 20 years. We are both Ofsted and NDNA Registered and work very closely with the Local Authority. The nursery follows the Early years Foundation, Development Matters (Updated September 2023).

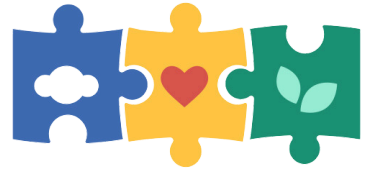
We take security within the nursery seriously having CCTV internally and externally, this allows us to see who is around the nursery externally and use CCTV footage in the nursery rooms for training purposes only. We have an efficient face scanner at the front door to allow parents into the nursery independently to allow drop off and pick up times easier.

The nursery is easy to access with a spacious car park at the front of the nursery and a staff car park at the rear of the nursery which can also be used as an overflow for parents to use.

We also provide secure covered storage for your prams, push chairs and car seats, should you choose to walk to the nursery.



Settling into Nursery



At Little Learners, we pride ourselves for having good partnership with parents. We understand that leaving your child for the first time at nursery can be unsettling for both child and parent. We are here to make it as easy as we possibly can.

Becky our Deputy Manager is also our Parent Liaison Officer who will be your first point of call from the day of your viewing or first settle in session. We offer two weeks settling in visits to slowly ease yourself and your child into nursery life, gradually.

Once you have decided that Little Learners Day Nursery is for you and have completed an enrolment form given to you at your viewing, you will receive a confirmation letter to confirm that a place has been secured for your child.

Your settling in visits will start prior to your start date with 1 hour and gradually building up to a full day. If you feel like your visits are going well then you are more than welcome to do fewer visits.

Our main aim is to give your child a chance to settle into their new nursery environment as seamless as possible, ready for your return to work.

Becky our Parent Liaison officer will be with you every step of the way and will meet with you if you have any queries or concerns.



Becky Lovelace

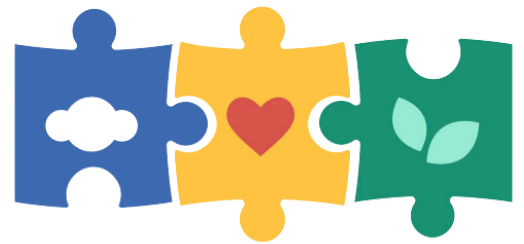
Deputy Manager
Parent Liaison Officer

Clothing and Property

All children's clothes are to be clearly labelled with your child's name on. This will ensure that all personal belongings are given to the correct children at the end of the day. This also includes nappies, wipes, and bottles before you bring them into the nursery.

Parents of children who wear nappies are asked to provide enough nappies, creams and wipes that will be needed for the day or can bring in nappies in bulk to last a few weeks, which can be stored in your child's room. Sufficient notice will be given to let parents know to bring more supplies in.

Formula milk is to be brought into the nursery unopened in its original box for the staff to open and use at nursery. Please bring enough bottles to use for the day that is clearly labelled. All bottles will then be sent home at the end of the day to be sterilised ready for the following morning.



Our Nursery Rooms

Little Learners Babies

The two rooms which make up the baby unit form a warm and cosy environment where babies can begin to explore their surroundings safely. As your baby grows and develops, their day will be filled with activities and opportunities provided through a variety of resources that are at child level to promote independence and to make choices.



The children have access to a malleable area where the children are encouraged to mix playdough every morning adding scents, herbs and colour.

We believe as a nursery that every child can make their own learning choices encouraging creative learners, a paint station is accessible for the children to create Early marks.

Every child is individual and practitioners within our baby unit recognise parents' unique role as their child's primary care giver. Every child within the baby room will be allocated a key person who your child feels comfortable with. The key person will liaise with parents with any question parents/carers may have and to talk through aspects of childcare and development. The key person will make good relationships with parents/ carers as they begin to bond with their children during the settling in visits into their new environment and routine.

