

News Letter May 2017



Little Explorers Nursery and Preschool

I would firstly like to welcome all of our new children who have recently joined us. We look forward to caring for your child and taking them on an adventure at Little Explorers Nursery and Preschool ☺

Contact details for the nursery; these are as follows -

Clare (Nursery Owner / Manager) 07771 638660 (07.30-17.30 or **anytime** in the event of an emergency)

Or **07530 259793** (07.30 - 17.30 Monday - Friday) for general day to day enquiries at the nursery if the main number is not available.

emails - office@littleexplorersnurseryandpreschool.co.uk
littleexplorersnurseryandpreschool@hotmail.com

The nursery operates a Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/littleexplorersnurseryandpreschool>

This is often updated with events and offers, and is one of the main ways we communicate with parents.

Please feel free to visit the page and click 'Like' if you would like to be kept up to date on a regular basis.

Of course no children will be posted on this site at any time unless you have signed a consent form to give your permission for us to do so.

We will also be using the FB page for advertising along with our new website - www.littleexplorersnurseryandpreschool.co.uk

Items for your child to bring to Nursery and Pre-school in the summer months...

Please ensure your child brings the following items with them to each session they attend -

Nappies, wipes and cream if your child is Free Entitlement funded.

A bag with at least two changes of clothes available for the child (labelled) including socks and underwear.

Any comforters or sleep aids

Sun hat and light clothing for the summer months

Labelled water bottle

Light rain coat

Please ensure your child has had sun cream applied before their session.

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Sun Care - The nursery now operates a sun station for parents and carers. This is to enforce our strict policy and procedure regarding sun care within the setting. Please ensure your child has sun cream applied before they arrive at nursery and that a sun hat is provided daily. A **labelled** water bottle must also be provided and taken home to be washed at the end of each session. We thank you for your cooperation with this.

Please ensure you are adhering to your booked session times. We are experiencing repeated issues with **late** collections and **early** arrivals. Staffing is planned around the number of children booked in for that session. As you can imagine, if session times are not followed, the nursery runs the risk of not meeting staff ratios. Staff members have now been informed not to accept children before their session time. Automatic late fees of £8.00 per hour or part hour are being added to invoices to cover overtime rates for staff members asked to stay behind and cover. Thank you

All children's absences must now be officially recorded. Please ensure you contact the nursery via email, Facebook, text or phone to notify us if your child will be absent from nursery and the reason why. Please now expect a call/ text or email from us if you have not been in touch. Thank you ☺

Please ensure you are signing your child in and out when arriving and collecting from Little Explorers. This is the document we use in the case of an emergency. Although this is checked by management it is the responsibility of the parent to follow the nursery's procedure. Thank you

Uniform is now available at the setting. The polo tops are £8.00 and the fleece is £13.00. These can be ordered through Clare or Amber, and payment must be made in cash when the order is placed. Orders are taking approximately 5 days to process at present. The children look fantastic and are very proud of their new nursery and Preschool uniform. Please remember to label all items ☺

Parent Consultations – These planned appointments have been displayed in the entrance room of the setting for a little while now. The dates planned are 16th and 17th May. Please speak to your child's key person to arrange a time if you have not already done so.

Most Primary schools have now made contact with the nursery to organise a transition meeting with the preschool practitioners. We will feedback individually to parents once these meetings have taken place.

Please note our nursery policies are now online for easy access –
littleexplorersnurseryandpreschool.co.uk/policies

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The nursery has organised a photographer to come into the setting and take photos of the children on Monday 12th June Friday 16th June 2017. Vicky has been to the nursery before and hopes to take natural photos of the children while they play. Once I have more information from her I will pass this on to families. Thank you 😊

We are currently putting plans together for our leaver's performance/ event. This will be held on Friday 21st July 2017. Please pencil this date in your diary and I will keep parents informed of details.

Useful link for parents of school leavers -

https://www.pacey.org.uk/Pacey/media/Website-files/school%20ready/PACEY_preparingforschool_guide.pdf

As from 15th May, Preschool children (only) will have the opportunity to experience extra (specific) PE sessions on a Monday morning and Wednesday afternoons. This is part of our transition plan for school leavers and to enhance physical exercise within our routine. Lessons will be held on the field.

All Preschool children will please need to provide- a labelled bag containing the following- a t-shirt, leggings or shorts, suitable footwear (that can be managed independently (plimsolls or similar) and a hat on warm days.

Please leave this bag at nursery.

Part of the planned sessions will be supporting the children to get dressed and access clothing in preparation for school.

Labelled water bottles must also be provided for each session.

Please speak to Clare, Angie or Amber if you have any questions.

Thank you

Please note Hannah will be leaving us shortly. We wish her well in her new venture. We are currently recruiting and I will inform you once a candidate has been assigned to the post.

Many of you may have already met Rachel; who is our new daily lunch cover. Rachel is level 3 qualified in childcare and works in a local preschool in the mornings. You may see Rachel on a Friday also where her hours may be slightly extended. Welcome Rachel!

Over the last few weeks we have had many confirmed cases of chicken pox. Please stay vigilant for signs and symptoms of this. Please ask Clare or Amber for further details if required.

Thank you 😊

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