

Little Dragons



PROSPECTUS

LITTLE DRAGONS CHILD CARE CENTRE
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Little Dragons Child Care Centre

The purpose of this booklet is to answer any questions that you may have and also provide other information that you need regarding the child care centre and hopefully help you to choose us to provide care for your child/children. Please feel free to contact us if you require any further information and/or a registration form for your child using the number on the front cover of this prospectus.

Our child care centre is open;
Monday to Friday – 8.00am until 6.00pm

We are a full day Child Care Centre and are open for 50 weeks a year, we are closed for approximately 1 week over the Christmas period and all Bank Holidays.

We also operate a holiday club for children aged 2-11. Children who attend for 50 weeks and are full day care are entitled to 4 weeks holiday from the nursery when a holiday request slip has been received at least 4 weeks in advance.

We provide childcare for children aged from 2 years up to 11 years.

We offer a variety of sessions, Full day, half days, pre-school and wrap around to name but a few. Please see price list at the back of this booklet

Little Dragons Child Care Centre accepts children in accordance with the Ofsted registration certificate from the age of 2 years. In the event of there being a waiting list, the Child Care Centre manager has discretion to allocate places.

We arrange our waiting list in birth order. In addition our policy may take into account the following:

- The vicinity of the home to the Nursery
- Siblings already attending the Nursery

Our Mission Statement;

We aim to provide high quality care in a safe and stimulating environment, where parents can be happy that their child is valued and respected.

‘Whatever we do, together we can’

We aim to:-

- Provide high quality care and education for children primarily below statutory school age.
- Work in partnership with parents to help children to learn and develop
- Add to the life and well being of our local community
- Offer children and their parents a service which promotes equality and value diversity

How we operate:-

- Our nursery has an adult/child ratio of no more than 4 children aged 2-3 years per adult and no more than 8 children aged 3-8 years per adult
- We use a key person/s / Key Buddy system to ensure that each child and each family member has designated members of staff for discussion and consultation. The Key Buddy system provides an additional key person for both the child and their family.
- We hold regular termly child progress meetings to keep parents informed on their child's development
- You can speak to your child's key person on a more regular basis (daily/weekly) if you or they have any concerns
- Meetings can be arranged if you require a more in depth discussion regarding your child or any other concerns
- We work towards an equal opportunities employment policy, offering job opportunities to all, regardless of sex, disabilities, religious beliefs, social, ethnic and cultural groups
- We support staff in self-development and assist them in further training where possible.

Little Dragons Committee

Little Dragons Child Care Centre is run by an elected voluntary committee made up of parents and members of the community, working together who generally meet up half termly. The people attending the AGM (Annual General meeting), which is generally held in April, elect the committee.

The committee is responsible for:

- Managing the Nursery finances
- Employing and managing staff
- Making sure the nursery has and works to policies which help it to provide a high quality service
- Making sure that the nursery works in partnership with the children's parents
- Fundraising ideas and innovations to boost the nursery's funds

The committee are all volunteers who need the help and much needed support of all the parents and its great when everyone gets involved. We are always keen and in need of new members to join our committee. We try and encourage all guardians to put forward any ideas they may have that will help or improve the existing facilities.

How parents take part in the Nursery

As a member of the Pre-school Learning Alliance, Little Dragons Child Care Centre recognises parents as the first and most important educators of their children. All of the staff views themselves as co-workers with you providing care and education for your child. There are many ways in which parents take part in making Nursery a welcoming place for children and parents, such as:

- Exchanging knowledge about their children's needs, activities, interests and progress with the staff
- Sharing their own special interests with the children
- Helping to provide, make and look after the equipment and materials used in the children's play activities
- Being part of the management of the Child Care Centre
- Taking part in events and informal discussions about the activities and curriculum provided by the Child Care Centre
- Joining in community activities in which the Child Care Centre takes part
- Building friendships with other parents in the setting

The Curriculum provided by Little Dragons Child Care Centre

Children start to learn about the world around them from the moment they are born. The care and education offered by Little Dragons Child Care Centre helps children to continue to do this by providing all of the children with interesting activities that are right for their age and stage of development.

Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

The EYFS is a single quality framework for children from birth to the age of five. The framework describes how early years practitioners should work with children and their families to support their development and learning. It describes how your child should be kept safe and cared for and how all concerned can make sure that your child achieves the most that they can in their earliest years of life.