During the day practitioners will log every child's daily movement through an app called Famly. This will include bottle feeds, mealtimes, nappy changes, sleep times and duration and an account of what your child has learnt from the activities that they have enjoyed participating in through the day. Famly is also a platform for parents to have the opportunity to communicate directly to the practitioners in their child's room. Creating partnership with parents/carers is important to ensure information is transparent and reassures parents that they know who to come and talk to if they have any concerns. A full detailed face to face handover will be delivered upon picking up your child at the end of the day.





Little Learners Toddlers



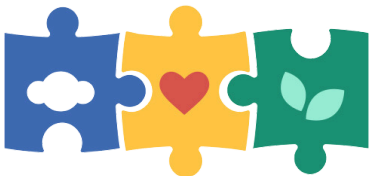
Babies become toddlers very quickly. Their Early Stages of Development have provided them with newfound skills and now they are ready to move onto their next stages of development. Our toddler rooms are equipped with resources to support a child's rapidly developing skills. As toddlers begin to make sense of their world around them, they want to explore and discover new and exciting things

. Our rooms are designed to care for smaller groups of children to allow the children to feel happy and secure as they begin to develop peer group relationships.

Resources are accessible for the children to have endless play opportunities across the 7 areas of learning. By supporting social interaction and offering small group activities children can play, talk and learn whilst practitioners observe the children.

Play opportunities happen both indoors and outdoors and with our spacious garden, the children can express themselves openly and independently. Children can learn their own physical and emotional capabilities with the support of practitioners to help them push their limits, encouraging them to take turns and take risks.

Mealtimes are relaxed social occasions that help children develop good table manners as well as learning about healthy eating and offering new taste experiences. Practitioners will sit with the children whilst they are eating to offer support when needed. This also gives the children time to talk about the food they are eating and discuss what they have been learning through the morning.



Little Learners Pre-school

As your child develops, so do their needs. Our aim is to support the learning and development of each individual child by providing a consistent, balanced, broad, stimulating, and differentiated curriculum. To achieve this, practitioners continue to work alongside parents to develop Partnership with Parents.

Children have an inbuilt desire to learn, and our pre-school rooms provide a secure learning environment which enables children to be respectful of themselves and others. Pre-school offers a variety of play experiences that encourage the children to be creative thinkers and choose independent activities using the 7 areas of learning. The children have the opportunity to build on their already acquired knowledge, gather information, investigate, using their own ideas and concepts. Whilst doing all this the children begin to understand the ability to classify, organise and apply knowledge to their everyday tasks.

At Little Learners we focus on ensuring young children learn through play and exploration whilst having the support from practitioners. We encourage the children to develop their imagination and to get actively involved in decision making. We provide stimulating experiences for the children to become creative and critical thinkers balancing the need for both adult and child lead learning.

As a culturally diverse Early years setting, we aim to reflect on the child's cultural background using resources, literature, home links and celebrations. Practitioners listen and respond to the children which allows an inclusive approach, letting the children have their own voice embracing their knowledge and understanding.

Within our Sunflowers room we are proud to have an Early Years Teacher who holds an Early Years Professional status and BA HONS. The staff work under the guidance of the teacher from settling them into pre-school to being school ready.



Healthy Setting



At Little Learners we believe that mealtimes should be happy, social occasions for children and staff alike. We promote shared, enjoyable positive interactions at these times.

We are committed to offering children healthy, nutritious, and balanced meals and snacks, which meet individual needs and requirements.

The children are offered a balanced and healthy choice of breakfast, midday meal, tea and two daily snacks which are provided for children attending a full day at the nursery.

Menus are planned and in line with guidance produced by the Department of Education, these are rotated over a four-week basis and will reflect cultural diversity and variation.

Only milk and water are provided as drinks to promote oral health. Fresh drinking water is always available and accessible.

We respect all individual dietary requirements, preferences, and food allergies that a child may have and any special health requirements. We will give careful consideration to seating to avoid cross contamination.

Mealtimes and Weaning

Mealtimes are supervised at all times, practitioners will support children with their individual feeding needs.

Breakfast is offered to the children between the hours of 7.30am – 8.30am, the children will have a choice of two cereals.

Lunch time is served at 11.30am, this will be a warm nutritional meal for the children followed by a pudding.

