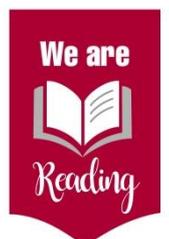


Welcome to

Little Explorers

...Where life's adventures begin



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Welcome to Little Explorers

Thank you for your interest in our nursery. We hope you find this information helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

We operate an 'open door' policy which means that you are welcome to come and look around at anytime, during opening hours. No appointment is necessary.

A little bit about our wonderful nursery

Little Explorers Nursery & Pre-School opened in April 2013. We are situated on Chorley Business and Technology Centre, just off Euxton Lane, Chorley. The nursery is registered to care for children from birth up to 5 years old.

We are open 52 weeks a year, closing only on Bank Holidays. We operate Monday - Friday from 7.30am to 6.00pm offering morning and afternoon sessions as well as full day care. We also accept 2, 3 and 4 year old funding.

We are registered with Ofsted and are currently graded as 'Good' in all areas. (February 2018). You can read a copy of our full inspection report at:

<https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report/provider/CARE/EY539307>

We are proud of our nursery and strive to provide the highest standards of care and early year's education. Our staff, led by an experienced Management Team, are highly skilled and qualified and put our children at the heart of all they do.

Our nursery motto is, 'Achieve and succeed, together we are a family.' This underpins our ethos which embraces all of our children, staff and extended families being part of the Little Explorers family, supporting each other to have high aspirations and sharing success and achievements, no matter how big or small.

Meet the Little Explorers Team



Nicky Norton, Nursery Manager

Qualifications: NNEB, Foundation Degree Early Years Leadership, BA (Hons) First Class Early Years Leadership, Early Years Professional Status.

I have over 30 years experience in childcare. I have worked as a Nursery Manager, Early Years Consultant and an Ofsted Inspector and have also owned my own nursery. I joined Little Explorers in February 2018 and I am passionate about providing outstanding, quality childcare and education for all our babies and children. I am committed to working in partnership with parents to ensure that all our children receive the very best start on their learning journey.



Amanda Pemberton, Deputy Manager

Qualifications: BTEC Level 3 Children's Learning & Development

I have worked at Little Explorers since August 2013, having started as an Early Years Practitioner. I have worked as a Room Leader in all of the nursery rooms. In my current role as Deputy Manager I am responsible for supporting the Nursery Manager to ensure we provide the very best provision for our children and families. I am also the nursery SENco and I am happy to provide any support or advice to you and your family should you have any concerns over your child's development.



Alex Murtagh, Early Years Teacher

Qualifications: BA (Hons) Primary Education: Early Years, Early Years Teacher Status

In my role as teacher, I oversee the curriculum and lead Phonics and number sessions, focussed group activities and small intervention groups. When children leave Little Explorers they are well equipped for their transition into Primary education. I love working in a team and have been at Little Explorers since February 2016. I liaise with all our local feeder schools in order to promote school readiness and ensure a smooth transition to primary school for our children.



Linda McCann, Finance / Admin

I have worked at Little Explorers since 2016. I work 3 days a week at nursery; Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. My job is to oversee the finance, including fees and funding. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any help.

The senior management team are supported by experienced and skilled Room Managers, Early Years Practitioners, a nursery housekeeper and a cook.

Our Nursery Rooms

Caterpillars

The Caterpillar room is specially designed for our youngest babies. The room is safe and secure with a quiet and tranquil atmosphere. The room is well equipped with up to date resources. Our caring staff are well qualified and work together with parents developing a trusting partnership.



Your baby will be allocated a key person who will work around their individual needs and routines and ensure the transition from home to nursery is a smooth one. We have a dedicated sleep area and several cosy areas for the children to sleep when needed. All babies have their own care plan, completed by you and the key person and updated regularly. Each parent is given full breakdown on collection of what their child has experienced throughout the day. The contentment and happiness of your baby is paramount.

Butterflies

When children are confident walkers they move into the Butterflies room. This large, spacious environment provides opportunities for toddlers to be creative and messy as well as develop their physical skills as they start to climb, walk and run! As our toddlers gain more confidence with walking and talking, they are encouraged to become a little more independent. Daily access to the nursery garden is provided in all weathers. Children also experience short walks within the local community.



A strong focus in Butterflies room is supporting children's communication and language development. With this in mind, the staff provide a language rich, play-based curriculum which includes lots of opportunities for children to sing, chat, share stories together and copy sounds.



Bumble Bees and Ladybirds

These two rooms are specifically designed for our two and three year olds. With areas to build, share stories, use their imaginations and be creative and messy, children are encouraged to develop their independence and confidence. Both of these rooms have direct access to the outdoor play area and our 'indoor/outdoor' policy means children can choose where they play throughout each session.

