

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.

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 (Currently on Maternity leave)

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.



Sally Ashworth, Acting Deputy Manager

Qualifications: NNEB, Foundation Degree Early Years, BA(Hons) Early Years.

I returned to the setting in March 2018, having previously worked here between September 2014 and November 2017. I am currently Acting Deputy Manager and I have more than 22 years experience in nursery settings, including leading and managing a team. Being qualified to degree level, I am keen to keep on top of training both for myself and my team.



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.



Linda McCann, Finance / Admin

I have worked at Little Explorers since 2016. I work 2 days a week at nursery; Monday and Wednesday. My job is to oversee the finance, including fees. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any help with payments or funding.

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 very youngest babies aged up to one year. 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 reach their first birthday 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 - to the park, library and shops.



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 have left 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.

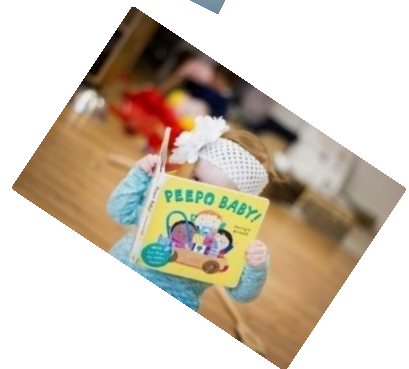
The larger play space is ideal for 2-4 year olds as it offers a range of more challenging equipment as well opportunities to indulge in imaginary play, large physical activities, quiet areas to read and relax and natural play spaces to enjoy.



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.

During term times, Sports4All come to see us each week to play football with our pre-school children.*

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

*A small charge applies each term.



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.



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	Toast and a selection of cereal	Fresh fruit and a selection of cereal	Crumpets and a selection of cereal	Fresh fruit and a selection of cereal	Pancakes and fruit. selection of cereal
Snack	Fresh Fruit Platter	Breadsticks and soft cheese	Vegetable platter and a selection of dips	Fruit Platter	Chunks of cheese with tomatoes and cucumber
Lunch	Shepherds Pie with carrots and gravy. Apple crumble and custard	Sausage Pasta baked with mixed vegetables. Ice cream and fruit	Fisherman's Pie with peas and sweet corn Bananas and Custard	Chicken Curry, Rice and Naan Bread. Fruit Yoghurt	Fish Fingers, mashed potatoes and beans Flapjack
Tea	Rice salad and garlic bread	Jacket potatoes with tuna and salad	Burger in a bun with spaghetti hoops	Quiche and beans	Selection of sandwiches and salad

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.

Our community links

We have excellent relationships with our local primary schools, specifically Trinity School on Buckshaw estate, whose pupils are regular visitors at Little Explorers.

We have recently established links with Buckshaw Retirement Village. Each week, from September 2018, children will make visits to spend time with some of the residents and joining in activities such as singing, baking, gardening and storytelling. The retirement village also loan us the use of their cinema room which we use for special occasions.



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:

'The girls in the room are fantastic and the quality of the nursery and pre-school provision is very high.' (July 2018)

'My son has been nurtured into a caring and well mannered boy with the support of the staff.' (June 2018)

'Extremely happy Staff are brilliant and (my child) really enjoys her time here.' (February 2018)

'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)

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

'The rooms are well organised... The environment is enabling and resources accessible to meet the individual needs of children.' (Early Years Consultant, May 2018)

Session Times & Fees

Morning Session 7.30am - 12.30pm (Includes breakfast, snack & lunch) £31.00

Afternoon Session 12.30pm - 6.00pm (Includes tea) £31.00

Full Day 7.30am - 6.00pm (Includes all meals and snack) £46.80

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, standing order, tax free childcare and childcare vouchers.

Funded places for eligible 2, 3 and 4 year olds are available.

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, 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.