It is based on four important principles:

Theme: A Unique Child

Principle: Every child is a competent learner from birth who can be resilient, capable, confident and self assured.

Theme: Positive Relationships

Principle: Children learn to be strong and independent from a base of loving and secure relationships with parents and/or a key person.

Theme: Enabling Environment

Principle: The environment plays a key role in supporting and extending children's development and learning.

Theme: Learning and Development

Principle: Children develop and learn in different ways and different rates and all areas of learning and development are equally important and interconnected.

The years from birth to five see the greatest growth and learning for all children.

- Good health
- To be happy
- To feel safe
- To be successful

Early learning is the key to your child's future and families make the greatest difference at this stage. Parents and carers are the child's first teachers. When they are with you learning can happen any time, any where.

- Being generous with praise and cuddles
- Reading things together
- Playing games, singing nursery rhymes
- Talk about what you can see in the park or on the street
- Counting the stairs as you go up and down

Areas of learning and development:

Prime Areas

- Communication, language and literacy development (CLL)
Listening and attention
Understanding
Speaking
- Physical development
Moving and Handling
Health and Self-care
- Personal, social and emotional development (PSE)
Self-confidence and self awareness
Managing feelings and behaviour
Making Friendships

Specific Areas

- Literacy
Reading
Writing
- Mathematics
Numbers

Shape, space and measure

- Understanding the world

People and communities

The world

Technology

- Expressive arts and design

Exploring and using media and materials

Being imaginative

These areas of learning and development help us to observe, plan and assess activities with the children based on their individual development and needs.

All EYFS Information taken from EYFS guidelines

AFTER SCHOOL/NURSERY CARE/HOLIDAY CLUB

We operate an after school facility for children aged 4-11 years from 3.15 – 6.00pm. As the setting is based on St Georges School site we collect children age 4-8 from outside the School small hall. Children aged 8-11yrs make their own way to the Green Room situated at the back of the large school hall in the Parish Rooms Once a place has been booked you need to provide at least a weeks' notice to change it or you will still be charged, this includes your child not attending through illness.

We offer a safe and caring environment for your child to relax and access activities to occupy their time with us. This could include:

Arts & Crafts, games, computers, outside physical activities.

Our holiday club operates in a similar way to the after school care. We have themed weeks where we may invite activity providers into the setting i.e. the animal man, football coaches and where possible arrange trips (bowling, picnics, farm shop etc).

Little Dragons Child Care Centre
Session Prices
From 1st April 2017

BREAKFAST (8.00-9.00) - £4.19 (food provided)
PRESCHOOL (9.00-11.30/1.00-3.30) - £8.36 (snack provided)
LUNCH (11.30-1.00) - £8.36 (food provided)
HALF DAY (8.00-1.00/1.00-6.00) - £22.18 (food provided)
SCHOOL DAY (9.00-3.30) - £29.28 (food provided)
FULL DAY (8.00-6.00) - £37.66 (food provided)
FULL WEEK 5 x full days - £178.30 (£10 deduction)
15 hrs FREE GOVERNMENT FUNDED PLACES ALSO AVAILABLE
2 YEAR OLD FUNDED PLACES BY REFERRAL

You are required to pay a deposit of £50.00 when you start with us unless only attending 2/3/4 year old funded sessions. This will be included in your first invoice, and returned when your child leaves the setting or move on to only attending funded session. Remember you need to be up to date with your fees to receive deposit back

AFTER SCHOOL/NURSERY CARE AND HOLIDAY CLUB

After school care (3.15-6.00 term time only) - £8.63 (light snack provided)
Before School Nursery (8.00-12.30 term time only)-£22.18 (breakfast and lunch included)
After school nursery (11.30-3.30 term time only) - £19.52 (food provided)
After school nursery (11.30-6.00 term time only) - £29.96 (food provided)
HALF DAY (8.00-1.00/1.00-6.00) - £17.40 (food provided)
SCHOOL DAY (9.00-3.30) - £22.98 (food provided)
FULL DAY (8.00-6.00) - £29.96 (food provided)
FULL WEEK - £125.53
Hourly Rate : £3.68

Late pick up fee - £3.63 for first 10 minutes and then £1.51 for every 5 minutes extra. If your child is booked in till 6.00 pm and you pick up late you will also be charges the staffs hourly rate

10% SIBLING DISCOUNT AVAILABLE.

These prices are subject to change.

You may be entitled to help with your childcare costs through working families tax credit. For more information on this contact the Family Connect service on 01952 385385