The daily routines in Bumble Bees and Ladybirds is slightly more structured than those in the under 2's rooms. Small group times encourage children to sit together for short times to listen to stories, join in with singing and rhyme times or play small games together. This helps develop concentration, sharing and turn taking.



Pre-School Rooms

Our pre-school rooms are housed in a separate annex building and are run by a qualified Early Years Teacher who oversees the teaching and learning. The nursery day is structured, with a strong emphasis on play, but also includes opportunities for children to develop skills in numeracy and letters and sounds. Throughout their pre-school year, we provide children with a diverse range of experiences and activities which will challenge and inspire them and prepare them for the transition to 'big school.'



Big Adventurers

This is our fantastic holiday club for children who are leaving us to go to 'big school'. A full, planned programme of exciting activities, outings and special visitors means non-stop fun during the summer months.



The Great Outdoors

We have 2 wonderful outdoor areas, specially designed to challenge and ignite children's sense of adventure and support their development. Our 0-2's area provides a safe base for babies and toddlers to explore. There is room to crawl, toddle, climb and run as well as a variety of equipment and natural resources to play with.

The larger play space is ideal for 2-4 year olds as it offers a range of more challenging equipment as well opportunities to indulge in imaginary play, large physical activities, quiet areas to read and relax and natural play spaces to enjoy.



The Early Years Foundation Stage

The nursery follows the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum. We provide a diverse range of activities and experiences which are based on children's current interests and will support and encourage their development in all 7 areas of this curriculum. Your child's key person will provide you with regular updates, both written and verbal, of your child's progress during their time with us. We use online learning journals which your child's key person will update regularly with photographs, videos and observations so you can see your child's progress first-hand.

When your child starts with us, we will provide you with information about the Early Years Foundation Stage and the areas of learning within it as well as a handy guide for you which explains what you can expect your child to be achieving.



Additional Activities

Helena, from Musical Mischief joins our younger children in Caterpillars, Butterflies, Bumble Bees and Ladybirds every week to play instruments, dance and sing. This is free of charge and is included in the weekly fees.

Weekly French lessons for children in Pre-School are also available.*

*A small charge applies each term.

These services are currently suspended due to COVID-19 restrictions.



Home Learning & Our Nursery Library

Every half term we will send home activity packs for you to share with your child. These activities will relate to developmental areas which your child will currently be working on in nursery.

We are part of the Lancashire 'We are Reading' initiative and, as such, reading, storytelling and sharing books is a focus for the whole nursery. We encourage all our children to borrow books from our library to take home and enjoy.

Unfortunately due to current COVID-19 restrictions these are no longer sent home but home learning activities are set and suggested on the online learning journal account - Tapestry.



Food, Glorious Food!



All the children's meals and snacks are freshly cooked each day by our Nursery Cook. We cater for all dietary requirements, allergies and tastes. Please see our sample menu below. A vegetarian option is available each day.

The Nursery Cook will work in partnership with parents to devise a weaning menu for babies.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast	Selection of cereal or toast 1, 2, 5, 7	Selection of cereal or toast 1, 2, 5, 7	Selection of cereal or toast 1, 2, 5, 7	Selection of cereal or toast 1, 2, 5, 7	Selection of cereal or toast 1, 2, 5, 7
Snack	Fresh Fruit	Yoghurt 1, 5	Crudites & Dip 1, 3, 8	Muesli Flapjack 1, 2, 5	Fresh Fruit
Lunch	Chicken & Tarragon Casserole 2	Vegetable Lasagne 1, 2, 5	Chilli Con Carne with Rice	Sardine Spaghetti 2	Cowboy Pie 2, 5, 7
Vegetarian Option	Quorn Chicken & Tarragon Casserole 2	Vegetable Pasta 2	Quorn Chilli Con Carne with Rice	Vegetable Spaghetti 2	Quorn Sausage Pie 2, 7
Pudding	Yoghurt 1, 5	Artic Roll 1, 2, 5	Chocolate Chip Cookie 1, 2, 5	Rice Pudding 1	Jelly
Snack	Pancakes & Blueberries 1, 2, 5	Fresh Fruit	Cucumber & Carrot Sticks	Pittas with Hummus 1, 2	Breadsticks & Dip 1, 2, 3, 5, 8
Tea	Homemade Soup & Bread Roll 2, 5, 7	Irish Stew 2	Macaroni Cheese & Cherry Tomatoes 1, 2	Baked Beans on Toast	Tomato & Garlic Linguine 2
Vegetarian Option	As above	Vegetable Stew 2	As above	As above	As above

Our partnerships with parents

We pride ourselves on the relationships we forge with parents and carers. At the start of your child's time with us, we will ask you to share lots of information about them so we can ensure that we are able to meet their individual needs, to the very highest of standards. Throughout your child's learning journey at Little Explorers staff will work very closely with you and keep you informed of their progress through daily feedback, written reports as well as regular parent meetings. Our online learning journals provide you with observations, photographs and videos of milestones in your child's development. These are updated regularly by your child's key person.