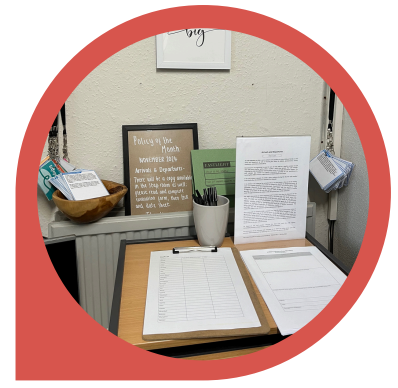
Teatime will be served at 3.30pm.

We support and encourage children who are not confident feeding themselves, baby led weaning is encouraged so that the children can experience different textures and tastes of food and learn how to grasp a spoon. We will help the children along this journey and practitioners are also a support network for parents.

Dietary requirements are adhered to, to meet cultural, medical, and parental wishes.



Safeguarding & Child protection



At Little Learners Day Nursery we work with children, parents, external agencies, and the community to ensure the welfare and safety of children and to give them the very best in life. Children have the right to be treated with respect, be helped to thrive and to be safe from any abuse in whatever form.

We support the children within our care, protect them from maltreatment and have robust procedures in place to prevent the impairment of children's health and development. In our setting we thrive to protect children from the risk of radicalisation, and we promote acceptance and tolerance of other beliefs and cultures.

We have designated safeguarding leads (DSL) within the nursery who are responsible for safeguarding and co-ordinate child- protection and welfare issues. There is always at least one designated person on duty during the opening hours of the setting. The designated persons will receive comprehensive training at least every two years and update their knowledge on an ongoing basis, but at least once a year.

The nursery Safeguarding leads (DSL) liaise with the local authority children's social care team, undertakes specific training, including a child protection training course, and receives regular updates to developments within the field. They in turn support the ongoing development and knowledge of the staff team with regular safeguarding updates.

The setting operates a no mobile phone policy, this means that staff have access to lockers where they must store their mobile phones until break times. Parents are not permitted to use mobile phones or cameras within the nursery.

CCTV Monitoring

Fixed cameras are placed around the nursery, inside and outside, but not in the toilets or changing areas. This is to ensure the dignity of children is maintained. The nursery CCTV surveillance is intended for the purposes of:

- Promoting the health and safety of children, staff, and visitors
- Protecting the nursery building and resources



Becky
Deputy Manager & Parent Liaison



Katie
Nursery Manager & SENCo



Sarah
Room Leader

DSL

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads at Little Learners

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

We are committed to the inclusion of all children within our setting. We ensure that all children are cared for and educated to develop to their full potential alongside their peers through positive experiences. We enable them to share opportunities, experiences, develop and learn from each other. We provide a positive and welcoming environment where children are supported according to their individual needs, and we work hard to ensure no child is discriminated against or put at a disadvantage as a consequence of their needs. Each child's needs are unique, and we do not attempt to categorise children.

We are committed to working in partnership with parents to meet each child's individual needs and develop to their full potential. We are committed to working with any child who has a special educational need and/or disability and making reasonable adjustments to enable every child to make full use of the nursery's facilities. All children have a right to a broad and well-balanced early learning environment.



Katie
Nursery Manager & SENCO



Katie
Room Leader & SENCO



Early Years Foundation Stage



The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) sets the standards for learning, care and development for your child aged from birth to 5 years old. The Early Years Foundation stage ensures that children will learn, develop, and are kept healthy and safe.

Within the Early Years Foundation Stage there are seven areas of learning and Development which is important to help the children learn and are all interconnected.

The three prime areas are particularly important for building a Foundation for igniting children's curiosity and enthusiasm for learning, forming relationships and thriving.

The three prime areas are:

- Communication and Language
- Physical and Development
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The specific areas which also support the children learning and forms the whole seven areas of learning are.

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Expressive arts and design
- Understanding the world

Here at Little Learners Day Nursery the practitioners complete individual planning and will plan around the children's interests providing challenging and stimulating activities for the children to have fun exploring and investigating, using both adult-led and child-led experiences.

During your child's time at Nursery your child will be assigned a key person who will be there to support you with your children's learning and Development.