We welcome parents, carers and grandparents to join our parent committee. We meet once every half term to discuss future events, nursery policies, routines and share ideas.

What makes Little Explorers so special?

- ✓ Fully qualified and experienced staff team
- ✓ Open Monday - Friday 730am - 6.00pm
- ✓ Separate, newly refurbished pre-school annex
- ✓ Full time, qualified Early Years Teacher
- ✓ Experienced Senior Management Team
- ✓ Vibrant and well-resourced indoor and outdoor environments
- ✓ Healthy & nutritious meals and snacks
- ✓ Extra curricula weekly sessions of French, drama, football and music
- ✓ Safe and secure grounds

Don't just take our word for it...

What our Parents say about Little Explorers:

'My son goes here and he loves it. He has come on a lot since starting. The staff are very friendly and approachable. We use Tapestry to keep in touch with regards to his learning and development which is great! We just hope he gets to go back for a few weeks before he starts school as

he really misses his teachers and friends. Preschool has been very supportive during this time and have been setting us activities to try.' (May 2020)

'The staff in Pre-School were absolutely amazing with my son after he moved from another nursery setting, helping him quickly settle in and make new friends.

It has been 5 months now since he has left to go to 'big school' and he still talks about them all the time, showing what a massive impact they have all had on his life!

Would highly recommend to anyone thinking about putting their children into this nursery or preschool.' (December 2019).

'A great nursery, that good we are using it again with our second child. These are always friendly and happy to help and it's the staff that make it great.' (April 2020)

'Can't thank Little Explorers enough for all they have done for our son. He's loved every minute being there. You couldn't find nicer more welcoming staff if you tried. The support the staff give the children is exceptional. The only reason we had to leave was due to us relocating. I would recommend this nursery/ preschool to anymore. Absolutely Brilliant!' (January 2020)

'Can't recommend little explorers enough. Lovely staff and we are kept very informed about Lexi's day etc. Lexi was very shy and had little confidence when she first started but is a very happy, confident and outgoing little girl now and for that i can't thank everyone in preschool enough. it will be a very sad day when she leaves in 2 weeks x.' (August 2019)

'My little girl has always been happy and settled at nursery. Her progress and confidence is lovely to see.' (March 2018)

'The nursery is a lovely environment with fantastic resources.' (March 2018)

'We enjoy reading the online journal and seeing the fantastic progress my child is making.' (July 2018)

What others have to say...

'Passionate about providing children and families with the best early years provision.' (Ofsted 2018)

Session Times & Fees

0-2 year olds

Full day 7.30am - 6.00pm (including all meals and snacks)	£50.00
Morning session 7.30am - 12.30pm (including breakfast, snack and lunch)	£33.00
Afternoon session 1.00pm - 6.00pm (including tea)	£33.00
Full week Monday - Friday 7.30am - 6.00pm	£240.00

Over 2's

Full day 7.30am - 6.00pm (including all meals and snacks)	£48.50
Morning session 7.30am - 12.30pm (including breakfast, snack and lunch) £32.00	
Afternoon session 1.00pm - 6.00pm (including tea)	£32.00
Full week Monday -Friday 7.30am - 6.00pm	£230.00

Meal charges for children in receipt of 15/30 hour funding remain at £2.50 a meal.

Sibling discount is 10% off the eldest child, if both children are fee paying. There is no sibling discount if either or both children are in receipt of funding.

To support parents/carers with childcare costs for children of all ages the Government introduced the Tax-Free Childcare scheme. You can open an online account which you can pay into to cover your cost of childcare, for every 80p you pay in the government will top up your account with an extra 20p. For those parents/carers with children aged 3 & 4 years the 30 hours childcare scheme is available. To find out more about these schemes and extra support with childcare costs please visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk.

Funded sessions for 2, 3 and 4-year olds available. Top up fee and meals not included.

Fees can be paid by cash, card, bank transfer, and standing order, tax free childcare and childcare vouchers.

Please note that any overpayments made by childcare vouchers are non-refundable.

Over to you...

If you require any further information about Little Explorers or would like to book a place for your child, please contact Nicky, Senior Nursery Manager on 01257 246040 or email info@littleexplorers.me.uk

We look forward to welcoming your family to Little Explorers Nursery & Pre-School...where life's adventure begins.